



Jacksonville Tabernacle Experience

Volunteer Instructions — Visitor Center & Art Setup

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Our Objective

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

Purpose

Create and maintain a beautiful, welcoming, museum-like environment that supports the spiritual message of the Tabernacle Experience while protecting artwork, displays, and the building.

When & Where to Arrive

- Report to the Jacksonville South Stake Center for the setup or event time shown on your assignment.
- Park toward the front foyer side of the building so parking near the visitor entrance remains available for guests.
- Check in with Shelby Stroud or the designated art / visitor-center lead before beginning work.
- Plan to remain through the completion of your assigned setup, opening, closing, or reset responsibilities.

What You May Be Helping With

- Welcome-room setup, décor, signage, and visitor-facing presentation areas.
- Jacksonville Temple Experience / Young Women room décor and display support.
- Contemplation Chapel setup and visual presentation.
- Exterior Ark of the Covenant display, platform, lighting, signage, and photo-op presentation.
- Table of Shewbread and other Jacksonville-specific display pieces as directed.
- Wayfinding signs, A-frame posters, lawn signs, entrance banner, and other visual elements.
- Portable décor that can be moved easily when the building is needed for regular Church use.

“A Sure Foundation” — Daily Artwork Procedure

Handle with care

- Shelby Stroud’s original artwork, “A Sure Foundation,” is being brought from the artist’s home specifically for the Tabernacle Experience.
- The artwork will be displayed in the Contemplation Chapel on a rolling easel.
- Before each evening shift, assigned volunteers will roll the artwork from the locked stake offices into its designated chapel position.
- At the end of each evening, assigned volunteers will roll it back into the locked stake offices for overnight protection.
- Only assigned volunteers should move the artwork. Avoid unnecessary lifting or handling of the piece itself.

Ark of the Covenant / Exterior Display

- The full-size Ark will serve as a curbside visual feature and photo opportunity.
- Keep the Ark and surrounding area clean, well lit, and presentation-ready.
- Check the platform, lighting, signage, and weather protection as assigned.
- Report any damage, loosened joints, water intrusion, or lighting problems immediately.
- Do not allow visitors to climb on or handle the display unless specifically authorized.

What to Wear / Bring

- Wear comfortable work clothing appropriate for Church property and the task assigned.
- Closed-toe shoes are recommended for setup / moving duties.
- Bring gloves, small tools, or supplies only if requested by the area lead.
- For event-night visual reset duties, dress according to your regular volunteer assignment.

Daily Opening / Closing Checks

- Confirm visitor-facing areas are clean, straight, lit, and free of clutter before opening.
- Confirm signs and displays are in the correct location and do not obstruct exits or walkways.
- Return movable décor to the designated storage position when required for building use.
- Secure “A Sure Foundation” in the locked stake offices each night.
- Report damaged décor, burned-out / failed lighting, or missing materials before leaving.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I move a display if it looks better somewhere else?

Please check with Shelby or the designated lead first. Placement is part of the overall visitor-flow and design plan.

What if something is damaged?

Stop using or moving the item if further damage is possible, protect the area, and notify the area lead.

Who should move “A Sure Foundation”?

Only the assigned volunteers for that opening / closing period.

What if the building needs a room for a regular meeting?

Use only the approved movable décor plan and coordinate with the area lead before rearranging the space.

Do we help with nightly cleaning?

If assigned by the Ward Volunteer Coordinator, assist with the nightly building reset before leaving. **Check with Lead Volunteer to get your assigned building clean-up tasks.**