



Welcome to Wheelwright... YOU ARE HOME!

GET READY TO SERVE

We are excited about the opportunity to serve with you at the Wheelwright Campus. Every year, thousands of volunteers travel to the beautiful mountains of Kentucky with the intentions of making a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. You'll be helping others, of course, but you'll learn quickly that YOUR life will be changed as you serve Jesus. Expect to work hard, sweat, get dirty, and love people! We Worship as we serve!

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:45am: Wake Up Call
- 8:30am: Breakfast Served – Pack Your Lunch
- 9:00am: Clean Up Crews
- 9:15am: Morning Devotions
- 9:45am: Depart for Ministry Sites
- 4:00pmish: Return From Ministry Sites
- 5:00pm: Dinner Served
- 5:30pm: Clean Up Crews
- 6:00pm: Free Time/Group Time
- 10:00pm: Lights Out Downstairs – Staff Leaves
- 10:45pm: Bedtime/Lights Out Upstairs

THE WW FACILITY

You're staying at the Wheelwright Mission Center. It ain't fancy, but it's clean. Private showers with hot water, separate bunk rooms with a few family bunks available (first come, first serve – email tammy@bigcreekmissions.com for availability) 2 hot meals daily, and 1 sack lunch that you'll pack from our lunch bar and snack carts.

Bring your sports equipment for outdoor play – we are within walking distance of two community parks.

PHONES AND CAMERAS

Phones can be brought at your group leader's discretion. We encourage you to share GOOD pictures of the ministry and that you are mindful of how social media presents different situations. Be careful to uplift and not offend. Please don't tag us if your post contains things like, "look how terrible...." And "this place was disgusting"

FOOD ALLERGIES

We hope you'll browse our food menu for a general idea of what we serve. You can view this at www.bigcreekmissions.com/menu. **If you have food allergies, please bring items to substitute for those things you cannot eat.** Most allergens are listed. Although we try to keep substitute items on hand, we are sometimes unable to locate items locally. A refrigerator and microwave area IS available for use to prepare items.

REGISTER ONLINE

Prior to your arrival at Big Creek, you will register yourself at www.bigcreekmissions.com/serve. Here's how you register online:

- 1) Click the big blue button!
 - If you've attended before, click, "Login"
 - If you're new, click "sign up" to create an account
 - Make sure to select your correct group code name
- 2) Login!
- 3) Click "add a new participant" to add yourself and siblings
- 4) Make sure parents sign the online permission/release
- 5) Make sure you continue with "step 2" to sign up for the actual mission trip for your group!

Our Group code name is

WHAT WILL BE DOING?

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. 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 local organizations or schools with maintenance. Regardless, you share the love of Christ in very practical ways.

Children: In the spring and fall, we don't always have organized children's programs. If you are serving near a holiday or over a weekend we sometimes are able to schedule children's ministry – we do our best.

If you have any specific talents or skills, tell us when you register online.

FOR PARENTS

Questions? Please consult with your group's leader first!

Emergency Number: 606-452-4770 (-or text group leader)

Calling Home: Parents:- even if your child forgets to call home, We have a phone available for limited student and adult use for important calls to family.

Medical Care: We have several hospitals and a clinic nearby Pharmacies are available in the Wheelwright community.

Allergies: Our menu is at www.bigcreekmissions.com/wwmenu. If a student has food allergies, we recommend parents pack and provide substitute items for students if those are needed.



What to Bring....

Wheelwright Campus

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS?

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

- Check the weather before you come: pack for the weather.
- Long Pants: may be required for some projects. Bring a pair or two for safety reasons (yard cleanup, construction)
- Closed FOOT shoes: (athletic shoes / boots) Shoes protect the feet – flip flops and crocs don't.
- Don't bring new & fancy clothing or shoes – they' may get dirty!
- Keep your clothing modest with no negative, offensive, or political messages
- No cutoffs / tank tops - we ask everyone to simply wear normal t-shirts throughout the week.
- Swimwear: is not usually needed in the spring and fall. If you bring any, make sure it's conservative and appropriate for this setting.

Extra Clothing

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

CLOTHING

You'll need the following clothes-AT MINIMUM:

2-3 pairs pants for outside work (**everyone!**)

Shorts (modest length. Avoid awkward short shorts)

Modest T-Shirts

Closed Toed Athletic Style Shoes

Socks & Undergarments

Bible

Sleepwear & Leisure Clothing

Shower shoes (cheap flipflops)

BATHROOM SUPPLIES

All toiletries

- o Towels & Washcloths
- o Soap, Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- o Deodorant
- o Glasses? Contacts? Contact Solution & Case?

Sunscreen and Bug Repellent

Hairbrush? Mirror? Bible!!!

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

Bedding

- o **Twin Size Fitted Sheet** (required)
- o Blanket / Sleeping Bag
- o Pillow

Medicines

REFILLABLE Water Bottle

Garbage Bag for Dirty Clothes

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Dramamine (non-drowsy) for those with motion sickness

Ear plugs (snorers may be in your room!)

Extra Snacks for Free Time

Coffee Drinkers: **Bring your fancy K-cups & fancy creamer if you want! We have basic coffee & basic creamer.**

MONEY

Here are examples where you might need money:

Ice Cream: Local dairy bar is good and CHEAP.

The Store – We have shirts, bottles and several items you may want to purchase. Prices range from \$2-\$35.

Offering - You may have an opportunity to give to the ministry or help meet a need for someone.

Tools

**An N-95 mask and safety glasses are helpful for all participants.

Construction volunteers may opt to bring their own tools - however, they are not necessary. Reference www.bigcreekmissions.com/wwconstruction for additional information on construction supplies and tools.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Practical joke items, Fireworks, Alcohol, Tobacco Products.

Anything (including electronics) that can be lost or stolen.

Energy drinks (not allowed on campus or sites...drink water!)

Cases of plastic bottled water or drinks. Please only bring refillable water bottles. The cases of plastic disposable bottles are messy, take up to much space, and fill our dumpster.

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