

Yakima, Washington

Joys of Yakima

The JV house is close to several resources like the library, downtown Yakima, performance venues, brew pubs, various shops, and restaurants. It is also close to the Yakima Greenway, which runs 16 miles along the Yakima and Naches Rivers. JVs have taken advantage of the area's natural beauty to go hiking, camping, rafting, skiing, and snowshoeing and, in the Fall, have picked apples at area orchards. Support people help JVs connect with local resources like movie theaters and White Pass Ski Area at low/no cost and with families who offer their mountain cabins for JV community retreats/getaways.

About Yakima

Yakima, jokingly referred to as the Palm Springs of Washington due to its semi-arid desert climate and 300+ days of sunshine, is a city of 94K nestled under large, arid rolling hills. It has a typically short history of white settlement and a rich Native tradition; be sure to check out the Yakama Nation Museum in Toppenish. Located at the junction of two river valleys which are lushly irrigated and feature orchards and vineyards, Yakima is notable for its vistas of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, its significant Latine and Native American populations, and its active network of former Jesuit Volunteers. JV service placements allow JVs to serve alongside dedicated local staff to help meet the needs of a very diverse population. The population of Yakima is 46% Latine, and the Yakama Indian Nation borders the city. JVs have served in Yakima continuously since 1984.