

Fort Snelling National Cemetery Service Project Instructions 2026

The forecast is that it will still be winter!! It is critical that everyone dress for the weather and stay dry to avoid hypothermia or worse. Please supervise younger Scouts to not get wet playing in the snow and watch for frostbite.

You will be near your cars.

If you get cold, warm up in the car. If you're really too cold, go home!

The person who completes the online registration process will receive an email with a copy of the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery map showing the assigned entrance gate and work area. We will have staff at each gate to answer questions and keep traffic moving as quickly as possible.

The staff for this event are youth and adult members of the Order of the Arrow. They can be identified by their red-and-white Arrow sashes. Please cooperate

Work Areas: After check-in, please proceed to your assigned Work Area. Units will be assigned to work together. **Park only on one side of any street**, so vehicles picking up the wreaths have access.

Cleanup instructions: Remove **wreaths and any other Christmas decorations** from the gravesites.

Do not remove any other type of floral or memorial decorations, etc. Leave in place anything frozen into the ground; adults may need to help cut loose items wired to them. Place the removed items in piles along the roads for pick-up.

When you finish your Work Area, **PLEASE STAY NEAR YOUR PILES, AND WAIT FOR A TRUCK OR TRAILER TO COME and THEN HELP LOAD IT!**

We hope to have many trucks and/or trailers so your wait won't be long.

Then, call the phone number below for the OA Service Adviser, to report progress and be reassigned as needed to help complete the wreath cleanup in other areas.

OA Service Adviser Bruce Paulson: 651-492-9089

OA Medical Adviser Karen Rafter: 612-296-9256

There is a First Aid station in the main Maintenance Building

This year there are no hot drinks, nor indoor spaces available.

As shown on the maps, Restroom locations are:

Area 1 in the Maintenance Building

Area 2 in the Main office buildings near Gate 1

Area 3 in the old Maintenance building near Gate 3

BSA rule: No riding unbelted in trucks or trailers!