



# It's Your Mission Trip

*Adult Chaperone Information*

## *It's a Mission, Not Camp*

We are thankful that you have chosen to give your time to serve at Big Creek Missions! Big Creek is a unique place with a unique focus. Year after year, we are blessed with incredible teams who allow us to minister to a community in great need. Our focus is simple . . .

### **AT BIG CREEK . . .**

**WORSHIP** takes priority over work  
**PEOPLE** take priority over a project  
**SURRENDER** rids of selfishness

We understand you want to see results from your mission trip and want to make sure you finish a project while you are here. First of all, we hope you realize that your mission trip is a small part of what we do here at Big Creek. We also want you to realize that by going on a mission trip, you're not going to be able to fix all the problems in our area. Those problems are too numerous.

How can we go fix someone else if we can't even fix ourselves? You see, our purpose on mission is to first allow Christ to change us. As we allow Him to change us, then He can (and will) use us to change others! This concept is why we place the highest importance on worship and the teaching of God's word at Big Creek. You will quickly realize - Big Creek is NOT a summer camp for students. **It's a place where you, as an adult, can also experience life change.** As we serve on mission for Christ, all of us are changed because we encounter His power at work in our lives!

## *Come prepared to serve*

"A leader is one who knows the way,  
shows the way,  
and goes the way!"

As an adult here at Big Creek, you will work with our staff to create a positive, encouraging environment where we worship through our work! Adults are expected to set a good example, to work hard, and show our community our love for Christ through our actions.

We ask our adults to set positive examples. Adults can't be lazy, whiney, or complaining. Be energetic and passionate! Use the skills the Lord has given you to lead on your site. Our staff are here to support you as you serve on YOUR mission trip! We hope you'll take the attitude of Christ – the attitude of a servant – and come to serve, not to be served!

## *Serving in Construction ministry*

At Big Creek, we spend a lot of time renovating homes. Renovating is difficult, as we can't perfectly estimate supplies, needs, and tools. Regardless, we want to provide excellent work to the homeowner. As you serve on construction, we can't always make things look perfect. We simply want to create a safe & clean, environment for the family. Be patient, as you never know what to expect up here!

\*\*At [www.bigcreekmissions.com/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/go) you'll find links to our construction information page! Check it out!  
\*\*TRUCKS are always needed... Trailers are very helpful  
\*\*Until your entire team has registered, we won't know what project your team will be assigned to. We need to know skills before we assign projects.

## *Serving with Children*

The Children's ministry is an exciting outreach for our community. Remember – these kids have experienced plenty of VBS programs, BYB clubs, and other Christian events. They've had plenty of mission groups coming in with the goal of getting them to "raise their hands to accept Christ." We DO want to evangelize the lost, but also want to disciple the believers. Let's challenge them to live the Christ-life! **Groups are expected to help us plan our summer daycamps. Follow along at [www.bigcreekmissions.com/volunteerinfo](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/volunteerinfo)** (password is kids2024) If your students have a talent, make sure they bring their equipment (guitars, game supplies, animal balloons, etc). Thank you for serving our children! Get ready for a great experience as we provide a high-energy, passionate week of daycamps for children!

## *Serving in Community Ministry*

We love our community! This ministry offers very practical opportunities to show Christ's love to our community. Some days you may be working directly with people, and some days you'll be serving behind the scenes with different ministries and programs. You will fall in love with your community as you serve in the following ways:

- Lawn care for Widows & Elderly
- Nursing home or adult daycare ministries
- Food & Clothing distributions
- Clothing center organization and distribution
- School & Community cleanup
- Service projects
- Cleaning & Maintenance at different facilities

*Don't forget to register at*  
[www.bigcreekmission.com/go](http://www.bigcreekmission.com/go)

## *Worship Services & Schedule*

Our worship services are simple and Christ-focused. We don't play on emotions. We simply teach and sing truth. Each summer, we choose a book in God's word to do a verse-by-verse study of that book. We utilize upbeat and current scripturally supported worship music to help our teams recognize the life changing truths found in God's Word. The teaching will be relevant to ALL ages and will challenge every volunteer.

