

# Union Springs Academy (NY) Project

# **Information Packet**

Dates: July 15 – July 29, 2018 Location: Union Springs, New York (Arrive on July 15 and start work on July 16)



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 Union Springs Academy project is one our many efforts based in North America.

# **Project Overview**

Union Springs Academy is located in Union Springs, New York. Union Springs Academy was founded in 1921. Over the years the campus has grown to include buildings for administration and classrooms, dormitories, church, faculty housing, farm, orchard and athletic facilities. For more thatn nine decades Union Springs Academy has provided quality Christian education to young people from NewYork, New England, Canada, and abroad.

This year, Union Springs Academy is asking for Maranatha's help with renovations. This includes landscaping, painting, carpet removal, laminate floor installation for the boys and girls dorm rooms, plumbing, as well as install fire-rated doors in dorm rooms.

#### Leadership

Project Coordinator: Barbara Mayes Construction Superintendent: Bill Boyd/John Cardinell Local Contact: Jere Clayburn, Principal



# **Project Schedule**

<u>Sunday, July 15</u> Arrival

Monday-Friday, July 16-20 Orientation and work day.

<u>Saturday, July 21</u> Sabbath

<u>Sunday-Friday, July 22-27</u> Work days

<u>Saturday, July 28</u> Sabbath

<u>Sunday, July 29</u> Departure

#### Accommodations

There is space for 75 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who have requested housing, arrangements will be made for you in the dormitories. Beds are provided, but please bring your own pillow, twin sheets, blankets, and towels to use during the project. 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 Union Springs Academy. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by Union Springs 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 Union Springs, New York

#### **Attractions**

There are a few places you may want to visit while in the area.

**Frontenac Park:** A perfect spot for a nice walk. The park sits on Cayuga Lake. You can see birds, geese, and occasionally a heron.

Frontenac Historical Society & Museum: Free admission and some days there are scheduled events.

**Great Gully Nature Preserve:** Only three miles away. There are two large falls and two smaller cascades. The full ravine is about four miles long and up to 150 ft deep. There are a few defined trails along the creek. Best time to visit is during late spring, summer, and fall.

Please note, 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 in July range in the low 60's to low 80's Fahrenheit but plan for just about any type of weather. Rainstorms are fairly common in July, 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 Union Springs, New York.

# **Travel Information**

#### **Flights**

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on July 15 and depart on July 29; the closest airport is Syracuse Hancock International (SYR), a 60 minute drive from Union Springs 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 so pick up arrangements can be made.

## **Project Address:**

Union Springs Academy 40 Springs Street Union Springs, NY 13160

#### **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, or call to register over the phone. 75 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 Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Painting
- Siding
- Plumbing
- 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.

□ Roofing Hatchet

□ Saws-all types

□ Chalk Line

□ Skill saw

□ Handsaw

□ Stapler (hammer tacker)

- □ Nail apron
- □ Hammer (waffle-faced is best)
- □ Tape measure
- □ Level
- □ Utility knife
- □ Carpenter pencil
- Small square
- \*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.

 $\square$  Drill-small hand (3/8" or  $\frac{1}{4}$ ")

- □ Good disposition and flexible attitude
- Work pants and shirts
- Hard Hat and Gloves
- □ Sunglasses or safety glasses
- $\hfill\square$  Good, close-toed 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: twin sheet, blanket, or sleeping bag
- Bedding: Air mattress, foam pad, cot
- Towel and washcloth
- □ Small pillow
- □ Small alarm clock
- □ Earplugs

- Painting supplies
- □ Broom for cleanup
- □ Electric Cord
- □ Gloves
- □ Hard Hat\*

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# 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.



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