



# Welcome to Big Creek!

## GET READY TO SERVE

We are excited about the opportunities to work with you on mission this summer! Every year, thousands of students travel to the beautiful mountains of Bear Branch, Kentucky with the intentions of making a difference in the lives of the residents. Great things happen – in both the lives of the residents AND those who serve at Big Creek. Our hope is that you will prepare your heart to serve – so that Jesus Christ will change others THROUGH you as he works IN you! Let's get ready to serve together!

## THE TYPICAL DAY

- 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!)
- 11:00 – 12:00 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!

## WHERE YOU'RE LIVING

- You're staying at the Big Creek Missions Center
- 14 private showers with endless hot water
- 10 bunk rooms w/ twin sized bunk beds & A/C
- Private changing rooms in each bunk room
- 2 hot meals daily, 1 sack lunch daily
- Large worship area with great sound and lighting.
- 5 acres of land . . . bring your sports equipment!

## PHONES AND CAMERAS

We would encourage you to take and post GOOD pictures of the ministry you're doing at Big Creek: #BigCreekMissions (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook). We do ask you to avoid using phones while doing ministry.

## CHOOSE YOUR MINISTRIES

Prior to your arrival at Big Creek, you will register yourself at [www.bigcreekmissions.com/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/go). On that site, you will choose your top two ministry choices. You will be teamed with students and adults from other churches who choose the same exciting ministry track you do! We will do the best we can to place you in your first choice of ministries.

**Construction:** Many homes in our area need a lot of work – and the people need a lot of love! In Construction, you get to love AND serve the homeowner! 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! In construction, long pants are sometimes required, so make sure you bring them!

**Community:** The Community teams serve by assisting local ministries and residents with their needs. This is one of our most practical and effective ministries where you'll be exposed to some wonderful people. You may be mowing lawns for widows, serving at a clothing or food pantry, or visiting a nursing home. You might help the local organizations or 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. At our daycamps, we provide a summer feeding program, reading program, sports camps, music camps, fun activities, and whatever else YOU bring. If you have a talent or skill, make SURE you note that when you register online. Get ready for a high-energy time where we will teach children God's word and show them how amazing Jesus is!

## TELL YOUR PARENTS . . .

**Basic Email:** [info@bigcreekmissions.com](mailto:info@bigcreekmissions.com)

**Emergency Number:** 606-653-0513

**Calling Home:** Parents: even if your child forgets to call home, NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS! We have a phone available for limited student and adult use for important calls to family. In the event of any injuries or difficulties, we will contact you as soon as we have gathered the appropriate information.

**Medical Care:** We have three hospitals and a clinic nearby  
**Allergies:** If a student has food allergies, please note that at [www.bigcreekmissions.com/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/go). We recommend parents pack and provide substitute items for students if those are needed. Group leaders have access to the basic menu.

*To register for this trip, go to*

[www.bigcreekmissions.com/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/go)

- 1) Click, "Students & Adults"
- 2) Create An Account
- 3) Select our group name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Select Your Ministries & fill in all information
- 5) Print your permission form and return it to your leader with a copy of your insurance card



# What to Bring

## DRESS CODE SUMMARY

We have a simple dress code to help us minister in this community with integrity and promote safety. Expect these to be enforced!

✓ **Construction:** Long pants required. Closed FOOT shoes required (tennis shoes or boots).

✓ **Girls-**

- clothing should be loose fitting & modest
- shorts should be fingertip length
- no tank-tops or sleeveless shirts
- no clothes with suggestive/negative messages
- swimwear: 1 piece or overlapping tankini
- closed toe shoes (closed FOOT for construction)

✓ **Guys:**

- clothing should be loose fitting & modest
- no tank-tops or sleeveless shirts
- no clothes with negative/suggestive messages
- closed toe shoes (closed FOOT for construction)

✓ **Extra clothing:** All participants should pack clothing for a variety of ministries. You should be prepared to work in construction, children's, or community ministries. Laundry is not available.

## CLOTHING & DRESS CODE

- **You'll need the following clothes:**
  - 2-3 pairs pants for outside work (everyone!)
  - Shorts (fingertip length)
  - Modest t-Shirts
  - Tennis shoes (closed foot)
  - Socks & undergarments
  - Bible
  - Sleepwear & leisure clothing
  - Swimwear (especially if working children's ministry)
  - Shower shoes (cheap flipflops)

## BATHROOM STUFF

- All toiletries
  - Towel & Washcloth
  - Soap, Toothbrush & Tooth Paste
  - Deodorant
  - Contact Solution & Case?
- Sunscreen and bug repellent
- Hairbrush? Glasses? Mirror? Bible!!!
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes

## OTHER STUFF

- BIBLE & pen
- Bedding
  - **Twin size fitted sheet** (required for hygiene purposes)
  - Blanket / sleeping bag
  - Pillow
- Medicines, Bible
- Water Bottle
- *Optional Items*
  - Ear plugs (snorers may be in your room!)
  - Recreation stuff for free-time (Frisbee, football)
  - Water-flavoring packets
  - 5 plastic grocery bags for your lunches
  - Extra Snacks for lunches and free time.
  - Coffee Drinkers: We have a Keurig, Starbucks Verismo, AND regular brewer. Bring your favorite cups or grounds!
  - A kitchen garbage bag with "odor neutralizers" for dirty clothes!! 😊 Your roommates will thank you

## MONEY

Here are examples where you might need money:

- **Ice Cream Bar:** after dinner, ice cream is \$.50 @ up
- **The Store** – We have snacks, gum, water bottles, t-shirts, and several other simple items you may want to purchase. Cost: \$.50 - \$20.00
- **Offering** - You may have an opportunity to give to a ministry or family in need during the week.

## PHONES

Big Creek has a phone available for students to call home at any time (as available, free of charge)

## TOOL LIST

For Construction, these tools are VERY helpful:

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| Safety Goggles   | N95 Mask                 |
| Crowbar / Prybar | Paint brush for trimwork |
| Hammer           | Bible                    |

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- practical joke items or fireworks
- expensive electronics
- alcohol or tobacco products
- anything you don't want broken or lost
- anything distracting to your spiritual growth
- energy drinks (not allowed on campus or sites)

## DID YOU REGISTER?

Make Sure you go to [www.bigcreekmissions.com/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/go) and register NOW before it's too late!