



Welcome to Big Creek

GET READY TO SERVE

We are excited about the opportunity to work with you on mission this summer! Every year, thousands of students travel to the beautiful mountains of Kentucky with the intentions of making a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. Prepare now—the needs are great here in Kentucky. So we'll expect a lot out of you! Expect to work hard, sweat, get dirty, and love people! There's no room for laziness or apathy here. Christ will change others through you as he works in you!

THE TYPICAL DAY

- 6:40am - wake up!
(yeah, we know, it's early!)
- 7:00 am - breakfast!
(hot breakfasts every day!)
- 8:00 am – morning worship
(We get focused before we serve!)
- 8:45 am – leave for ministry site!
(Get ready for a day of hard work on site!)
- 11:00 – 12:00 lunch on site (time varies)
(You pack your lunch each morning before you leave)
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm – return from ministry sites
(You'll have some free time between 4:30–7:00)
- 5:30 pm – dinner
(We have to eat the food, too, so we keep it good!)
- 7:40 pm-prayer time in the worship area
(Wind down your day with some quiet prayer time)
- 8:00 pm – evening worship (Big Creek Campus)
(Full band with focused worship music & teaching)
- 9:15 pm – church group time
(private sharing time with your church group)
- 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!

REGISTER ONLINE

Prior to your arrival at Big Creek, you will register yourself at www.bigcreekmissions.com/go. There, you will choose your top two ministry choices. Here's how you register online:

- 1) If you've attended before, login!
- 2) If you're new, click "sign up" to create an account then login
- 3) Add your profile (add additional profiles for siblings)
- 4) Make sure parents sign the online permission/release
- 5) Add additional profiles for family or those without internet.

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: Through daycamps in various areas, you'll be sharing the love of Christ with local children. At our daycamps, we provide a summer feeding program, reading program, sports camps, music camps, fun activities, and whatever else YOU bring. Let us know your talents when you register! Bring your talents and skills. We also ask our groups to adopt areas of our daycamps!

See: www.bigcreekmissions.com/volunteerinfo

FOR PARENTS

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

Emergency Number: 606-653-0513 x99 (or text group leader)

Calling Home: Parents: even if your child forgets to call home, NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS! We have a phone available for limited student and adult use for important calls to family. In the event of any injuries or difficulties, we will contact you as soon as we have appropriate information.

Medical Care: We have hospitals and a clinic nearby

Allergies: Our menu is at www.bigcreekmissions.com/go. 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.

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- 1) Create your profile
- 2) Choose your ministries
- 3) Tell us your talents
- 4) Parents / adults sign digitally online!



What To Bring

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: suggested for construction: may be required for some projects. Bring some for safety reasons!
- Closed FOOT shoes: (athletic shoes / boots) Shoes protect the feet – flip flops and crocs don't. Don't bring new shoes – your shoes will get dirty!
- Keep your clothing modest! No negative, offensive, or **political messages**
- No cutoffs / tank tops - we ask everyone to simply wear normal t-shirts throughout the week.
- Swimwear: should be conservative and appropriate:
 - *Guys: no speedos. Yeah, no.
 - *Girls: modest 1 or 2 piece or tankini

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, Bible

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: We have basic coffee & basic creamer. Bring your fancy Kcups & fancy creamer if you want!**
- o A kitchen garbage bag with "odor Neutralizers for dirty clothes!"

MONEY

Here are examples where you might need money:

- Ice Cream Bar:** after dinner, ice cream is \$.50
- The Store** – We have shirts, bottles and several items you may want to purchase. Cost: \$1 - \$22.00
- Offering** - You may have an opportunity to give to a ministry or family in need during the week.
- Wednesday Night Meal** - Your team will eat out!

TOOLS

An N95 mask and safety glasses are very helpful for construction. Construction pros may bring their own tools - however, they are not necessary. We have a decent assortment of Ryobi tools at Big Creek for almost all projects. Contact your group leader for specifics on your project.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- practical joke items, fireworks, alcohol, tobacco products
- anything—including electronics—you don't want broken or lost
- anything distracting to your spiritual growth
- 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
- Swimwear (especially if working with kids)
- Shower shoes (cheap flipflops)

BATHROOM STUFF

- All toiletries
 - o Towel & Washcloth
 - o Soap, Toothbrush & Tooth Paste
 - o Deodorant
 - o Contact Solution & Case?
- Sunscreen and bug repellent

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