The schedule is designed so that we can reach out to residents in our area while understanding the needs of your students. Your day at Big Creek will consist of a healthy balance of WORSHIP, WORK, & FELLOWSHIP!

## *Transportation*

Your group leader will be planning transportation for your group. Keep the following in mind:

\*All vehicles driven to Big Creek will be utilized to transport volunteers, supplies, and tools to and from the worksite. Groups are responsible for their fuel.

\***Please leave one seat open in each vehicle.** This gives room for a staff member OR it gives room for ministry supplies.

\***Trucks** are very helpful for construction. Trailer hitches are also helpful for all ministries! Your team is responsible to haul lumber to the site!

\*Even if you do not drive a vehicle, you may be asked to drive a Big Creek vehicle (if it's available) or, your group leader may ask you to switch and drive one of your church vehicles.

\*Large bus drivers (16+ passengers) do not typically work in construction ministry, as those vehicles cannot travel to our construction sites. Rather, these vehicles and drivers are utilized in community and children's ministries. We do not recommend any vehicles over 22 passengers. We strongly recommend cars, trucks, mini-vans, and 11 / 15 passenger vans.

## *About Big Creek*

Big Creek is an independent mission center that started in 2003 as a one week mission trip for one church. Since its beginnings the Lord has blessed the center with great growth. Now, we have expanded to TWO full time mission centers with facilities that have been renovated for teams.

As a mission center, we go out into the community and meet the needs of residents, partner with local pastors and churches, and serve our community in the name of Christ. We evangelize the lost and minister to believers.

We are funded by your donations. We are not funded by major government grants nor are we denominationally supported. The money you pay to come to Big Creek makes up the large majority of our support.

## *About our Leadership and Staff*

Big Creek is led by a board of directors, and daily operations are managed by our year round staff. During the summer, we hire several college students and young adults to assist with the ministry.

**Kevin Rogers, Founder and Executive Director**  
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### **Summer Staff**

You will be impressed with the hard-working staff at Big Creek. Each summer, we recruit several college-age students to help guide and direct the groups who serve at Big Creek. They will most likely be rather young. However, the staff are well versed in the methods and purposes of Big Creek missions. They will be working alongside you to assist in ministry. They are not here to dictate, command, or play power games. They are servant leaders here to assist in YOUR mission trip. Many are also "in-training" as vocational ministers & missionaries.

Please join with the staff in creating a positive environment that encourages unity, growth, and ministry. Let us look together, as one body, at the needs in this community, and in our own ministry groups, to see how we may be used to make an eternal impact.

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**\*\*Can I bring my kids under age 12?** Yes! Please note that you'll be serving with them, and responsible for them.

**\*\*What about food allergies?** Our menus are here:  
Big Creek Campus: [www.bigcreekmissions.com/menu](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/menu)  
Wheelwright: [www.bigcreekmissions.com/wwmenu](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/wwmenu)

**\*\*What about cell phones and Wi-Fi?** Cell phones are spotty at best. WIFI is available to adult chaperones at Big Creek.

**\*\*Who do I contact with questions?**  
First, please talk with your group leader. If they don't know the answer to your questions, please read our summer missions page at [www.bigcreekmissions.com/summer](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/summer)

To help streamline communications, please direct your questions to your group leader and have them contact us!

**\*\*Where can I read more about the trip?** Everything about our summer missions is available at [www.bigcreekmissions.com/summer](http://www.bigcreekmissions.com/summer)

**Emergency Line:** Our **Big Creek Campus** Emergency number is: 888-355-4055 Extension 99 – leave a message and it will be sent to all senior staff. It's advisable to also call or TEXT your group leader. Texting is always best due to cell phone coverage.