



**FCC Family
Appalachia
Mission Trip**
through Big Creek Missions

**Leslie County, Kentucky
March 17 - 22**

Open to all adults & students in Grades 7-12

Trip Information Packet

Who

All adults and students in Grades 7-12 are invited to participate.

What

This is the Big Creek Missions Trip, in which a group of FCC members travel down to Leslie County, Kentucky to serve the Lord through various projects and community outreach.

Where

We will be housed at the Big Creek Missions facilities. Big Creek Missions is located about 40 miles east of I-75 between London and Hazard Kentucky. This organization began in 2002 when some individuals recognized the need to serve the wonderful people in Appalachia. In 2008, Big Creek Missions was able to obtain a long-term lease on the old Big Creek School and called it their new home. Big Creek offers a full-size commercial kitchen and housing with approximately 180 bunk beds with mattresses. All the rooms are air-conditioned/heated and there are 14 showers and ample toilets and sinks. There is also a gymnasium. There are several acres of open fields, volleyball net, two playgrounds, ball field and a small picnic pavilion.

When

The team will depart from the church after the second service on Sunday, March 17th, and we will return to Columbus on the evening of Friday, March 22nd. This is the week of BCSC spring break.

Why

This experience introduces adults and teens to missions in a setting that is very non-threatening. It is purposely designed to instill in each participant a taste for further service in world-wide mission fields. Not to mention it's fun and will surely be filled with memories you'll never forget.

How

Big Creek works with various local organizations to help meet the needs of residents in the community. Some of the projects include helping sort and distribute food, serve local churches through outreach events, sorting and distributing clothes. Other projects are visiting local children's daycares, adult daycares, nursing homes, and veterans' centers. If they choose, volunteers can also help with much needed repairs on local homes. Projects include: roofing, flooring, siding, porches, wheelchair ramps, doors, windows, weatherization, framing, and many other building-related assignments.

Cost

Total cost: \$175

- Part of this includes the **nonrefundable \$25 deposit** due with the application
- If fee assistance is needed, applicants may make a request to the Missions Ministry Team of First Christian Church. Please make the request at missions@fccoc.org by February 17

3 ways to pay:

- Self-pay
- Partial self-pay, partial fundraising
- All fundraising (aside from \$25 deposit)

Fundraising

- We will be hosting a fundraising luncheon on Sunday, January 20th after the second service.

Payment Schedules

- \$25/person deposit due with application by January 21, 2019
- Total funding due by March 3, 2019, \$175/person

Additional Costs

- You may bring cash for The Store. The Store has snacks, gum, water bottles, t-shirts, and several other simple items you may want to purchase.

Important Dates

****NO ONE can miss the March 3 Pre-Trip Training.**

Other trip meetings may be needed as we prepare for this week of service.

January 20	Fundraising Luncheon after second service
January 21	Application and \$25/person deposit deadline, non-refundable
February 17	Last date to ask Missions Ministry Team for fee assistance.
March 3	ALL PERSONAL FUNDING MUST BE COMPLETE
*March 3	MANDATORY—PRE-TRIP TRAINING, 3:00-5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. (Failure to attend will cancel the participant's position on the trip roster.)
March 17	Mission Trip!!!! Leave <u>Sunday at 1p</u> and return on <u>Friday late afternoon</u> .

***Mandatory Function**

Requirements

The following requirements for the Appalachia Mission Trip show the importance of this privilege. Submitting an application shows your commitment to follow-through and completion of tasks. The following dates and requirements are not to be taken lightly and must be completed in order for you to be a participant on this trip.

1. You must commit to the trip by January 21, 2019. The completed application and the \$25/person non-refundable deposit may be turned in at the office prior to January 21. The \$25 is your personal financial commitment to the trip and will not be covered by fundraising.
2. Trip Finances
 - The FCC Missions Ministry Team requires that each participant raises or contributes 100% of the individual cost for the trip. Participants have **3 ways of paying** for the trip:
 - Self pay 100%.
 - Partial self pay with fundraising the balance.
 - Fundraising the entire amount (except the deposit).
 - All funds are due by March 3, 2019. Any balance due must be paid by check or cash. Participants may choose to pay the entire amount and not raise funds by sending letters or participating in fundraising events.
 - If through your best efforts in fundraising you are short the needed funds, you may apply for assistance from the Missions Ministry Team of FCC. The last date to apply for assistance is prior to February 17, 2019.
 - Other than team fundraisers all solicitation for funds will be done on an individual basis and not on church property.
 - You should send prompt thank-you notes to anyone who answers your request with a donation.
3. Participants are encouraged to secure personal prayer partners to pray for them in preparation for the trip, during the time away.
4. The March 3rd meeting from 3-5p **cannot be missed**. This is the Pre-Trip Orientation & Training meeting. Failure to attend will cancel the participant's name from the trip roster.
5. Participants will be introduced and prayed for on March 17 in both worship services.
6. Background checks are required for all adult participants.
7. While on the trip participants will:
 - Be required to stay with the group schedule at all times and submit to the leadership authority of the trip supervisors.
 - Be required to help with meal preparation, set-up, clean-up, work projects, devotions, and any other task deemed necessary to make the trip successful.
 - Phones are discouraged but permissible, but there is limited reception.

Power of Attorney/Medical Care form requiring notary should be completed and turned in by Sunday, March 5. Notary from FCC not available for departure on the 12th.

Mission Trip Application for Big Creek Missions

March 17-22, 2019

Please fill in all questions. One application per person. Application is due in the office, January 21, 2019, along with a \$25 non-refundable deposit per person. Make checks payable to FCC. Submit application to First Christian Church 531 5th Street, Columbus IN 47201

Name _____ Nickname _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First Middle Initial

Home Address _____ Phone # (Home) _____

City _____ (Cell) _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Work Phone # _____

Background check is required for all adults. FCC will obtain background checks for those not already on file at FCC.

OR

Student's School _____ Grade _____

Emergency contact _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Person: Home Phone # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

Are you willing to drive your own personal vehicle? Yes No Church van? Yes No

Have you ever been on a short-term mission trip? Yes No

If yes, where and when? _____

Please state why you want to go on this trip.

Describe your personal strengths:

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What is your personal goal for this trip?

I agree to meet all the requirements for the Big Creek trip. I will abstain from alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs use while on the trip. If my application is approved, I agree to abide by the leadership of the team leader and/or secondary team leader in all areas of trip activities. This is a crucial element for the success of the trip and for the safety of all team members.

Signature

Date