

IMPACT Virginia 2019

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

IMPACT Virginia! is a week long mission project designed specifically for teenagers. The main goal is to glorify God through service to people in the community in which we work.

General Information

- ❖ IMPACT Virginia! is a co-ed mission project for students who have completed one of the grades 7-12. Youth who have completed only the 6th grade, unfortunately, are unable to participate. There is also a track for college-age students as “Collegiate Envoys.”
- ❖ Students typically work on one of three types of project: wheelchair ramps, painting and general repair, and roofing. Students must be in high school to be allowed on a roof. Adults who have construction experience teach students how to work safely on the jobsite before allowing them to work on their own. Other adult chaperones are also present to ensure a safe working environment.
- ❖ IMPACT Virginia! provides food and lodging for the event. Students will sleep in school or church classrooms, or college dorms. Each participant provides appropriate bedding for their location. Students will be able to use school showers or Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief shower units. Boys and girls sleep in separate areas and room with chaperones from their church. Hired cafeteria staff provides breakfast and dinner while lunches are served at work sites by local churches or sponsoring agents.
- ❖ A typical week follows this schedule:
 - Sunday – Arrive and get settled, introduction and meet your crew, worship.
 - Monday through Friday (with Wednesday exception)
Breakfast, opening celebration, leave for job site (8:30), return from job site (4:00), free time, worship, church group devotion, lights out (11:00).
 - Wednesday – Same morning schedule but crews will return after lunch and have the rest of the day and evening as “free time” with their church group.
 - Saturday – Breakfast, pack and load, closing celebration, leave for home (10:30).
- ❖ The IMPACT Virginia! Staff assigns students to work crews. Participants will be paired with at least one other person from their church. Every effort is made to avoid placing siblings or parents together in work groups.
- ❖ Please feel free to call and ask any questions you may have concerning IMPACT Virginia! We do ask that you first direct your questions to your group leader who may be able to answer them on our behalf.

Release and Responsibility Information

- ❖ The nature of the work of IMPACT Virginia! is construction oriented. While each crew will have adult supervision and a qualified construction crew chief on site, the hazards of a construction site still exist. Much of the work will take place in buildings, on roofs, in homes, and in yards.
- ❖ Many projects are located in “high need,” low income communities where people live at or below the United States poverty level.
- ❖ The insurance coverage provided by IMPACT Virginia! is a very limited policy. It is intended to cover minor incidents while attending the project. Any expenses incurred beyond the scope of the policy are the responsibility of the participant and / or their legal guardians. A summary of the policy is available from our office.
- ❖ Impact Virginia! takes seriously the safety and well-being of our participants. There are many safety measures in place including a mandatory criminal background check for all participating adults (including college students).

Another information sheet with local phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts, and other information particular to each project will be available from your group leader before the project begins.