

A scenic photograph of a mountain range at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow clouds, while the mountains below are shrouded in a soft, blue mist. The foreground shows lush green trees and foliage.

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP MEETING



Trip Date - July 16th - 21st, 2024

Trip Cost - \$645

Deposit Amount - \$45

Deposit Due Date - Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

The region known as Appalachia is a 205,000 square mile territory that follows the spine of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. Historically, the Appalachian economy has been dependent upon coal mining, agriculture, and heavy industry, which led to widespread economic depression as industries changed or left. Combined with a lack of infrastructure and healthcare scarcity, the last 40 years saw very hard times for the people of Appalachia.

Our Appalachia mission teams are currently serving in Eastern Kentucky or across the border in Tennessee. Much of this region was ravaged by recent floods and encompasses eight of the fifty most impoverished counties in the USA.

Come and serve communities steeped in history in a quintessentially American region among the beauty of the Appalachian Mountains.

WHY APPALACHIA?

- Serve right here at home in a region that needs help and encouragement the most
- Median household incomes are 40% below the national average
- Poverty, suicide, depression, and drug abuse are all significantly higher than the national average
- Centrally located - a relatively short drive for the majority of US residents
- Experience ministry and adventure in the "hills and hollows" of the some of the most rural areas in the nation
- Experience American history up close and in person in towns literally built by the steel and coal industry



"Wonderful Thirst Missions crew to work with! Our team was glad to work at a local high school campus as well as some outreach in the Jackson, KY area. It was a very touching and rewarding experience!" – Diane



MINISTRY OPTIONS



Service Projects

Clean-up, repair work, and painting in homes and churches



Construction Projects*

Skilled construction repairing/rebuilding homes

Visit homes of families in need, providing supplies/blessing bags



Mercy Ministry

Food pantries and supply distribution - ministry to those in need



Outreach Ministry

Outreach events, cookouts, evangelism, prayer walking, etc.



Sports Ministry

Sports camps or pick-up games of soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.

*Choosing this option may incur an additional cost

RECREATION

During an amazing week of ministry, your team will have the opportunity to experience the beauty and culture of the Appalachian Mountains. From exploring Natural Bridge or Kingdom Come State Park, to learning about the coal mining industry through a tour of the Portal 31 Mine Tour or the Kentucky Coal Museum, the beauty and rich history of Kentucky will come alive.

You may also have the opportunity to go on a black bear citing driving tour during your week in Appalachia. Your team will cap off the week at a local restaurant with a great meal and time to relax, share stories, and celebrate all the ways God has been glorified over the course of your mission trip.

You'll have a complimentary half-day of recreation included in your trips' itinerary. There are also upgraded recreational options available, which are dependent on your group's ministry location for your trip.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Saturday February 10	Sunday February 11	Monday February 12	Tuesday February 13	Wednesday February 14	Thursday February 15	Friday February 16	Saturday February 17
7:00 AM	Breakfast/Coffee	Breakfast/Coffee	Breakfast/Coffee	Breakfast/Coffee	Breakfast/Coffee	Breakfast/Coffee	Breakfast/Coffee
8:00 AM	Service	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Clean Up Facilities
9:00 AM	Church	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Construction Project (Optional)
10:00 AM	Church	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Prayer Walk and Benediction	Prayer Walk and Benediction
11:00 AM	Church	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Service Projects	Prayer Walk and Benediction	Prayer Walk and Benediction
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM	Ministry Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry
2:00 PM	Ministry Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry
3:00 PM	Ministry Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry	School Ministry
4:00 PM	Get Set Set	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports
5:00 PM	Get Set Set	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports	Water Club/Sports
6:00 PM	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
7:00 PM	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
8:00 PM	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry
9:00 PM	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry	Evening Meeting/Ministry
10:00 PM	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep





Ministry Opportunities

APPALACHIA

- **Service Projects** - Clean-up, repair work, and painting in homes and churches
- **Construction Projects** - Skilled construction repairing/rebuilding homes
- **Church Ministry** - Attend and participant in your partner church
- **Mercy Ministry** - Homeless, senior citizens, hospitals, children's homes, etc.
- **Outreach Ministry** - Outreach events, cookouts, evangelism, prayer walking, etc.
- **Sports Ministry** - Sports camps or pick-up games of soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.
- **Adult Ministry** - Bible studies, parenting classes, lay-leader training, sewing, etc.
- **Youth Ministry** - Attend, participate in, or lead youth events or bible study
- **Children's Ministry** - Attend, participate in, or lead children's events, Sunday School, or VBS

Trip Information

Trip Date - July 16th - 21st

Trip Cost - \$645

Trip Location - Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky

Trip Distance - Around 5 hours (drive time)

Group Size - 30 students (6th - 12th), 10 adults

Payment Due Dates:

Deposit - \$45 Due December 3rd

Payment 1 - \$150 Due February 4th

Payment 2 - \$150 Due March 3rd

Payment 3 - \$150 Due May 5th

Payment 4 - \$150 Due July 7th

Space is limited. Sign up today and reserve your spot!

Appalachia Mission Trip Registration Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/ThirstMissions/ap---living-hope---2024-participant>



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