



Mount Pisgah Academy Project

Information Packet

Location: Candler, North Carolina, USA

Dates: June 12 – July 2, 2023

(arrival date is June 12, departure date is July 2)



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 Mount Pisgah Academy project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

Project Overview

Mount Pisgah Academy was established in 1914 and sits on 205 acres. It is a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school for grades 9-12, located in Candler, North Carolina. Volunteers will help with interior renovations of the school auditorium, including installing 300 chairs. Projects will also include upgrading lighting, carpet removal, carpet installation, and expanding the AV room, along with several other smaller projects.

Leadership

Project Coordinator: Jeanice Riles

Construction Superintendent: Ernie Riles

Local Contact: Mr. Guenin, Principal



Accommodations

There is space for 60 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be accommodated through local housing in the boys dorm. Please bring your own bedding: single sheet, pillow, blanket along with your own towel, washcloth and toiletries. There are no official RV spots but there is room on the campus for RV's. We will work on getting water and electrical hookups.

Project Schedule

Monday, June 12
Arrival, dinner at 6

Tuesday-Friday, June 13-16
Orientation and work days

Saturday, June 17
Sabbath

Sunday-Friday, June 18-23
Work days

Saturday, June 24
Sabbath

Sunday-Friday, June 25-30
Work days

Saturday, July 1
Sabbath

Sunday, July 2
Departure

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Candler, North Carolina. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and housing are provided by Mt. Pisgah Academy in exchange for your volunteer service.

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 Asheville, North Carolina

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.

Just a twenty-minute drive from Candler, Asheville offers a beautiful historic district. You'll be able to take a walk down Asheville's Urban Trail, which has been called "a museum without walls." Along the 1.5 mile trail, you'll walk through the central business district and institutional areas of Asheville, featuring buildings constructed from the end of the 19th century to the 1940s. The trail features 30 "stops" along the way.

Beautiful church steeples and modest skyscrapers dot the downtown skyline. The architectural styles include Romanesque Revival, late Victorian, Neo-Gothic, Neo-Georgian, Classical Revival and Art Deco. You'll pass by the oldest surviving building in the downtown area - Ravenscroft School - which was built in 1840 as a home and later transformed into a school. You'll also notice City Hall and the S&W Cafeteria.

If you stop in at the **Asheville visitor center**, you can get a map of the area and some guidance of where to eat and shop. You can even take a self-guided "scavenger hunt" to collect all the sights.

The Folk Art Center is a favorite stop for art lovers, featuring all different sorts of handmade arts and crafts, while you can view one of North Carolina's highest waterfalls at Chimney Rock Park.

The Great Smokey Mountain National Park encompasses the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. From Candler, the North Carolina side of the park is about a forty-five-minute drive, but it's well worth the sights you'll see along the way. Filled with incredible wildlife from black bears to deer and turkeys, you'll be able to view mountain tops, waterfalls, and unique varieties of wildflowers, as you explore the park.

The Biltmore Estate - America's largest home - offers the opportunity to view architecture and art from the Gilded Age. Best described as an American castle, the home is so large that a full tour takes around two hours. If you'd like, you can choose from a variety of different tours, including a rooftop tour, a "behind the scenes" tour, a private tour, and even a Segway tour.

Weather

Average temperatures for Candler, North Carolina during June average in the low 80's to high 50'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 Candler, North Carolina.

Travel Information

Flights

If you are planning on flying to the project, the closest airport is Asheville Regional Airport (AVL). This is approximately 15 miles from 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. Please book your return flight after breakfast hours on the departure date.

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:

Mt. Pisgah Academy
75 Academy Dr.
Candler, NC 28715

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. 60 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.

- Painting
- Electrical work
- General construction
- Carpentry
- Landscaping

Items to Bring

Tool List

The following is a list of general 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"/> Painting supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer* | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure* | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife* | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8') | |

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

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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.

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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