



Gem State Academy Open Team

Dates: Nov. 30 - Dec. 14, 2014

Location: Caldwell, Idaho

Information Packet



Thank you for your interest in the Gem State Academy project, 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 projects provide lodging and meals to participants.

Project Overview

Gem State Academy is located in Caldwell, Idaho, and offers a Christian education for children from ninth through twelfth grade. In addition, the students on campus are involved in running the Gem State Academy Gardens, where they grow and sell produce to raise money for the school. The campus is located on top of a small hill overlooking the valley. Countless students throughout the years have used this beautiful facility, and the school is now in need of renovations to improve student safety and general aesthetics.

On this project, volunteers will conduct various sheet rock repairs around campus, paint the interiors of various buildings, install new window blinds, remove old carpeting, and conduct general cleaning for the campus.

Accommodations

There is space for 15-20 volunteers on this project. Volunteers will stay at the dorm at Gem State Academy. Twin mattresses will be provided, but volunteers should plan on bringing their own bed linens and towels to use during the project. Also note that since this project will work in some of the dorm rooms, volunteers may be asked to switch rooms half way through the project. There are also places for volunteers to park their RVs with electric and water hookups.

Expenses

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

Leadership

Project Coordinators:	Doug and Melody Wheeler
Construction Superintendent:	Leroy Kelm
Local Contact:	Wayne Wentland

About Caldwell

Caldwell is located on the western side of Idaho in what is known as Idaho's Treasure Valley, which consists of Boise, Caldwell, Meridian, and Nampa. The area is known for its diversity in natural wildlife. While Caldwell is quite rural, proximity to the state capital of Boise gives the residents easy access the benefits of city life as well.

Area Attractions

Lake Lowell | This lake is part of the Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge and is located near Nampa. It is a wonderful birding spot with over 200 recorded species, including shorebirds, waterfowl, and birds of prey. There are many hiking and picnicking spots surrounding the lake and on the Snake River Islands.

Old Idaho Penitentiary Site | Located in Boise, this historic site was a functional prison from 1872 to 1972 and housed some of the West's most desperate criminals. Now it is open to visitors who wish to tour the facility's cell blocks, solitary confinement cells, and the gallows.

Weather

Temperatures average in the mid 30's Fahrenheit during the day. Evenings and mornings can be even colder, so please come prepared to dress warmly. There is also a chance for rain and snow during this season. 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 Caldwell.

Travel Information

Flights

If you are planning on flying to the project, the closest airport is Boise (BOI), a 30-minute drive from Gem State Academy. Please send your itinerary to volunteer@maranatha.org so pick up arrangements can be made.

Project Address:

16115 S Montana Ave
Caldwell, ID 83607

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 America Projects.

Emergency contact

If family members need to get in touch with you while you are at 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:

- Painting
- Blind installment
- Siding
- Sheeting
- Cleaning
- General construction

Items to Bring

The following is a list of tools that will be helpful on this project. We would appreciate any tools you can bring and share. Please mark all your tools with your name.

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

*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.

Contact Information

Phone: (916) 774-7700

Fax: (916) 774-7701

Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

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

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