



Jacksonville Tabernacle Experience

Volunteer Instructions — Tabernacle Setup, Take Down & Construction

November 2–14, 2026 | Jacksonville South Stake Center

Committee Chair: Jared Geddes

Our Objective

- To shepherd souls toward the saving ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His holy house.

Purpose

Provide the manpower, tools, construction support, and careful handling needed to stage, install, maintain, and remove the traveling Tabernacle exhibit and Jacksonville-specific enhancements safely and efficiently.

Key Dates

Friday, October 30: Staging, layout, and Jacksonville-specific setup.

Saturday, October 31: Traveling exhibit installation and final construction / décor work.

Sunday, November 1: Dress rehearsal and final corrections.

Saturday, November 14: Final journey at 1:30 PM; teardown begins after the final visitors clear the experience.

When & Where to Arrive

- Report to the Jacksonville South Stake Center at the time shown on your installation / construction assignment.
- Check in with Jared Geddes or the designated construction lead before starting work.
- Do not begin modifying, moving, fastening, or assembling exhibit components until the responsible lead has given direction.
- Plan to remain through the completion of your assigned task or until released by the construction lead.

Primary Responsibilities

- Assist the traveling exhibit team with staging and installation as directed.
- Construct and position Jacksonville-specific enhancements, including the rolling easel and outdoor Ark platform.
- Assist with exterior signage, wayfinding, lighting, décor, and other structural support needs.
- Help position AV equipment, displays, and furnishings when requested.
- Keep pathways, exits, and fire-code access clear throughout setup.
- Support final readiness checks and corrections identified during the November 1 dress rehearsal.

Trailer / Exhibit Logistics

- The traveling exhibit trailer will be delivered near the entrance for unloading.
- A local vehicle with an appropriate hitch will be needed to move the empty trailer to the designated back parking area and reposition it for teardown.
- Follow Dave Dixon's team for handling, placement, assembly, packing, and teardown of traveling exhibit components.
- Do not alter traveling exhibit pieces or packing methods without approval from the exhibit lead.

What to Wear / Bring

- Wear work clothes suitable for lifting, carrying, and light construction.
- Wear closed-toe shoes. Work gloves are recommended for moving and construction tasks.
- Bring tools, ladders, dollies, extension cords, or other equipment only when requested so we do not create unnecessary clutter.
- Label personal tools when practical.

Safety & Building Protection

- Use appropriate lifting techniques and ask for help with awkward or heavy pieces.
- Keep children and unassigned volunteers away from active construction / lifting areas.
- Protect Church floors, walls, doors, and furnishings during moving and assembly.
- Do not use adhesives, fasteners, or floor treatments that could damage the building without approval.
- Immediately report damage, unstable components, electrical concerns, or other hazards to the construction lead.

Teardown — November 14

- Do not begin teardown until the final journey has cleared the relevant area and the exhibit lead gives permission.
- Pack traveling exhibit components according to the exhibit team's system; careful packing is as important as careful installation.
- Return Jacksonville-owned materials to their designated storage / transport location.
- Reposition the trailer as directed and help leave the building and grounds clean and orderly.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I bring my own tools?

Yes, when requested by the construction lead. Label them and keep them under your control.

Can I improvise a repair or change?

Check with Jared / the responsible exhibit lead first, especially on traveling exhibit components.

What if I notice something unsafe?

Stop work in that immediate area if needed and notify the construction lead right away.

Can I leave when my task is finished?

Check with the area lead before leaving in case another team needs help.

Will teardown start while visitors are still inside?

No. Teardown begins only after the final visitors clear the applicable area and the exhibit lead authorizes it.