

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) 2019-2020
Sun June 7 – Sat June 13, 2020

What is ASP?

ASP is a home repair ministry with the goal 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 to Appalachia together and form our ASP team.

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 \$350 per person fee paid to ASP. This fee pays for supplies, housing/meals and ASP operating costs. Next, the remainder of the cost pays for the rental vans, gasoline and “van money” used for incidentals, most notably, nightly ice cream☺. The following **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposits will apply: \$325 youth, \$225 adult, \$100 college student. The deposit is non-refundable because the \$350 payment to ASP is non-refundable. The deposits are paid in two installments, one in October and one in January. 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 participates there is little or 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?

There will be a separate ASP Calendar with upcoming dates.

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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