

Camp Whitesand Project

Information Packet

Location: Theodore, Saskatchewan, Canada

Dates: June 11-21, 2018

(Arrive on June 11 and start work on June 12)



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 support 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 Camp Whitesand project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

Project Overview

Camp Whitesand is located 30 minutes west of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, along the beautiful Whitesand River, and is surrounded by a natural forest. The natural surroundings provide over 12 kilometers of trails used for horseback riding and outdoor activities. The river is a great place for water sports, canoeing, and swimming.

Camp Whitesand is requesting assistance in building a new structure for their craft building that burned down a couple of years ago. Volunteers will be framing and helping with other renovations needed on camp: cutting trees, tiling a kitchen, pouring a cement pad, mudding and taping cabins, and roofing.

Leadership

Project Coordinator: Susan Woods

Construction Superintendent: David Woods

Local Contact: Sandra Wall, Youth and Camp Director



Accommodations

There is space for 50-60 participants on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be staying in cabins. There are also 75 RV sites with electrical hookups available for those wishing to bring their RV.

Project Schedule

Monday, June 11
Arrive at Camp Whitesand

Tuesday-Friday, June 12-15
Orientation and work days

Saturday, June 16
Sabbath

Sunday-Wednesday
June 17-20, Work days

Thursday, June 21
Departure

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Camp Whitesand in Theodore. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by Camp Whitesand 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 Regina and Saskatoon

Regina, the second largest city in Saskatchewan, Canada, is the capital of the province. The Royal Saskatchewan Museum, the Wascana Centre park surrounding Wascana Lake, MacKenzie Art Gallery, the Saskatchewan Science Centre, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Heritage Centre are all activities waiting to be explored in Regina. Regina is at 1893' elevation with a population in 2015 of 241,422.

Saskatoon is the largest city in Saskatchewan, straddling the South Saskatchewan River. North along the riverside Meewasin Trail is Wanuskewin Heritage Park, with exhibitions exploring indigenous culture. As of 2014, the population was 254,569. The elevation is 1580'. There are many types of things to do in Saskatoon from museums to outdoor activities - please consider visiting Trip Advisor for more fun ideas of local activities in both cities.

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.

Weather

Average temperatures for Theodore during June average in the low 50's to mid 70's Fahrenheit but plan for just about any type of weather. 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 Theodore or Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Travel Information

Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on June 11 and depart on June 21; the closest airport is Regina International (YQR), a 2.5 hour drive from the Camp. 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:

**Camp Whitesand Access Road,
Box 392, Theodore, SK S0A 4C0, Canada**

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. One hundred volunteers can be accommodated on this project. Please wait for confirmation from Maranatha before making travel plans.

Contact Information

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Skills and Packing List

Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Roofing
- Painting
- Concrete work
- Electrical work
- Framing and dry walling
- Window installment
- Siding
- Sheeting
- 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.

- Nail apron*
- Hammer* (waffle-faced is best)
- Tape measure* (no metric or fractions)
- Level
- Utility knife*
- Carpenter pencil
- Small square*
- Roofing Hatchet
- Sheetrock T-square
- Sheetrock hole saw
- Sheetrock hammer
- Screw guns for sheetrock application
- Hardiplank sidings tools
- Air hose
- Framing nail gun 21(insert degree sign)
- Stapler (hammer tacker)
- Chalk line*
- Saws-all types
- Skill saw
- Handsaw
- Drill-small hand (3/8" or 1/4")
- Step ladder (6-8')
- Painting supplies
- room for cleanup
- Electric cord
- Gloves
- 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.

- Good disposition and flexible attitude
- Work pants and shirts
- Hard hat and gloves
- Sunglasses or safety glasses
- 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

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WATER BOTTLE \$15



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