



FCC Family Appalachia Mission Trip

March 15-20, 2020

Open to all adults and students

Students must be at least 7th graders to participate

Students may attend without parents, as chaperones will be provided, but parents are welcome & encouraged to attend.

**Big Creek Missions
Leslie County, Kentucky**



FCC Family Appalachia Mission Trip 2020 Information Packet

Trip Purpose: To introduce adults, teens and families to missions in a setting that is very non-threatening. This experience is purposely designed to instill in each participant a taste for further service in world-wide mission fields.

Who Can Come: Any attendee of FCC (students must be at least 7th grade). Parents are highly encouraged to attend this trip with their child, but students can attend without a parent. Staff and others will act as chaperones for students traveling without parents.

Date of Trip: March 15-20, 2020. We leave at 12:00p on the 15th and return on the 20th.

About the Mission: Big Creek Missions humbly recognizes the need for Christ, and truly wants to be a bright light in the community reflecting His Glory. Big Creek Missions is located about 40 miles east of I-75 between London and Hazard Kentucky. Big Creek Missions 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 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 veteran's centers. Volunteers 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 type projects. 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.

Cost of the Trip: The total cost of this trip is \$175; \$25/person deposit is due with application and is non-refundable. This mission project is a cooperative effort between trip participants and their sponsors. The 3 ways of paying for the trip:

- Self pay 100%
 - Partial self pay with fundraising the balance
 - Fundraising the entire amount (except for \$25 personal deposit)
- ONE FUNDRAISER IS PLANNED FOR February 2nd, a Super Bowl snack/bake sale before, between and after church.

Each person will need to submit a \$25/person non-refundable deposit with their commitment application. ALL participants need to be 100% funded by March 1, 2020 (combined team and personal fundraising). Participants may choose to pay the entire amount and not do fundraising letters.

Additional Money: 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. Cost is \$.50-\$7.00.

Payment Schedule: Due with application by February 9, 2020, \$25/person deposit, non-refundable. Total funding due by March 1, 2020, \$175/person.

Fee Assistance Information: Applicants may request fee assistance from the Missions Ministry Team of First Christian Church. If assistance is needed, please request at missions@fccoc.org by February 9.

Dates to Know for Appalachia Mission Trip 2020

****NO ONE can miss the March 8 Pre-Trip Training.**

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

- February 9** Application and \$25/person deposit deadline, non-refundable
- February 9** Last date to ask Missions Ministry Team for fee assistance.
- March 1** ALL PERSONAL FUNDING MUST BE COMPLETE (See page #3 on requirements).
- *March 8** ***MANDATORY—PRE-TRIP TRAINING, 5:00p. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.*** (Failure to attend will cancel the participant's position on the trip roster.)
- March 15** Introductions at both worship services.
- March 15** Mission Trip!!!! Leave Sunday at 12:00p and return on Friday late afternoon.

***Mandatory Function**

REQUIREMENTS FOR FCC APPLACHIA 2020 MISSION TRIP

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. **Parents are highly encouraged to attend this trip with their child.** However, students may go on the mission trip without a parent. Staff and others will act as chaperones for students traveling without parents.

2. You must commit to the trip by February 9, 2020. The completed application and the \$25/person non-refundable deposit may be turned in at the office prior to February 9. The \$25 is your personal financial commitment to the trip and will not be covered by fundraising.

3. 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 1, 2020. 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 9, 2020.
 - 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.

4. Participants are encouraged to secure personal prayer partners to pray for them in preparation for the trip, during the time away.

5. The March 8, meeting (5:00p) **cannot be missed.** This is the Pre-Trip Orientation & Training meeting. Failure to attend will cancel the participant's name from the trip roster.

6. Participants will be introduced and prayed for on March 15 in both worship services.

7. Background checks are required for all adult participants.

8. 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.

9. After the trip, participants will:
 - Be required to submit a follow-up one-page summary, daily journal or creative media presentation about what was learned on the trip. Journal notes kept during the trip will help in the creation of this document. This must be given to the Big Creek leadership team on or before March 29, 2020.

10. General information:
 - Adults may need booster vaccinations and children may need vaccinations before the trip. This is at the parent's discretion. Check now with your family doctor for recommendations. Some vaccinations are given in a series.

NOTE:

Power of Attorney/Medical Care form requiring notary should be completed and turned in by Sunday, March 8. Notary from FCC not available for departure on the 15th.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP APPLICATION FOR BIG CREEK MISSIONS, MARCH 15-20, 2020

Please fill in all questions. One application per person. Application is due in the office, February 1, 2020, 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 # _____
City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Work Phone # _____

A background check is required for all adults. If not on file a background form will need to be completed.

OR

Student's School _____ Grade _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact Phone #(s) _____

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:

Describe your personal weaknesses:

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