



# Uchee Pines Adventist Church (AL) Project

## Information Packet



**Location:** Seale, Alabama

**Dates:** October 28 - November 15, 2018

(arrival is October 28 and first work day is October 29)

Maranatha Volunteers International is a nonprofit, Christian organization focused on providing churches, schools, and water wells around the world. A portion of the projects utilizes 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.

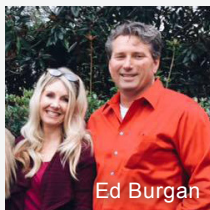
The Uchee Pines Church project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

## Project Overview

The Uchee Pines Seventh-day Adventist Church is located on the Uchee Pines Institute, a lifestyle education center, in Seale, Alabama. The campus has long needed a new church, and plans for a new building were started more than 25 years ago. Now, they are finally starting the project, and they have invited Maranatha to help. Volunteers will assist with the construction of their new church by working on the wood framing, siding, roofing, window and door installation, as well as rough electrical and plumbing work.



Jeanice Riles



Ed Burgan

## Leadership

**Project Coordinator:** Jeanice Riles

**Construction Superintendent:** Ed Burgan

**Local Contact:** Christopher Atkinson,  
Uchee Pines Church pastor

## Project Schedule

**Sunday, October 28**

Arrival

**Monday-Friday, Oct. 29 - Nov. 2**

Work days

**Saturday, November 3**

Sabbath

**Sunday-Friday, November 4 - 9,**

Work days

**Saturday, November 10**

Sabbath

**Sunday-Wednesday, Nov. 11 - 14**

Work days

**Thursday, November 15**

Departure

## Accommodations

There is space for 40 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be hosted by local church members or stay on the Uchee Pines Institute campus in staff and guest housing. Twenty-five volunteers can be accommodated through local housing. There are also eight 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 the project. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by the Uchee Pines 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 Seale, Alabama

Seale is located in southeastern Alabama in the rural central portion of Russell County. As of 1950 the census reported a population of 343. After 1950, it either disincorporated or lost its charter, and has not appeared on the census since.

According to the Atlas Obscura Guide to Seale, there are “two cool, hidden, and unusual” things to do in Seale. The first is the Musuem of Wonder, where a former taxidermist turned his old shop into a folk-art mecca.

The second is the Drive-Thru Museum, which has a wealth of local folk art, unusual collections, and antiques. You can see all this without ever leaving your car.

## 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 Seale, Alabama, during September, average in the low 60s to low 90s 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 Seale, Alabama.

## Travel Information

### Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan for the following arrival and departure dates:

**Arrival** | October 28, Columbus Metropolitan Airport (CSG)

**Departure** | November 15, Columbus Metropolitan Airport (CSG)

The Columbus Metropolitan Airport is a 25 minute drive from the Uchee Pines Institute. 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:

**Uchee Pines Adventist Church**  
**30 Uchee Pines Rd**  
**Seale, AL 36875**

## 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.

Maranatha requires that every volunteer have a current **tetanus** vaccine (within the last 10 years).

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. Forty 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  
990 Reserve Drive, Suite 100  
Roseville, CA 95678

# Skills and Packing List

## Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Concrete work
- Electrical work
- Framing and dry walling
- 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.

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