



# Blue Mountain Academy (PA) Project



## Information Packet

**Dates:** April 18 – May 2, 2018

**Location:** Hamburg, Pennsylvania

(Arrive on April 18 and start work on April 19)

Maranatha Volunteers International is a nonprofit, Christian organization focused on providing churches, schools, and water wells around the world. A portion of the projects utilize volunteers on short-term mission trips to complete the work. Annually, we mobilize more than 2,000 volunteers to assist with various service opportunities and partner with thousands of donors to fundraise for international projects. Maranatha's mission is to spread the Gospel throughout the world as we build people through the construction of urgently-needed buildings.

In North America, Maranatha aids by recruiting and organizing volunteer labor for construction and renovation projects at schools, churches, and camps.

The Blue Mountain Academy project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

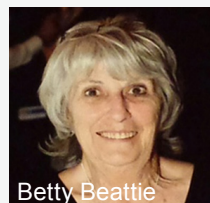
## Project Overview

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 sixth open team at Blue Mountain Academy. Volunteers helped with many renovations over the years. On this project, Maranatha volunteers will continue the campus renovations. They will include installing flooring in the boy's dorm bathrooms. There will also be exterior and interior painting.

## Leadership

**Project Coordinator:** Betty Beattie  
**Construction Superintendent:** Roger Hatch and Ed Burgan  
**Local Contact:** Stephen Reese, BMA Vice President of Finance and Development



Betty Beattie

## Project Schedule

**Wednesday, April 18**  
arrival

**Thursday – Friday, April 19-20**  
orientation and work days

**Saturday, April 21**  
Sabbath

**Sunday – Friday, April 22-27**  
work days

**Saturday, April 28**  
Sabbath

**Sunday – Tuesday, April 29-May 1**  
work days

**Wednesday, May 2**  
departure

## Accommodations

There is space for 40 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who have requested housing will be staying in dormitory rooms. 40 volunteers can be accommodated through local housing. There are also 25 RV sites with partial hookups available for those wishing to bring their RV. If housing is limited, priority will be given to volunteers who can participate the entire length of the project.

## Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Blue Mountain Academy. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by Blue Mountain Academy in exchange for your volunteer labor.

## Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

Maranatha provides three vegetarian meals each day. We ask for your allergies on your registration form, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, we cannot meet all special requests. If your diet is restrictive (vegan, gluten-free, etc.) we recommend that you bring items such as soy milk powder, gluten-free bread, etc. to supplement the meals provided by the cooks.

# About Hamburg

## Attractions

Hamburg is a relatively small town located in eastern Pennsylvania. It is also located near several inexpensive attractions.

**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.

Volunteers may choose to arrive early or leave a few days after the project concludes in order to appreciate local sights and activities. Volunteers are responsible for making their own arrangements, including food and lodging, for all days outside of the project dates.

## Weather

Average temperatures for springtime in Hamburg are consistently in the low 60's to low 70's Fahrenheit but plan for just about any type of weather. Rainstorms are fairly common, so pack rain gear and a warm jacket, just in case. 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, Pennsylvania.

# Travel Information

## Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on April 18 and depart on May 2; the closest airport is Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a 35 minute drive from Blue Mountain Academy. Please book flights that come in before 6 p.m. on the arrival date. If you need to fly in later, please check with the Maranatha office to confirm that your arrival time can be accommodated. Please send your itinerary to [volunteer@maranatha.org](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org) so pick up arrangements can be made.

## Project Address:

**Blue Mountain Academy**  
**2363 Mountain Rd**  
**Hamburg, PA 19526**

## AIG Insurance Coverage

Maranatha mission projects are construction projects where people can get hurt. It is not possible for Maranatha to analyze everyone's insurance policy to see whether his or her insurance is current and the coverage is in effect at the location of the project. The Maranatha Board of Directors decided that the safest route was to require everyone to be covered by the insurance coverage through Maranatha's carrier. For projects taking place in North America, the cost of this is covered by the hosting organization.

All volunteers will be covered by this insurance policy from the time they depart for the project until they return home. For volunteers who have extended travel by arriving before or staying after a project, the insurance would start and end on the Maranatha project dates based on the project application.

The policy that volunteers are covered on depend on location of project and home residency of the volunteer. Both policies are primary policies that do not have a deductible. As with all insurances, exclusions apply. An insurance brochure with the policy information and list of benefits will be sent to you in the confirmation email for this project.

## 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!

## Registration

To register, please complete the online application at [maranatha.org](http://maranatha.org), or call to register over the phone. 40 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](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org)

**Mail:**

**Maranatha Volunteers International**

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Roseville, CA 95678

# Skills And Packing List

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Painting
- Tile work
- Electrical Work
- Window Installment
- Plumbing
- General Construction
- Carpentry
- Landscaping

## Items to Bring

### Tool List

The following is a list of tools that will be helpful on this project. If you are able to bring any, it would be appreciated. Be sure to mark them with your name since many tools look alike. If you cannot bring some of the tools listed below, please remember to be considerate of those from whom you borrow.

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

*\*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, close-toed 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"/> 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                                      |

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### 2017 MARANATHA T-SHIRT \$10



This 50/50 blend of polyester and cotton is an ultra-soft, ultra-comfy unisex T-shirt that feels like you've owned it for years. Represent Maranatha anywhere you go!

### 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.

### HARD HAT \$11



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

### WATER BOTTLE \$15



The autospout 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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\*All confirmed volunteers on an International Maranatha Open Team receive a Maranatha t-shirt as part of their participation fee.