



Pottsville Open Team

Dates: September 15-29, 2015

Location: Saint Clair, Pennsylvania

Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Pottsville Open Team 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

The Pottsville Seventh-day Adventist congregation has been actively raising money to build a new church. This September, their prayers will be answered as Maranatha volunteers arrive to construct a 8,400 square foot church. Volunteers will help with the wood framing and siding as well as the rough electrical and plumbing work.

Accommodations

There is space for approximately 45 volunteers on this project. Volunteers will stay in the dormitories at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, about 35 minutes from the Pottsville Adventist Church. Transportation will be provided from the academy to the construction site daily via bus. There are also 25 RV sites at the construction site with electric and water hookups available for those wishing to bring their RV. Meals will be provided by the local church.

Expenses

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

Leadership

Project Coordinator: Betty Beattie

Construction Superintendent: Roger Hatch and Ed Burgan

Local Contact: Alex Dubee, Pastor of the Hamburg SDA Church

About Saint Clair

The Pottsville Adventist Church is technically located in Saint Clair, a borough located about two miles north of Pottsville.

Attractions

Volunteers may choose to arrive early or leave a few days after the project concludes in order to appreciate local sights and activities. Feel free to make your own arrangements for some of these or other popular attractions.

Coalmine Tours | There are several coalmines that offer spectacular views of ancient, petrified trees, just a short distance from Blue Mountain Academy. John Baldwin of Andrews University did his research on the Genesis flood in this area.

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 summertime in Hamburg are consistently in the 70’s Fahrenheit. Evening temperatures can dip into the low 60’s. There is a slight chance of rain and thunderstorms in the fall. Please plan accordingly and bring layers, including a light jacket. 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

The project coordinator will be at the construction site (Project Address) on September 15 for check in and registration. Those staying at Blue Mountain Academy can then proceed to the Academy where there will be names on the doors and keys in your rooms.

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.

Housing Address

Blue Mountain Academy
2363 Mountain Rd
Hamburg, PA 19526

Project Address

Saint Clair Industrial Park
Corner of Mill Creek Rd and Industrial Park Rd
Saint Clair, PA 17970

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: 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 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.

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

Items to Bring

Tool List

The following is a list of tools that will be helpful on this project. We would appreciate it if you can bring any of these items. Be sure to mark them with your name since many tools look alike. If you cannot bring some of the tools listed below, you may be able to borrow from a fellow volunteer. Please be considerate when using other people's property.

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

General Packing List

This list is not comprehensive of everything that you may want to bring, but these are several items that have been most helpful to our volunteers.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good disposition and flexible attitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work pants and shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or sandals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat and gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Dress clothes for Sabbath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses or safety glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries and sunblock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed-toe work shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID and personal insurance information | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of this packet with Maranatha insurance information and project addresses | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: twin sheet, blanket, or sleeping bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal prescribed medication and any over the counter medication you use regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: Air mattress, foam pad, cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual shirts, pants, and shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underclothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small alarm clock |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs |

Registration

To register, please complete the online application or call to register over the phone. Approximately 45 volunteers can be accommodated on this project. Please wait for confirmation from Maranatha before making travel plans. Approximately one month before the project, confirmed participants will receive a final information email with last-minute updates.

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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