

Blue Mountain Academy Open Team

Information Packet

Dates: March 29 – April 12, 2015

Location: Hamburg, Pennsylvania



Thank you for your interest in the Blue Mountain 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 project provide lodging and meals to participants..

Project Overview

Blue Mountain Academy is a fully accredited Seventh-day Adventist boarding school for grades 9-12. It shares property with Kamp Keystone, a camp owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The campgrounds are used for annual camp meetings, youth groups, Pathfinder camporees, and academy gatherings.

This is Maranatha's third open team project at Blue Mountain Academy. Volunteers helped with many renovations at Kamp Keystone in 2013. Then in 2014, volunteers helped with renovations on the academy campus. On this project Maranatha volunteers will continue the campus renovations. They will replace windows in the cafeteria, which will include some framing, masonry, and drywall work; rebuild the roof overhangs of the cafeteria; and install new roofs on the Industrial Arts building and cafeteria.

Accommodations

Blue Mountain Academy has a variety of housing options for volunteers. Dormitory rooms and Kamp Keystone cabins are all nicely furnished, but please bring towels and twin bedding to use during the project. There are 25 RV sites with full sewer, electric, and water hookups. There are also many more spaces with only water and electric hookups. The Blue Mountain Academy cafeteria will provide meals to volunteers.

Expenses

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

Leadership

Roger Hatch | Project Leader

Betty Beattie | Project Coordinator

Ed Burgan | Construction Superintendent

Stephen Reese | Local Contact, Blue Mountain Vice President of Finance and Development

About Hamburg

Attractions

Hamburg is a relatively small town located in eastern Pennsylvania. It is also located near several inexpensive attractions. If you are interested in seeing any of these places, please plan on arranging for transportation and covering the additional costs. The academy has a 15-passenger van that may be available for a group to take a day trip. Please coordinate with the academy once you arrive or make your own arrangements before or after the project.

Coalmine Tours: Located a short distance from Blue Mountain Academy are several coalmines that offer spectacular views of ancient, petrified trees where John Baldwin of Andrews University has done research to date the flood.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Hamburg is located only two hours from Philadelphia. This large city is home to the iconic Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, and various museums and historical landmarks.

Hershey, Pennsylvania: Located only an hour away from Hamburg, “the sweetest place on earth” is home to the Hershey’s Chocolate Factory, as well as many other attractions and cultural activities.

Weather

Average temperatures for springtime in Hamburg are consistently in the low 60’s to low 70’s Fahrenheit. You have also heard the phrase, “April Showers,” and this can be the case for the eastern United States. Please plan accordingly and bring long pants and a coat or sweater. Of course, current weather conditions can 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 Hamburg.

Travel Information

Flights

If you are planning on flying to the project, the closest commercial airport is Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in Allentown, Pennsylvania, about 35 minutes from Blue Mountain Academy. We recommend that volunteers fly into Allentown as it is closest and usually offers the cheapest fares. However, pick-ups are also available from Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Please send your itinerary to volunteer@maranatha.org so pick up arrangements can be made.

Project Address:

Blue Mountain Academy
2363 Mountain Rd
Hamburg, PA 19526

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!

Chartis 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 policy has a \$250 per occurrence deductible.

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 labeled "Chartis Assist" for more information on the services provided.

Chartis Assist Information

Phone:	877-832-3523 [toll free] 715-295-1194 [collect]
Group:	Maranatha Volunteers International
Policy Number:	913 59 27

Purchasing Maranatha Insurance

Maranatha mission trips 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.

- Roofing
- Window installment
- General construction
- Framing and drywall
- Masonry
- Painting

Items to Bring

The following is a list of tools that will be helpful on this project. If you can to bring any of these items, it would be appreciated. Be sure to mark them with your name. If you cannot bring some of the tools listed below, please remember to be considerate when you borrow something.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail apron | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler (hammer tacker) | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk line | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure | <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand (3/8-inch or
1/4-inch) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8 feet) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing hatchet | | |

*Required

Registration

To register, please complete the online application. Please wait for confirmation from Maranatha before making travel plans.

Contact Information

Maranatha Volunteers International

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Roseville, CA 95678

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Fax: (916) 774-7701

Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

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



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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 autosport 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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