



# Black Hills Open Team

**DATES:** APRIL 20 – MAY 5, 2015

**LOCATION:** HERMOSA, SOUTH DAKOTA

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## Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Black Hills Open Team, one of our many efforts based in North America. Each year, Maranatha works with organizations in the United States and Canada to provide volunteer labor for various construction or renovation projects. Typically, these North America project provide lodging and meals to participants.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Hermosa Seventh-day Adventist Church is located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. There are approximately 40 members meeting each week, and many volunteer at the Black Hills Health and Education Center. However, the members do not have a church of their own. For the last several years, they have been meeting at the Health and Education Center, but the members would like to have the church in a more accessible location to draw community members. They have requested Maranatha's assistance in building a new church facility.

### Accommodations

There is space for approximately 40 volunteers on this project. Volunteers are encouraged to bring RVs or trailers. There are 30 RV sites at the Black Hills Health and Education Center with full hookups, and there are several sites at the construction site with partial hookups. Volunteers without an RV will be booked at Red Canyon, a dormitory at the Health and Education Center. Linens are provided.

### Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Hermosa, South Dakota. Three meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are free in exchange for your volunteer labor.

### Leadership

<b>Project Coordinator</b>	Betty Beattie
<b>Construction Superintendent</b>	David Schwinn
<b>Local Contact</b>	Willard Worth

## ABOUT HERMOSA, SOUTH DAKOTA

### Attractions

Hermosa is located in the heart of the Black Hills and has several area attractions for those interested in history and natural beauty.

**Mount Rushmore** | Located about 35 minutes from Hermosa, Mount Rushmore National Memorial is a popular attraction for visitors to the Black Hills. This landmark features sculptures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln in the granite face of the mountain.

**Badlands National Park** | Located just over an hour from Hermosa, this national park is known for its desolate landscapes with sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles, and spires.

**Custer State Park** | Custer State Park is just a 20-30 minute drive from Hermosa, and visitors can enjoy the park's beautiful landscapes and animals. The park is home to large herds of bison, deer, goats, and bighorn sheep.

## Weather

April in Hermosa tends to be cool and wet. Average temperatures range from the mid 30's to low 60's Fahrenheit. Rain is common and snow sometimes occurs as well. Of course, the weather could change at any time, so we recommend that you check the 10-day forecast before leaving to ensure that you are prepared for the most current weather conditions in Hermosa.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Flights

If you are planning to fly to the project, the closest airport is Rapid City (RAP), a 30-minute drive from Hermosa. Please send your itinerary to [volunteer@maranatha.org](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org) so pick-up arrangements can be made.

### Project Address

14313 Broken Spoke Place  
Hermosa, SD 57744

**The construction site is located north of Hermosa on the east side of Hwy 79.**

### Accommodation Address:

Black Hills Health and Education Center  
13815 Battle Creed Road  
Hermosa, SD 57744

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Maranatha has a very high safety record on the worksite. This is, in part, because we require everyone on the construction site to wear a hard hat and gloves at all times. Please also wear appropriate safety equipment for the work tasks and wear sturdy shoes. Exercise caution while working on the construction site and be careful when working on or around ladders or scaffolding.

Thank you for putting safety first!

## AIG World Wide Insurance Coverage

All volunteers will be covered by accident insurance from the time they arrive at the project until their departure. This is a secondary policy, which means all claims will first be processed through your primary policy.

This secondary policy does not have a deductible for medical charges; however, it does carry a \$250 per occurrence deductible for dental charges.

### Maximum Benefits:

Accidental death or dismemberment	\$75,000
Medical/dental expenses	\$100,000
Medical evacuation	\$250,000
Repatriation (in the event of a death)	\$25,000

Please refer to the brochure at the end of this packet, labeled "AIG Assist," for more information on the services provided.

### AIG Assist Information

**Phone:** 877-832-3523 [toll free]  
715-295-9817 [collect]

**Group:** Maranatha Volunteers International

**Policy Number:** SRG 913-59-27

## Purchasing Maranatha Insurance

Maranatha mission projects are construction projects where people can get hurt. Accident insurance is essential. It is not possible for Maranatha to analyze everyone's policy to see whether his or her insurance is current and the coverage is in effect at the location of the mission project. The Maranatha Board of Directors decided that the safest route was to require everyone to purchase the secondary coverage that we carry. The cost of this coverage is provided free of charge to Maranatha volunteers on North American Projects.

## Emergency Contact

If family members need to get in touch with you during the project, they can contact the Maranatha office at (916) 774-7700. For emergency calls after hours, call (916) 774-7798. Please provide your family with these numbers prior to leaving for the project.

## SKILLS AND PACKING LIST

### Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Roofing
- Concrete work
- Electrical work
- Framing and dry walling
- Window installment
- Siding
- Sheeting
- Plumbing
- General construction

### Items to Bring

The following is a list of tools that will be helpful on this project. Please mark whatever items you bring with you to the construction site. When borrowing tools from other volunteers, please be considerate and return everything you use immediately.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail apron                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheetrock hammer                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8 ft) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Screw guns for sheet rock application | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting supplies    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardiplank sidings tools              | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler (hammer tacker)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric cord        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk line                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil              | <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat*            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing hatchet               | <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw                               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheetrock T-square            | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand (3/8' or 1/4')       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheetrock hole saw            |  |   |

\*Required

## REGISTRATION

To register, please complete the online application or mail or fax the attached paper application to the Maranatha office. Please wait for confirmation from Maranatha before making travel plans.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Phone:** (916) 774-7700

**Fax:** (916) 774-7701

**Email:** [volunteer@maranatha.org](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org)

**Website:** [www.maranatha.org](http://www.maranatha.org)

**Mailing Address:**

Maranatha Volunteers International  
990 Reserve Drive  
Suite 100  
Roseville, CA 95678

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### NIKE CLASSIC POLO \$45



This classic golf polo has stitch-trimmed shoulder panels, flat knit collar, three-button placket and open hem sleeves—with Dri-FIT fabric technology to keep you dry on those hot days.

### HARD HAT \$11



This MSA V-Gard hard hat, with Staz-On suspension, ensures excellent shock absorption on the job site.



## TO ORDER, CALL (916) 774-7700

All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.

### CAP \$12



All cotton and easy to pack, this cap is sure to keep the sun off your face on a mission project and at home.

### WATER BOTTLE \$15



The autospout water bottle by Contigo features a one-touch-button spout for convenient one-handed drinking. It also has a spout shield to protect the spout from debris and dirt when not in use—perfect for the project site.

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