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Idaho Labor, AmeriCorps Members Press Ahead on Homeless Veterans Drive

Idaho Department of Labor offices in southwestern Idaho working with Serve Idaho AmeriCorps members are intensifying their drive "to help our veterans with food and clothing in support of the upcoming Veteran Stand Down."

The Veteran Stand Down is set for April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lighthouse Rescue Mission, 304 16th Ave. North in Nampa. Proof of veteran status will be required.

As veterans themselves, AmeriCorps members in southwestern Idaho said the drive reflects how seriously they take their AmeriCorps mission to serve local veterans.

Donation boxes have been set up in the lobbies of the Labor offices in Boise, Meridian, Caldwell, Payette, Emmett, and Mountain Home. The drive is focusing on collecting coats, hats, gloves, backpacks, pants, shoes, toiletries, individually wrapped snacks, and First Aid items.

The donations will support both the Veterans Administration's Homeless Veterans program and the Veteran Advocates of Ore-Ida Needy Rural Veteran Outreach program.

Serve Idaho is a division of the Idaho Department of Labor. The commission administers Idaho's AmeriCorps programs, Idaho's Promise and the Governor's Brightest Star Awards and hosts the annual Serve Idaho Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The commission developed the state model for Emergent Volunteer Reception Centers established during disasters for the Bureau of Homeland Security. Serve Idaho is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor.

More information about Serve Idaho and AmeriCorps service opportunities is at serveidaho.gov.

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