



# Uchee Pines Institute (AL) Project

## Information Packet

**Dates:** October 2 - 16, 2022

**Location:** Seale, Alabama

(arrival is October 2 and first work day is October 3)



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

## Project Overview

The Uchee Pines Seventh-day Adventist Church originally started planning for a new church over 25 years ago. Volunteers will construct eight single family homes (800 square ft) for Uchee Pines Institute. They will help with the wood framing, siding, window and door installation, as well as rough electrical and plumbing work.

## Leadership

**Project Coordinator:** Jeanice Riles and Beattie Beatty-Christpell

**Construction Superintendent:** Glenn Fisher

## Accommodations

There is space for 40 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be hosted by local church member or stay on the Uchee Pines Campus in staff and guest housing. 25 volunteers can be accommodated through local housing. There are also 8 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.



Jeanice Riles



Betty Beattie-Christpell

## Project Schedule

**Sunday, October 2**  
Arrival

**Monday - Friday, October 3 - 7**  
Work days

**Saturday, October 8**  
Sabbath

**Sunday-Friday, October 9-14**  
Work days

**Saturday, October 15**  
Sabbath

**Sunday, October 16**  
Departure

## 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 “2 cool, hidden, and unusual” things to do in Seale. The Museum of Wonder, a former taxidermist has turned his old shop into a folk art mecca. And The Drive-Thru Museum 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 October average in the low 60's to low 90'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 Seale, Alabama.

# Travel Information

## Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan, :

**Arrival** | October 2, Columbus Metropolitan Airport (CSG)

**Departure** | October 16, Columbus Metropolitan Airport (CSG)

25 minute drive from Uchee Pines Campus. 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 SDA 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. 40 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)

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**Maranatha Volunteers International**

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# Skills And Packing List

## Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail apron*                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardiplank sidings tools   | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer* (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Air hose                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8')                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure*                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Framing nail gun 21 degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting supplies                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler (hammer tacker)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife*                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk line*                | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil               | <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types             | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square*                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing Hatchet                | <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw                    |  |

*\*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"/> Bedding: twin sheet, blanket, or sleeping bag  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work pants and shirts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: air mattress, foam pad, cot if needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat and gloves  | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses or safety glasses   | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good, close-toed working shoes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Small alarm clock                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID and personal insurance information  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of this packet with Maranatha insurance information and project addresses     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal prescribed medication and any over the counter medication you use regularly |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual shirts, pants, and shorts   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underclothes   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or sandals  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress clothes for Sabbath  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries and sunblock   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible  |   |

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### MARANATHA T-SHIRT \$10



This Maranatha shirt is a poly/cotton heather blend by Bella + Canvas. Color is "heather forest"; unisex sizing.

### HARD HAT \$13



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

[MARANATHA.ORG](http://MARANATHA.ORG)

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



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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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