

The Dalles Adventist Church (OR) Project

Information Packet

Location: The Dalles, Oregon, USA

Dates: June 5-26, 2018

(arrive on June 5, and start work on June 6)



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 renovations projects at schools, churches, and camps.

The Dalles Adventist Church project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

Project Overview

Originally The Dalles Seventh-day Adventist congregation was meeting in a church that was constructed in the 1950s. However, four years ago, a sewer problem forced the congregation from the building, and they had to meet in a school gymnasium. While there, the congregation continued evangelizing and reaching out into the community. They even started a new Spanish group.

When the old building was finally fixed and ready to reoccupy, the rapidly growing Spanish congregation moved into the old building, and The Dalles Church began making plans to construct a second building for the English-language congregation. In the meantime, they continued gathering in the gymnasium for worship.

Maranatha volunteers will be helping to answer the prayers of The Dalles congregation by constructing a new church. The new building will accommodate approximately 220 people, leaving plenty of room for evangelism and expansion.

Volunteers will help with the wood framing and siding as well as roofing, window installation, and rough electrical and plumbing work.

Project Schedule

Tuesday, June 5

Arrival

Wednesday-Friday, June 6 - 8

Orientation and work days

Saturday, June 9

Sabbath

Sunday - Friday, June 10 - 15

Work days

Saturday, June 16

Sabbath

Sunday - Friday, June 17 - 22

Work days

Saturday, June 23

Sabbath

Sunday - Monday, June 24 - 25

Work days

Tuesday, June 26

Departure

Leadership

Project Coordinator: TBD

Construction Superintendent: Leroy Kelm

Local Contact: James McNeil



Accommodations

There is space for 35 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be hosted by local church members or stay in classrooms at the local school. Please plan on bringing your own bedding. There are eight RV sites with partial hookups available for those wishing to bring their RV.

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from The Dalles, Oregon. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by the The Dalles Church 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 The Dalles, Oregon

Attractions

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.

Columbia Hills State Park: Only about 20 minutes away and located on the edge of the Columbia River, this 3,300-acre park is a great place for hiking, bird watching, and boating. There are also areas to see pictographs and petroglyphs on guided tours of the preserved areas.

Portland: Located about an hour and half to the east, Portland is Oregon's largest city, and it has plenty to offer. From parks and gardens to zoos and museums, you might consider at least passing through the city and stopping for a great meal.

Weather

Average temperatures in June are in the low 50s to low 80s with low possibility of rain. 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 The Dalles.

Travel Information

Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, and if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on June 5 and depart on June 26; the closest airport is Portland International Airport in Oregon (PDX), 80 miles and located an hour and a half drive from The Dalles. 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 so pick up arrangements can be made.

Project Address:

501 Veterans Way

The Dalles, OR 97058

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.

Insurance coverage depends on location of the 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, or call to register over the phone. Thirty-five 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

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Roseville, CA 95678

Skills and Packing List

Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Roofing
- Framing
- Window installment
- Sheeting
- General construction
- Carpentry

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"/> Framing nail gun 21(insert degree sign) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer* (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler (hammer tacker) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure* (no metric or fractions) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk line* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife* | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square* | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing hatchet | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air hose | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat* |

*Required

General Packing List

This list is not comprehensive of everything you may need. However, these are the items that have been most helpful to volunteers on these types of projects.

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



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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. Available in Khaki and Navy.

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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