



Fact Sheet: Summer 2018

Serve Others First is going back to Appalachia TWICE this summer

Who: Everyone who completed 8th grade or older. We like to have one male adult and one female adult for every four teens.

What: A service trip to repair homes in one of the most impoverished areas of our country. We will drive down in vans, stopping on the way there and back. We will stay in either motels or college dorms. While in Appalachia, we will stay at an Appalachia Service Project center with other groups. ASP provides rooms, bathroom facilities, food and activities during the week.

When: There are two trips this year: **June 16 through June 24th** (Chris and Eileen Manger are leaders) and **July 21 through July 29th** (Mike Pratscher is leading)

Where: The June trip will be going to Jonesville, VA. The ASP facility has Air Conditioning and bunk beds. The July trip location will be determined (KY, TN, or WV).

Why: It's good to help people out and it is fun too!

Other Questions and Answers:

How much does it cost?

The trip costs approximately \$750 per person, \$325 to Appalachia Service Project for work materials, rooms and meals and \$425 to cover the traveling costs of the rental vans, gas, overnight stay and food. Each person needs additional spending money too as we will make stops during the week to purchase extra snacks or ice cream. **We ask that each participant pay \$325 and actively be involved in the fund-raising activities. There is a responsibility to raise or donate funds for the rental vans, hotels, meals to the best of their ability through letter writing, fund raisers and direct "asks".** Grants are available.

What do I need to bring?

The most important thing to bring is a good attitude, willingness to work with others and the desire to have fun. Other than that, you will need: Work boots, safety goggles, work jeans (that can get ruined), sleeping bag, air mattress (unless you are on the June trip), pillow, swim suit (modest please), t-shirts, light jacket, sun block, towel and toiletries. Some volunteers bring tools but we can discuss this in more detail closer to the trip.

What is ASP?

The Appalachia Service Project is a Christian organization that facilitates groups coming to Appalachia region steeped in poverty, to serve others by repairing their homes. Many of the groups are from other churches but others are ecumenical “not for profit groups” like Serve Others First.

What if I don't know how to fix stuff?

Don't worry. We will have a tool training prior to the trip which is a great opportunity to meet everyone. We have on the job training too.

What is an average day like?

We wake up around 6:45AM (to music and dancing) and have breakfast. After breakfast, you and your work group will make lunches and gather work materials that you will need for the day and proceed to your work site in your van. You work until 4ish and head back to the center where you can shower, eat dinner, and relax. The center will have activities planned and our group may also have activities. Lights out at 11PM. **It must be fun and rewarding because over 86% of the volunteers return for another ASP trip!**

What is Serve Others First?

Serve Others First is a Milwaukee based non-profit organization looking to include more people to serve others in need of basic human necessities. Collectively, we have been on over 27 ASP trips with various churches and even a Boy Scout Eagle Project. Though we are starting to be active in other missions in the Milwaukee area, trips to the Appalachia are where we have our roots.

How do I sign up?

Contact Mike Pratscher (mikepratscher@sbcglobal.net) or Eileen Manger (cmanger@msn.com) to sign up and get directions to join the Serve Others First group on the online website. They will walk you through the next steps. There is a \$100 deposit requested at the time of registration. (Serve Others First, 333 W Brown Deer Rd., Box 211, Bayside, WI 53217). Questions??? Call Eileen at 414-379-8560.

