



HOTC Day 2021 Fact Sheet

Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 a.m. - noon

WHAT – Hands On Thomas County Day (HOTC Day) is Thomas County’s biggest day of collective community service. The 18th annual HOTC Day will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021. During this one-day event, volunteers will activate throughout Thomas County to help with community needs submitted by area non-profit and community agencies. **Companies and civic groups, large and small, as well as individuals and families, will create teams to participate and reap the rewards of teamwork, fellowship, and service to others.** Large groups may be split among one or more project sites. All volunteers will receive a free HOTC t-shirt and free lunch. **All project sites and volunteers must adhere to the most current health guidelines from the State of Georgia, and those of our partners.**

WHO – Everyone is welcome! Businesses, churches, schools, and professional and civic organizations; as well as teams of friends, family, and other individuals will be formed. Unfortunately, childcare is not available this year. We encourage volunteers with kids under 12, or adults who are uncomfortable volunteering on-site with others, to choose from one of our Independent Volunteer Opportunities (see WHERE below). Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Although many supplies will be available, volunteers are encouraged to bring their own supplies and tools to fit the project and their needs. **All volunteers should bring their own mask and pre-filled water bottle.**

WHERE – Choose your volunteer experience!

Independent Volunteer Opportunities – online, DIY, and Grab & Go projects perfect for individuals, families, and those not comfortable or able to volunteer at a site with others. Register at www.handsonthomascounty.org/independent

Traditional Volunteer Opportunities – on-site, outdoor projects geared toward groups (ages 12+). Traditional project sites for HOTC Day are currently being set up. Complete the online volunteer registration at www.handsonthomascounty.org/traditional

You will receive more detailed information concerning your site and activity after registering, and as the date draws near. *Please be patient!* It takes time for our non-profit partners to submit project sites. Although you may sign up well in advance (*it makes it easier for us to place you at an appropriate site – so please do!*), we will not begin placing volunteers until mid-September. **All volunteers must register in advance. Groups must submit their Group Volunteer Sign-up and Signed Waivers by September 30.** This may be done by drop-off in the black mailbox at 120 East Monroe Street, by mail to PO Box 252 Thomasville GA 31799, via email to info@handsonthomascounty.org, or online through a digital document like Google Docs.

WHEN – HOTC Day will take place on **Saturday, October 23, 2021**. Most projects will run from 9:00 a.m. (*please arrive by 8:45 a.m. or as instructed*) until approximately noon. **Lunch will take place immediately after** (*we are usually set up by 11:00 a.m.*) at Cherokee Lake located at 420 Covington Avenue. Lunch will be Grab & Go - take it home, or enjoy a picnic by the lake.

WHY – HOTC Day goals:

- To provide as many hours of service as possible in a single day to local organizations and projects.
- To promote the spirit of volunteerism and demonstrate the power of collective community service
- To exhibit the healthy aspects of volunteering – physical, mental, spiritual, and social.
- To engage citizens in taking an active part of making their community a great place!

For more information, please call the HOTC Office
at (229) 226-5200, email us at info@handsonthomascounty.org
or visit www.HandsOnThomasCounty.org/hands-on-thomas-county-day

Hands On Thomas County (HOTC) Liability Waiver: I acknowledge that my participation, and that of any accompanying minor or adult participants, is completely voluntary on my/our part and is being undertaken without promise or expectation of compensation. By registering, I accept for myself, my heirs, and assigns hereby release and discharge HOTC, its affiliates, associates, and agents and any participating organizations, for any claims for damages or injury I/we may incur resulting from participation in this voluntary community service event. I understand that my/our participation involves risk of injury and that illness may result directly or indirectly from participation. I further state that I/we am/are in proper mental and physical condition for participating in these events. I/we agree to abide by the rules established by HOTC and its partners relative to health and safety requirements. I/we accept full responsibility for the health, physical and mental well-being, risk of injury and behavior of myself, and any accompanying minors and adults. I also give my permission to HOTC to reproduce any photographs or video taken during this event.

Hands On Thomas County (HOTC) Health & Covid-19 Waiver: I/We recognize the current health crisis, and accept full responsibility for my/our current and future health before, during and after participation in this activity. I/we will abide by all current health guidelines from the CDC, local/state officials, and participating partners to the bests of our abilities. I/we will not attend or participate if immuno-compromised or required to self-quarantine, feeling unwell, exhibiting symptoms of illness, or have been exposed to anyone testing positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. By registering, I/we accept for myself, my heirs, and assigns hereby release and discharge HOTC, its affiliates, associates, and agents and any participating organizations, for any claims for damages or injury I/we may incur resulting from participation in this voluntary community service event. I understand that my/our participation involves risk of injury and that illness may result directly or indirectly from participation in this event.

Print Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are volunteering with a group, business, or organization, please provide the name:

Parent Name (if above under 18): _____

Parent Signature (if above under 18): _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____