

St. Agatha ASP Summer Mission Trip 2018

ASP INFO www.asphome.org

GOING TO: West Virginia – Group 7265

Dates: 7/21/2018 - 7/28/2018

General Notes:

- We work in groups of 7 – 2 adults and 5 teens. We will have 7 work crews and 2 floaters
- **Cost? \$350 + fundraising: \$50 due immediately, \$150 due by end of February, \$150 due by May 1st, + participation in 3 or more sponsorship and fundraising activities**

Travel Plan:

- Packing vans Friday night 7-8pm in front of St. Agatha rectory garages, bring everything then
- Saturday morning we meet at St. Agatha rectory garages at 6:45am and leave **by** 7:30am.
- Saturday evening we are staying overnight at a church mid-way over night:
A Catholic Parish Between Harrisburg, PA & Halfway, MD
Mass will be either Saturday evening or First Thing Sunday Morning
- Teens can call home when we arrive at the overnight point and a couple of hours before we arrive to our final destination on Sunday.
 - Cell service is usually spotty in much of Appalachia (No cell phone use during week)
- Sunday we continue driving to final destination in WV, arriving around 3 p.m.
 - Stay in nearby school:
 - Based on past years: Have separate locker rooms, A/C throughout, hot water.
 - Space for meals & gatherings, space for resting, have plenty of outdoor recreation space
- Leave facility in early morning on Saturday, July 28th and travel all the way back arriving late Saturday
 - Arrival time for driving straight back will be based on traffic & time of departure on Saturday morning. TBA.
 - Additional option – turned down past couple of years – Hershey Park stop on way back
 - This would result in arrival back on Sunday afternoon from trip

\$350 Tuition Covers:

- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner each week day
- Construction materials, tools, and project supplies, and delivery to worksites
- Project selection and screening, and matching to group skill level
- Customized evening programming and entertainment
- ASP staff to coordinate construction projects and lead Evening Gatherings

Spending Cash: \$100 – Recommended

- Covers extra meals we get en route (based on 2016 experience)
- Covers a potential fun activity we go do as a group – i.e. Hershey Park, etc

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Faith Component:

- There is a faith component with our group's experience that will be built into evening
- Each night will have an activity with the ASP team, but there will be a separate St. Agatha group activity each night with a different topic – brief – usually 30 minutes or so
- We have hours of free time every night, don't worry – we'll still have plenty left.

What is a typical week like for a volunteer?

Sunday

- 3:00 pm Arrive at your center, register and unpack
- 4:00 pm Staff meet with group leaders
- 5:00 pm Evening Gathering
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Group leaders and staff travel to meet families
- 11:00 pm Lights out - get rested for a wonderful experience

Monday thru Friday

- 6:30-8:00 am Rise and shine, devotions, and breakfast
- 8:00-8:30 am Make lunches, load supplies, and go to worksites
- 9:00-4:30 pm Work day with lunch at noon at the worksite
- We work in groups of 7 – 2 adults and 5 teens. We will have 6 work crews and two floaters.
- 5:00-6:00 pm Clean up, plan supplies for next day, and relax
- 6:00-7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:30-10:00 pm Evening Gathering, Team Time, chores, free time
- 10:30-11:00 pm Quiet time; settle in for a well-deserved sleep
- 11:00 pm Lights out

Saturday

- 5 AM Pack and Good-bye
- We will likely leave by 6 AM

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Packing Details:

Please remember that you are representing a faith-based Christian organization to the Appalachian community. Your dress needs to be modest, sensitive to the culture, and safe.

1. **Pack clothes and toiletries for Sat night in **backpack separate** from your duffle bag so we don't have to unpack the car!**
2. **Try and pack using **duffle bag** vs big, hardcover suitcase. The duffle bag stacks better.**
3. **BRING ENOUGH CLOTHES** FOR THE WEEK. Laundry facilities are NOT available. Work clothes will get dirty, sweaty, painted and tarred. We recommend you pack inexpensive clothing purchased at yard sales or thrift stores and items you would not mind getting really dirty or trashed.
4. **WORK CLOTHES:** Shirts with sleeves and (sturdy) long pants (no sweatpants) must be worn at all times at the work site. **DON'T ASK FOR EXCEPTIONS, THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE!** We recommend hard-soled shoes at the work site and tennis shoes when working on a roof. (No CROCS, flip-flops, sandals or open-toed shoes at the worksite.)
5. **LEISURE CLOTHES:** Pack comfortable, conservative clothing for the center. Shirts with sleeves must be worn at all times. **Shorts for girls must be mid-thigh or knee length. No shirts or hats with messages that convey inappropriate advertising are permitted.**
6. **NO VALUABLES**, including laptops or large amounts of cash. Traveler's checks are recommended. We cannot always ensure the security of the center facilities. Please do not bring any electronic devices to the work site. Since we cannot always guarantee the security of the center facilities, if you must bring these, it is recommended that these items be left in your work vehicle and not accessed during the work day. This includes cell phones, radios, iPods, etc. You are there to work and these items have no place at the sites.
7. We take cell phones once we arrive at the center and keep them locked until Sat. when we leave.
8. **RECOMMENDED ITEMS:**
 - Bible
 - Rosary
 - Journal (Pen/paper)
 - personal toiletries: (pack liquids in plastic bags)
 - Soap/deodorant/ shampoo/toothbrush/ toothpaste/etc.
 - towels & washcloths
 - showering shoes
 - bathing suit to shower in
 - sleeping bag/pillow
 - Cot or inflatable mattress
 - Water bottle
 - rain gear
 - light jacket
 - hat
 - insect repellent
 - sunscreen
 - flashlight
 - clothes