



Aiken Open Team

Information Packet

Location: Aiken, South Carolina, USA

Project Dates: October 5 - 20, 2016



Thank you for your interest in the Aiken 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 projects provide lodging and meals to participants.

Project Overview

The Aiken Seventh-day Adventist congregation is in need of a new church building. They have twenty acres on which to build, but they haven't been able to raise the funds to complete the project. With the help of Maranatha volunteers, their prayers will be answered. Volunteers will help with the wood framing and siding of the 6,000 square foot new church as well as the rough electrical and plumbing work.

Accommodations

There is space for approximately 40 volunteers on this project. Please plan on bringing your own bedding and air mattress or pad. Volunteers who need housing will be staying with local church members. There are also a few RV sites with water, electric, and sewer hookups available for those wishing to bring their RV.

Expenses

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

Leadership

Construction Superintendent: Roger Hatch and Ed Burgan

Project Coordinator: Betty Beattie

Local Contact: Ben Rueda

About Aiken, South Carolina

Attractions

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

Hopelands Gardens | Hopeland Gardens is located near the center of the town of Aiken, SC. Lovely trails, lots of shade filled with many trees and plants. There is some history as this used to be a private residence. Free to the public.

Augusta Canal Interpretive Center at Enterprise Mill | Augusta Canal is a National Heritage Area, a place designated by the U.S. Congress that best represents an important theme in American history. Augusta Canal tells the story of the Industrial Revolution in the American South. Built in 1845 to harness the water and power of the Savannah River, this canal brought textile and other manufacturing to the region in the era before, during and after the Civil War. Augusta Canal is the oldest continuously operating hydropower canal in the US.

Weather

In October, temperatures average from low to high 70's, but can dip into the 40's at night. So be prepared for all types of weather, and be sure to bring 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 Aiken.

Travel Information

Flights

If you are planning on flying to the project, the closest airport is the Augusta Regional Airport in Georgia (airport code AGS). It is located approximately 45 minutes from Aiken. Please send your itinerary to volunteer@maranatha.org so pick up arrangements can be made.

Project Address:

**1714 Columbus Hwy North
Aiken, SC 29801**

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

<u>Phone:</u>	877-832-3523 [toll free] 715-295-9817 [collect]
<u>Group:</u>	Maranatha Volunteers International
<u>Policy Number:</u>	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 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
- Framing
- Siding and sheeting
- Window and door installment
- Roofing
- Electrical work
- Plumbing

Items to Bring

Tool List

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

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

**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.

- Good disposition and flexible attitude
- Work pants and shirts
- Hard hat and gloves - required
- Sunglasses or safety glasses
- Good, closed-toe working shoes
- Hat
- ID and personal insurance information
- A copy of this packet with Maranatha insurance information and project addresses
- Personal prescribed medication and any over the counter medication you use regularly
- Casual shirts, pants, and shorts
- Underclothes
- Light jacket
- Flip flops or sandals
- Dress clothes for Sabbath
- Personal toiletries and sunblock
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Bible
- Bedding: sheets, blankets, or sleeping bag
- Towel and washcloth
- Small pillow
- Small alarm clock
- Earplugs

Registration

To register, please complete the online application. Approximately 50 volunteers can be accommodated on this project. 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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All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.

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