



Information for all Participants

students, adult volunteers, and parents

sharing hope in appalachia

Welcome to Big Creek

We are excited about the opportunity to work with you on mission this summer! Every year, thousands of students travel to Bear Branch, Kentucky with the intention of serving those in need. We are located in an economically distressed area in the hills of Appalachia. Now, be careful not to judge these residents. Just because they may have physical needs doesn't mean they are dumb, lazy, or unspiritual. Rather, you'll find most are hardworking, giving, and kind people. But, they need to hear about Christ and see Christianity in action. So, we go with the intention of sharing the love of Christ to every resident. Our goal is not to just fix a home or put on a program: our goal is to follow Christ – and as He leads, we will use these tools to accomplish his work. Although you are travelling to make a difference in this community, we are convinced YOU will be changed after serving in Appalachia!

The Typical Day at Big Creek

6:40am - wake up!
(yeah, we know, it's early!)

7:00 am - breakfast!
(hot breakfasts every day!)

8:00 am - morning worship
(spend a few minutes getting focused with your group!)

8:45 am - leave for ministry site!
(get ready for a day of hard work on site!)

12:00 - 1:00: lunch on site (time varies)
(you'll pack your lunch each morning before you leave)

3:30 - 4:30 pm - return from ministry sites
(you'll have some free time between 4:30-7:00)

5:30 pm - dinner
(good hot meals every day!)

7:40 pm - prayer time in the worship area
(quiet prayer time in the worship area for all volunteers!)

8:00 pm - evening worship
(full band with focused worship music and biblical teaching)

9:15 pm - church group time
(private sharing time with your church group)

10:45 pm - bedtime!

What to Bring

Make sure to read your list thoroughly! Even if you sign up for children's or community ministry, you still need to bring clothes for construction!

The Facility

- 14 private showers with endless hot water
- 10 bunk rooms w/ twin sized bunk beds, separated into guys/girls hall
- 2 hot meals daily, 1 sack lunch daily
- Large worship area with great sound and lighting.
- 5 acres of land . . . bring your sports equipment!

What You'll be Doing

When you fill out your permission form, you will be asked to pick a ministry track so that you can be teamed with students and adults from other churches who choose the same ministry track you do! You'll be able to select your first and second choice, and will likely be placed in your first or second choice of ministry. Be prepared: your church group won't all be serving together! BUT, you will be able to meet and serve with new friends from across the country!

Construction: If you choose this ministry, you will be assisting local residents who have serious needs with their homes. You may be roofing, painting, replacing flooring, or any number of tasks, but regardless, you'll have an opportunity to share Christ's love with the homeowner!

Community: The Community teams serve by assisting local ministries and residents with their needs. You may be serving at a clothing or food pantry, or you may be visiting a nursing home. You might help the local schools with basic maintenance. Regardless, you are sharing the love of Christ using a variety of methods through our area.

Children: Through daycamps in various areas, you'll be sharing the love of Christ with local children. You'll grow to love these precious children as you teach God's Word through games, crafts, stories, & exciting activities.

Expectations

Your group leader will give you a list of expectations for everyone while at Big Creek. Our rules can be summed up with this: HONOR CHRIST!

Phones

Phones are welcome at Big Creek, however, there are times we'll ask you to turn them off and put them away.

Food

The Food at Big Creek is good! I have to eat this food all the time – so I promise it's some of the better camp food you'll eat. If you have food allergies, talk with your group leader about suggestions in our planning guide.

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We're looking forward to a GREAT Summer!

We are excited to serve with you this summer. Our prayer is that as you serve your life will be transformed by Jesus – and you will show and share that transformation with others. We'll see you soon!

--Kevin Rogers, Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Rogers".

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