



Blue Mountain Academy Open Team

Information Packet

Dates: April 24 - May 8, 2016

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 fourth open team project at Blue Mountain Academy and Kamp Keystone. Volunteers helped with many renovations at Kamp Keystone in 2013. Then in 2014 and 2015, volunteers helped with renovations on the academy campus. On this project, Maranatha volunteers will continue the campus renovations. They will install new windows in the Administration building and gymnasium, remodel the girl's bathroom, install flooring and carpeting, dig ditches for PVC piping, paint several buildings around campus, and conduct other various repairs and renovations.

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

Project Leader | Roger Hatch

Project Coordinator | Betty Beattie

Construction Superintendent | Ed Burgan

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

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 few vans 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.

Amish Community: Located just an hour from Hamburg, the Pennsylvania Amish of Lancaster County are America's oldest Amish settlement. Step back in time and visit the Amish countryside, shop for handmade crafts, and experience authentic cooking. There are also several Amish tours and buggy ride operators.

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!

AIG Worldwide 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 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 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.

- Window installation
- Tile work
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Flooring installation
- Electrical work
- Landscaping
- General Construction

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

*Required

General Packing List

This list is not comprehensive of all that you may choose to bring, but these are several of the items that have been most helpful to volunteers in the past.

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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"/> Good, closed-toe working 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"/> Towel and washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual shirts, pants, and shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underclothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Small alarm clock |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs |

Registration

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

Contact Information

Maranatha Volunteers International

990 Reserve Drive

Suite 100

Roseville, CA 95678

Phone: (916) 774-7700

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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