

# Blue Mountain Academy (PA) Project

## Information Packet

**Location:** Hamburg, PA

**Dates:** April 15-29, 2020

(Arrive on April 15 and start work on April 16)



Maranatha Volunteers International is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization headquartered in Roseville, California, mobilizing volunteers to participate in humanitarian services. Our mission is to spread the Gospel throughout the world as we build people through the construction of urgently-needed buildings.

Each year, Maranatha works with organizations, internationally and in the United States, to provide volunteer labor for various construction or renovation projects. The Blue Mountain Academy project is one 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.

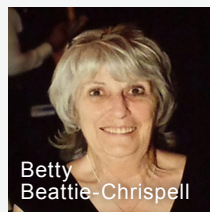
This is Maranatha's seventh year assisting Blue Mountain Academy with dorm renovations. We are almost finished and hope to complete the girls dorm rooms this year. On this project, Maranatha volunteers will continue the renovations, including the installation of new flooring, closets and furniture.

## Leadership

**Project Coordinator:** Betty Beattie-Chrispell

**Construction Superintendent:** Jim Mills

**Local Contact:** Stephen Reese, BMA Vice President of Finance and Development



Betty Beattie-Chrispell



Jim Mills

## Accommodations

There is space for 60 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.

## Project Schedule

**Wednesday, April 15**

Arrival

**Thursday – Friday, April 16-17**

Orientation and work days

**Saturday, April 18**

Sabbath

**Sunday- Friday, April 19-24**

Work days

**Saturday, April 25**

Sabbath

**Sunday- Tuesday, April 26-28**

Work days

**Wednesday, April 29**

Departure

## 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 15 and depart on April 29; 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. 60 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:**

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990 Reserve Drive, Suite 100  
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"/> Saws-all types                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand (3/8" or 1/4") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting supplies               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil              | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler (hammer tacker)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk Line                    | <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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### 2020 MARANATHA T-SHIRT \$10



The 2020 Maranatha shirt is a poly/cotton heather blend by Bella + Canvas. Color is "heather true royal"; unisex sizing.

### HARD HAT \$13



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



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All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.

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

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