



Union Springs Academy Project

Information Packet

Location: Union Springs, New York

Dates: July 2 – 9, 2023

(Arrival, July 2, Departure, July 9)



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.

Union Springs is in Union Springs, New York and is requesting volunteer help with dorm renovations.

Project Overview

Volunteers will be working at Union Springs Academy in the state of New York (western New York, near Buffalo). The academy was founded in 1921. Over the years the campus has grown to include administration and classroom buildings, dormitories, faculty housing, a church, and athletic facilities. In addition the school operates a farm and orchard and has many cabins on campus that are utilized for camp meetings and other events. For over nine decades Union Springs Academy has provided quality Christian education to young people.

On this project, volunteers will help with cabin renovations as well as campus projects. This work includes general carpentry, jacking and leveling the cabins and some roofing.

Leadership

Project Coordinator: Janica Caster

Construction Superintendent: Bill Boyd

Local Contact: Darrin Caster,
Maintenance Director



Bill Boyd

Accommodations

There is space for 70 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be staying 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 15 RV sites with full 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

Sunday, July 2
Arrival

Monday – Friday, July 3 – 7
Work days

Saturday, July 8
Sabbath

Sunday – July 9
Departure

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by the school 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

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.

There are several Nature & Parks to visit.

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 springs, summer and fall.

Weather

Average temperatures for Union Springs during July average in the low 60's to low 80's Fahrenheit. 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 2 and depart on July 9; the closest airport is Syracuse Hancock International (SYR), a 60 minute drive to the school. Please book flights that come in before 6 pm on the arrival date. If you need to fly in later than 6 pm or outside of the arrival and departure dates, please check with the Maranatha office to confirm that your travel plans can be accommodated.

If you will be leaving before the project end date, please be aware that you may be responsible for arranging your own transportation back to the airport. 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.

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. 70 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:

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Roseville, CA 95678

Skills and Packing List

Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Painting
- Roofing
- Carpentry

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"/> Skill saw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer* (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure* | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand ($\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ ") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8') |
| <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* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types | |

*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"/> Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work pants and shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: twin sheet, blanket, or sleeping bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat and gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: air mattress, foam pad, cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses or safety glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good, close-toed working shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Small alarm clock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID and personal insurance information | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs |
| <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 | |

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All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.

Maranatha T-shirt \$10



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

Maranatha Sweatshirt \$25



This unisex pullover hoodie is remarkably soft with a loose fit that is versatile and lends itself to daily wear. Spun from a plush fabric that is made up of cotton and polyester fibers, this hoodie features an up-to-date fit, hood with white drawcords, kangaroo pocket, ribbed cuffs and waistband. Color is "Heather Navy"; unisex sizing.

Caps \$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.

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

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