Temple of Together: Volunteer FAQs

Welcome! We are so thrilled to have you as part of the Temple community. This build is entirely volunteer-run, and the Temple is always built by the community, for the community. Without your hands and heart, there would be no Temple–so thank you, thank you, thank you. 🙏

This FAQ is an evolving document as we aim to answer any FAQs that come our way. Don't see an answer you're looking for? Email us at volunteer@2024temple.com!

Volunteering 101

How do I become a volunteer?

EVERYONE is welcome to support! Here is how you can get involved:

1. **Complete the volunteer form!** This adds you to our mailing list and we will reach out to you whenever there are opportunities aligned with the interests you've checked off.
2. **Join the Temple Volunteers Facebook group!** If you have Facebook, join us here for quick updates, build schedules, stories, and to connect with other volunteers digitally.
3. **Find your way to co-create!** See "Ways to Get Involved" for different ways you can support remotely or in-person during the Pre-Build period.

Ways to Get Involved

This year's Pre-Build goes from March to July, which is when we are crafting all the many, many pieces of the Temple. As pieces get built, they get trucked over to a storage facility and ultimately delivered on playa for the Playa Build. Here are the main ways you can help us co-create during the Pre-Build period:

Plan	Build	Support
Project Management* Social Media/Comms* Content/Storytelling* Website* Construction Planning Architectural Modeling* Sourcing* Impact Calculations*	CNC Carpentry Textile Arts* Paper Arts* Sound Arts* Electrical & Lighting Decor* Metal work	Financially* Goods/Services* Temple Guardians Coaching Services* Healing Arts* Nutritious Food

* *Remote possible*

Quick Links

- **Temple events calendar** - we do our best to update these three places:
    - See the events page on our website
    - Subscribe to this Google Calendar
    - Check out our Facebook group's events tab
- **Social media links** - follow us on Instagram and Facebook!

Pre-Build in Oakland, CA

Join us at The Loom in Oakland from March through to July!

- **Who:** EVERYONE! You are welcome to just show up. If you can RSVP on Facebook, that is SUPER helpful for us to estimate numbers and set the build plan.
    - As this is an active build site, we kindly ask that kids and pets stay at home at this time until a designated space has been made available. Please read and respect the kids and pets policy–we care for the safety of all!
- **When:** Every Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm (weeknights to be added later)
- **Where:** 1020 22nd Ave, Oakland CA (unit in the corner, see exact location here)
    - Parking map here
    - Carpooling is recommended, check this sheet or find new friends in the Facebook group chat!
    - Bring all valuables in with you for safety reasons!
- **Agenda:**
    - 9:30am Doors open
    - 10:00am Morning briefing - please come on time!
    - ~1:00pm Lunch break
    - ~1:45pm Afternoon briefing & back to work
    - 4:00pm Wrap-up
- **What to bring:**
    - Mandatory PPE: bring your own safety glasses, work gloves, ear plugs, close toed shoes
    - Suggested tools: measuring tape, pencil/sharpie, tool belt, impact driver & bits, speed square, multi-tool, hammers, vice grip, nippers, extension cords
      *****Be sure to label ALL your tools!!*****
    - Food: Your own lunch and a refillable water bottle

Q: What if I don't have experience/skills in carpentry or art builds? Can I learn?

YES! This is part of the ethos of Temple Build, to offer opportunities in upskilling and learning a new trade. There will be build leads and master carpenters on-site during build days. Please proactively let us know if there is an area you would like to upskill in and we

can connect you with opportunities to learn that skill! Always be sure to bring your PPE, a learner's mindset, and a can-do mentality!

Q: Are volunteers expected to be present every build weekend?
WE are there every weekend, YOU are welcome to come whenever you feel called to! Whether you are able to join for 1 day, 1 month, or every weekend, please do what feels good to you, your body, your energy, and your commitments. Temple Build is a marathon, not a sprint!

Q: Will there be weekday builds?
We plan to add weekday builds as the build schedule ramps up. Check any of our events calendars or stay tuned via email/the Facebook group for the announcement of those!

Q: Is the build site accessible for those with mobility needs?
We strive to make our volunteering opportunities accessible to the largest number of people possible. The Loom has a ramp for wheelchair access. If you have accessibility needs that you aren't sure can be accommodated, please contact us (via email or social media) so that we can work on a solution.

Q: Can kids or pets come?
The Loom is an active build site! We kindly ask that kids (under 15) and pets stay at home at this time until a designated space has been made available. Please read & respect the following:

- **Kids:** For safety reasons, kids under the age of 15 will not be permitted in the active build areas. Once we have a kid-friendly zone ready to go, we will update this page so kids can join (but must be accompanied and actively supervised by an adult guardian at all times). In the meantime, keep an eye out for opportunities for remote participation that welcome all ages who are interested in contributing (e.g. textiles, paper arts, etc.)
- **Pets:** We ask that pets stay at home or a friend off-site.

Q: I'd like to actively participate in discussing and implementing ideas behind the scenes between Build Days or remotely. Where can I share these?
We are trying out Slack, an online messaging platform that allows for different channels/topics of discussion. Email volunteer@2024temple.com to request an invite.

Playa Build

Each year, ~100 volunteers gather in the dust for 3 weeks (from early August until gate opens) as part of the Playa Build Crew to execute the final stage of the Temple build! As BMORG provides a limited number of tickets and WAPs for builders, the opportunity to join the Playa Build Crew is invitation-only. However, if you are able to find your own ticket and WAP (from

volunteering with a theme camp or another art build, for example) you are more than welcome to stop by the Temple build site on playa in your off-hours to say hi or jump in and build!

Q: Does participation during Pre-Build days guarantee me a spot for the playa build?
Volunteering during Pre-Build does not guarantee anyone a spot for the playa build, but early participation is an important factor we consider. During participation on Pre-Build days, we are looking for the right match of skills, temperament, and cohesiveness to ensure the On-Playa build crew is going to take care of each other, and the Temple build, to the fullest. The Playa Build Crew will not be finalized until much later in the build process.

Q: Does volunteering during Pre-Build guarantee me a Burning Man ticket?
We won't know until much later who will be on the Temple Crew (on Playa) so we encourage everyone to source their own tickets! We have a very limited number reserved primarily for those who are supporting the build and camp. Please make sure you have your own ticket through the usual methods. Take a look here for Burning Man ticket sales and ticket exchange program details.

Q: Can I camp with the Temple during Burning Man?
The Temple does have an Art Support camp in the City during the Burn; however, camping here is an option only for the builders on the Playa Crew looking for a home, and their friends and family (it is unfortunately not open to the general volunteer base that is not part of the Playa Crew).

Other Questions

Q: I'd like to be a Temple Guardian. How do I get involved?
Please learn more and contact the Temple Guardians on their website here. They are an independent group from the Temple build team and we encourage you to reach out to them!