

# Greenfield Hill Church Appalachia Service Project Trip June 27 to July 4 2026 Information Packet



## Introduction to Greenfield Hill and ASP:

Our week of service is through the **Appalachia Service Project, Inc. ([asphome.org](http://asphome.org))**. Since 1978, Greenfield Hill Church has been a faithful participant in ASP's summer camp for high school youth wishing to serve God's people through home repair for families in need. This summer will be SPF's 48th ASP mission trip!

ASP runs its summer program for seven weeks each summer, at 18-20 different locations ('centers') throughout Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia. These centers are run by ASP camp staff: college students who are trained in youth leadership and home repair skills. The staff review applications from families in need, and choose the homes that will be worked on over the summer.



Church youth groups come from all over the country to participate in their week of service, repairing the homes that have been chosen for service. Greenfield Hill Church traditionally participates in Week 4 of this seven-week program.

Please note that GHCC participants will be divided among at least four different ASP centers during our week of service, due to the size of our group. While every effort will be made to keep in mind request for center placements, each center is a mix of ages, schools and genders - it's essential to enter into this experience with an openness to meeting new people!

## What are the requirements for ASP participation?

Any current 9th through 12th grader who is an active member of SPF is welcome to apply to participate in the Appalachia trip. Those participating in the trip have the following requirements: *(next page)*

○ Attendance as often as possible at SPF meetings

○ After successful registration, sign up for a meeting with Alida (sign up dates will be offered over the course of the year).

○ Attendance at trip preparation meetings:

These meetings will be held on Sunday, Feb. 22; Sunday March 22; and Sunday, May 17 -- all at 7:00 p.m. (There will be 'make up' meetings on the Tuesday evening following, for those who can't make it on Sunday) A

fourth meeting, specifically for new participants, will be on Sunday afternoon, May 31, when we'll have offer construction training!



○ Fundraising events:

(1) 'Evening for Appalachia' auction fundraiser, taking place March 27, 2026. Our most significant fundraiser, the Evening for Appalachia depends on all ASP families to provide support through contributions of auction items, and attendance at the event.

(2) Dogwood Festival, May 9-10: Festival proceeds are contributed to the ASP effort; all youth participate by working at least one 3-hour shift.

## Itinerary

On Saturday, June 27, we will meet at 7:00 a.m. at Fairfield University. Coach buses will take us to **James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA** where we spend the first night.

On Sunday, June 28, after morning worship together, we break into our work crews, each with its own transportation and travel to our ASP centers.

From Monday to Friday (June 29 to July 3), We will begin every day with breakfast and devotions, work on our homes from 8 to 4, and then be back together in the evening for free time, dinner, chores, and 'evening gathering.:

On Saturday, July 4: Around 7 a.m., we will leave our work centers in the morning, return to JMU to catch the bus home ... arriving in Fairfield around 10:00 p.m.

Sunday evening, July 5: "Welcome home" dinner at Greenfield Hill Church!

## **Behavior expectations on the trip:**

The Appalachia Service Project is a faith-based Christian ministry. Participants are expected to behave accordingly! Youth must be prepared to live responsibly in community for a week, respecting ASP's theology of service, respecting the ASP staff, and respecting all other participants in the trip.

**Violations of ASP and GHCC's codes of conduct can result in being sent home from the experience.**

## **Parent support expectations:**

We rely on parents in a number of ways! We depend heavily on parent participation to reach the required number of chaperones (more on that below). We also look for support of our 'Evening for Appalachia' through donations and participation -- and vehicles for our trip transportation (more below).

## **Where does everyone stay?**

ASP Centers are based in whatever space the communities make available to ASP. Normally, that's a middle or high school. ASP participants sleep on the floors of classrooms or the school gym, with each person bringing an air mattress and sleeping bag to sleep on! Meals are provided by ASP and prepared by cooks from the community. Showers are either the school showers, or a shower trailer brought in by ASP.

## **What's the actual work like?**

ASP has always included a little bit of everything! painting ... ditch-digging... roof repair roof construction... plumbing ... adding a new room... fixing rotting floors... building a porch

ASP chooses its projects with teens in mind; unlike other home-building ministries, ASP has always been geared toward teen participants. The tasks selected are those which young teens can do, and do well.



## Are participants placed with their friends?

Because our group is so large, we will be divided into as many as four different centers. The center groups are divided to ensure a mix of ages, schools, and ASP experience at each county. Youth are given the chance to let us know some names of people they would hope to be with ... and we will bear these in mind. But please note that **each center is a mix --- it's essential to enter into this experience with an openness to meeting new people!**

Each participant is assigned to a particular work crew, a mix of age, gender and experience. A crew is made up of 5 youth and 2 adult advisors .

## How many adult chaperones are there, and who are they?

The adult/youth ratio on the trip is quite intense: two adults for every five youth. In 2026, we will need 90 adult participants. These adults come from the church community and the community as a whole: we especially welcome interested parents to participate, as well as older siblings, teachers, and others who have an interest



in serving others side-by-side with our teenagers. *Interested adults: please take a look at our ASP page ([greenfieldhillchurch.com/asp](http://greenfieldhillchurch.com/asp)) to read up on Adult leader expectations and information.*

Note that parents are normally placed in the same center with their child, but never on the same work crew!

## What Does the Trip Cost?

The fee for each youth participant is \$775 (\$750 if paid by check). A \$175 deposit must be received with the application, and the remaining \$600 (\$575 by check) is due May 1. If plans change, the deposit can be refunded up to March 1. The final payment can be refunded before June 1. Because youth payments do not cover anywhere near the total trip cost, families are also asked to participate in the fundraisers (listed above), which raise the remaining costs.