

2023 Mission Trip Preliminary Information

Who can participate? Anyone currently in 8th grade and beyond. You and your family do not need to be members of St. Andrew's, but you must be willing to commit to helping with fundraising before the trip and a Sunday presentation to the congregation in the fall. Non-St. Andrew's participants should be aware that we will have brief daily participant-led morning Gratitude Reflections.

Where are we going? McDowell County, West Virginia

What will we do? We will leave on a Saturday for a 12-hour drive to West Virginia. We'll settle into our lodging. Sunday we'll go whitewater rafting, see: <https://adventuresonthegorge.com/> The rafting site is about 1 hour 15 minutes from our lodging. We'll raft for 5-6 hours including lunch along the river.

Monday through Thursday we'll be assigned jobs for the week: painting, light construction, etc. We'll schedule some afternoon and evening activities such as a cookout, sightseeing, and generally explore the local community and get to know the people.

How will we get there? We'll take a 12-passenger van. We'll need that all week.

When is it? Proposed Depart 24 June, return 30 June.

How much will it cost? The final cost will depend on fundraising, but the cost is \$700 per person and includes almost everything except food while we travel. I suggest that you NOT plan to take large sums of cash.

When do I need to commit? By 17 March I'll need a \$100 non-refundable deposit.

What else do I need to know? Cell phone service is limited, there is a hospital about 20 minutes away. I've had first-aid, CPR training, and Sexual Abuse Prevention training.

Who's going?

Questions?

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