

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) 2018 **Sun June 10 – Sat June 16**

What is ASP?

ASP is a home repair ministry whose goal is to make homes warmer, safer & drier. It is much more than home repair, however; it is a relational ministry in which meaningful connections are made between volunteers and the homeowners served, between volunteers & ASP staff members, and among the youth and adults who travel down together and form our ASP team. It is our hope that each person will find deeper spiritual meaning and a closer connection to God.

What is the cost?

Cost of the trip is approximately \$750 per person. There are two main components of the cost. First, there is a \$325 **non-refundable** fee paid to ASP. Next, the remainder of the cost pays for the vans, gasoline and incidentals on the trip (the cost varies year to year, depending on the cost of van rental and gas). Included in the cost are the “accommodations” (yes, there are still costs involved with staying at a school!), meals, building supplies used on the job site, and some incidentals, most notably, nightly ice cream☺. The following **non-refundable** deposits will apply: \$300 youth, \$200 adult, \$100 college student. The balance above the deposit for youth depends on fundraising activities as described below.

How is the cost reduced for youth?

The cost of the trip is reduced by participating in fundraisers and ASP Study Sessions to earn Mission Points. Mission Points are tallied each time a youth participates in a fundraiser or study session. The more Mission Points that are earned, the lower the cost of the youth’s trip. The amount of money earned by all fundraisers + donations given are totaled in May and then divided by the number of Mission Points earned. That figure becomes the amount awarded for each mission point. Thus, a youth who participates more fully (earning more mission points) will earn a larger portion of the pie which means a lower cost of the trip beyond the required deposits. Usually, if a youth fully participate there is no additional cost beyond the required deposits, however please note that **DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Parents of youth are expected to participate in running the various fundraisers. You will always be paired with another experienced adult – don’t worry, it’s easy!

When are the Fundraisers & Study Sessions this year?

Oct. 7-29	Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 22	<i>Half of deposit due</i>
Nov. 19	Soup Sale Fundraiser
Dec. 10	Soup Sale Fundraiser
Jan 28	Study Session 1 – <i>Balance of deposit due</i>
Feb 11	Desert Auction Fundraiser
March 4	(Other fundraiser)
March 18	Soup Sale Fundraiser- Study Session 2

April 15 **Study Session 3**
May 12 **Study Session 4**
June 2- Forms/Final payments due

These dates and other important dates can be found on the Bay Methodist web site www.bayumc.org. On the left side of the home page is a link to Appalachian Service under which you'll find important dates, packing tips and a description of a typical day/week at ASP. Please explore and let us know what other questions you might have.

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