



GRASSROOTS GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 5-7

BLACKSTONE RETREAT AND
CONFERENCE CENTER

BLACKSTONE, VA

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



WHY SHOULD YOU COME?

MEET NEW PEOPLE: The Grassroots Gathering brings together supporters from all over Virginia. Spend a weekend with like-minded organizers, activists, leaders, and members from across the state.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW: You'll learn about the issues, tactics, and philosophies that make Virginia Organizing a strong grassroots organization. With a focus on the idea of POWER and the development of non-legislative campaigns, the Grassroots Gathering's workshops, panels, and speakers will address the growth of strategic partnerships, the path forward on immigration reform, expansion of voting rights, building successful local campaigns, and many other important questions.

HAVE FUN! With more down time this year, the 2014 Grassroots Gathering will provide opportunities to relax, talk with friends (and make new ones!), go swimming, or read a good book. The conference center has an indoor pool, basketball court, volleyball net and beautiful gardens. Come ready to enjoy yourself!

REGISTRATION

→ To register online, please visit grassrootsgathering.eventbrite.com. ←

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Chapter/Affiliation: _____

How many meals are you eating with us?

- ☐ All meals
- ☐ Friday supper
- ☐ Saturday breakfast
- ☐ Saturday lunch
- ☐ Saturday supper
- ☐ Sunday breakfast

For which nights will you need lodging?

- ☐ Both nights
- ☐ Friday night only
- ☐ Saturday night only
- ☐ None

Which lodging would you prefer?

- ☐ Shared lodge rooms (higher cost)
- ☐ 20-bed bunkhouse dormitory (lower cost)

Transportation

- ☐ I am driving myself.
- ☐ I can drive and am willing to offer a ride to others.
- ☐ I am carpooling with my local chapter.
- ☐ I need a ride.

Please let us know if you are willing to help out by:

- ☐ Selling ads for our program book
- ☐ Bringing items and crafts for a silent auction
- ☐ Participating in a cultural sharing showcase

Will any children be coming with you? If so, please include names and ages. While we are not providing around-the-clock childcare, children's workshops will be available throughout the weekend. Food and lodging costs depend on children's ages. Please contact staff for more information.

Please let us know about any other specific needs you may have for this weekend. (examples: English translation, disabilities, dietary restrictions, etc.)

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 5

5:00 Registration
7:30 Awards and Recognition Banquet

Saturday, September 6

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Mass Meeting #1
10:00 Workshops
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Workshops
3:30 OPEN TIME
5:00 Mass Meeting #2
6:00 Supper
8:00 Movie Night & Fun

Sunday, September 7

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Issue Small Groups
11:00 Closing



COST SHARING

So that we can continue to put our resources into building capacity, we ask that participants share in the cost of the Grassroots Gathering by paying a portion of the expense for your attendance.

Full cost for the weekend, meals included:

Full weekend (Shared lodge rooms)	\$120
Full weekend (20-bed dormitory)	\$80
One night (Shared lodge rooms)	\$70
One night (20-bed dormitory)	\$50
Friday only (no lodging)	\$20
Saturday only (no lodging)	\$30

Please pay what you can—less if you can't afford the full cost, more if you can share in someone else's cost. You can also work with your chapter to raise the money. Don't let the expense be a barrier to your participation! Your confidentiality will be respected.

How much will you contribute toward your cost for the weekend? \$_____

How would you like to pay for the Grassroots Gathering?

- ☐ I will make a payment online (preferred):

Visit <http://virginia-organizing.org/morewaystodonate#paypal>. Click on the DONATE button to go to the PayPal site, then **either** enter your PayPal account information or, **if you don't have a PayPal account**, click "continue" to the left of the log-in box to pay with a credit card. After entering your information and moving to the next screen, please click on "Designate funds for [group]" and write "Grassroots Gathering." This whole process takes less than five minutes!



- ☐ I will mail a check along with my registration form (preferred):

Virginia Organizing
703 Concord Ave.
Charlottesville, VA 22903

- ☐ I will pay when I arrive that weekend.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 22

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Nik Belanger at 434-709-4953 or nik.belanger@virginia-organizing.org.