



Welcome to Big Creek

GET READY TO SERVE

We are excited about the opportunity to serve with you at the Big Creek 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!

THE TYPICAL DAY

- 7:45 - wake up call
- 8:00 am - breakfast!
- 8:45 am – morning devo in the cafeteria with Kevin
- 9:00 am—Leave to ministry sites!
- 4 ish – return from ministry sites
- 5:30 ish – dinner
(our evening schedule is flexible due to work schedules)
- 6:30—Flex time with your group
cleaning the facility
free time
group devotions & Activities
- 10:45 pm - bedtime!

WHERE YOU'RE LIVING

- You're staying at the Big Creek Missions Center
- 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, You'll pack your lunch daily
- Bring your sports equipment for outdoor play!

PHONES AND CAMERAS

Phones can be brought at your group leader's discretion. We encourage you to share GOOD pictures of the ministry you're doing at Big Creek: #BigCreekMissions (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook). Remember: our focus is ministry first!

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, stove, and microwave area available for use to prepare items.

OUR GROUP CODE NAME IS

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!

WHAT WILL WE 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. However, we do work with local schools—and some in school or after school programs may be available.

If you have any specific talents or skills, tell us when you register online. Get ready for a high-energy time where we will teach children God's word and them our amazing Jesus

FOR PARENTS

- Questions?** Please consult with your group's leader first!
- Emergency Number:** 888-355-4055 x 99 (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. Several Pharmacies are available in Hyden and Manchester.
- Allergies:** Our menu is at www.bigcreekmissions.com/menu. If a student has food allergies we recommend parents pack and provide substitute items for students if those are needed. A regular stove/oven and refrigerator are available as needed.



What To Bring Spring & Fall @ Big Creek 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's, or community ministries. Laundry is not available.

OTHER STUFF

- BIBLE & pen
- Bedding
 - o Twin size fitted sheet (required)
 - o Blanket / sleeping bag
 - o Pillow
- Medicines
- Water Bottle
- Optional Items:**
 - o Dramamine (non-drowsy) for those with motion sickness
 - o Ear plugs (snorers may be in your room!)
 - o Game stuff for free-time
 - o Water-flavoring packets
 - o 5 plastic grocery bags for your lunches
 - o Extra Snacks for lunches and free time
 - o Coffee Drinkers: Bring your fancy Kcups & fancy creamer if you want! We have basic coffee & basic creamer.
 - o A kitchen garbage bag with "odor Neutralizers for dirty clothes!!"

MONEY

Here are examples where you might need money:

- Ice Cream Bar:** Ice cream machine may be available: \$.50
- The Store** – We have shirts, bottles and several items you may want to purchase. Cost: \$1 - \$25.00
- Offering** - You may have an opportunity to give to a ministry or family in need during the week.

TOOLS

**An N-95 mask and safety glasses are helpful for all participants. Construction pros: check out our construction page at www.bigcreekmissions.com/construction for more information! Construction pros may bring their own tools - however, they are not necessary. Check out the site above for the tools we have on hand. We use all ryobi battery powered tools. We won't be able to assign projects to your team until we know exactly who's coming!

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- practical joke items, fireworks, alcohol, tobacco products
- anything—including electronics—you don't want broken or lost
- energy drinks (not allowed on campus or sites...drink water!)

CLOTHING

You'll need the following clothes:

- 2-3 pairs pants for outside work (**everyone!**)
- Shorts (modest length. Avoid awkward short shorts)
- Modest t-Shirts
- Tennis shoes (closed foot)
- Socks & undergarments
- Bible
- Sleepwear & leisure clothing
- Shower shoes (cheap flipflops)

BATHROOM STUFF

- All toiletries
 - o Towel & Washcloth
 - o Soap, Toothbrush & Tooth Paste
 - o Deodorant
 - o Glasses? Contacts? Contact Solution & Case?
- Sunscreen and bug repellent
- Hairbrush? Glasses? Mirror? Bible!!!

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER AT WWW.BIGCREEKMISSIONS.COM/SERVE

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