



Dear Group Leader:

Good Neighbors' 2021 Summer Program is a great Missions Opportunity for your youth, adult, or inter-generational group!

Participants will have the opportunity to use their physical labor to serve God as **"Doers of the Word"** (James 1:22); and will return home knowing they *really made a difference*.

Our Summer Program is a home repair ministry (open to all skill levels) serving the "working poor" of Central Appalachia ("America's Third World"). It is a chance for your group to experience a whole new culture without having to apply for a passport or even board a plane!

In many cases, the work performed by the group will **make the difference** between a family's sickness and health, safety, or even the ability of the family to stay together.

An example of a project completed by Good Neighbors' volunteers is a three bedroom addition for a *family of 9, who were living in a two bedroom trailer*. Abe, a hard working coal miner, and his wife Susan, took in 3 children (in addition to 4 of their own) after their mother (Susan's sister) was killed in a car accident. Abe's income from the mines is sufficient to feed the family, but he could not afford to add-on extra rooms for 7 kids. Without the additional rooms, the kids would have been placed in foster care.

High school volunteers, and their adult group leaders, from Minnehaha Academy (MN), Springton Lake Presbyterian (PA) and St. Lukes Lutheran (MN) not only provided adequate shelter for this family; they also began to repair a broken relationship between the family and Jesus Christ!

During the week, groups not only do physical labor, their spiritual lives are also given attention through devotions, music, and challenges for **"life after the mission trip"**.

Additionally, Good Neighbors is a year round presence, not just a summer mission organization. We are recognized as part of the community rather than "outsiders". We are members of the Chamber of Commerce, and are very involved in local activities. This allows our participants to have a *very real and unique Cultural Experience* with Appalachian people, places, and events.

Show God's love through your work - Make new friends - Build stronger relationships - Experience a new culture - Have an adventure - ***Join us this Summer for an experience you won't forget!***



God Bless,

*Jason Benedict*

Jason Benedict  
-President

2021  
SUMMER  
MISSIONS



**ON A MISSION FROM GOD**



**GOOD NEIGHBORS' SUMMER MISSIONS**  
**REPAIRING HOMES**  
**RESTORING HOPE**



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Many frequently asked questions are answered here.  
Additional questions? Contact us at:

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# Volunteer Application Guidelines

1. Complete the Application Form on the following page and mail it to Good Neighbors with the initial deposit.
2. Read “Rules, Regulations, and Expectations” before signing.
3. File copies of everything you send in; we recommend your group’s leader(s) keep copies of all members’ medical forms on-hand during the trip.
4. Send on or before the deadline: **to:**
  - Completed application form
  - \$50/participant deposit

**Good Neighbors, Inc.  
Volunteer Dept.  
P.O. Box 640  
Staffordsville, Ky 41256**

*All parts of application must be received before your group is scheduled*

5. Applying groups will be scheduled on a *first come-first serve* basis. This acceptance is dependent upon all parts of the application being complete. **The early enrollment deadline is 1/1/2021**; however, we recommend completion ASAP in order to secure your desired dates!
6. Please provide your *e-mail address* on the application to expedite confirmation of your scheduled mission dates.
7. A preparatory packet will be emailed upon approval.
8. The \$50/participant registration fee is transferable, but non-refundable, unless we are unable to schedule your group on the proposed dates.
9. A second deposit of **\$150/participant is required by 3/15/2021**. The remainder of the balance is due upon arrival at our location. If a participant sends a deposit but is unable to attend *it can be transferred to another participant*.



## 2021 GROUP APPLICATION

Church/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Available: \_\_\_\_\_ (am/pm)

**Summer Program Weeks:** (Number all possible – 1= most preferable...etc.)

____ <b>Week 1:</b> May 30-June 5	____ <b>Week 8:</b> July 18-24	<b>Other Dates:</b>
____ <b>Week 2:</b> June 6 - 12	____ <b>Week 9:</b> July 25- 31	_____
____ <b>Week 3:</b> June 13 - 19	____ <b>Week 10:</b> Aug. 1-7	_____
____ <b>Week 4:</b> June 20 - 26	____ <b>Week 11:</b> Aug. 8-14	_____
____ <b>Week 5:</b> June 27-July 3	____ <b>Week 12:</b> Aug. 15-21	_____
____ <b>Week 6:</b> July 4-10	____ <b>Week 13:</b> Aug. 22-28	
____ <b>Week 7:</b> July 11-17	____ <b>Other (Non-Summer)</b>	

**Group Application Form**

**Type of Group:** (please check)

- Youth
- College
- Adult

**Projected Group Size**

\_\_\_\_\_ # age under 18  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # ages 18-20  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # ages 21+

*Good Neighbors, Inc. commits to providing an unforgettable experience for your group!*

**We ask the following of you:**

- We will abide by Good Neighbors' "Rules, Regulations, and Expectations."
- Registration fee of \$50/participant is included with this application.
- We will pay all required fees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Contact Person*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



2021 Fee and Schedule for Summer Groups

	Registration (Person)	Deposit (Person)	Balance (Person)	Total (Person)
<b>Early (before 1/1/2021):</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$425</b>
Regular: (after 1/1/2021):	\$50	\$150	\$245	\$445

**Schedule**

Registrations, Deposits & Balances	Amount	Due Date
Registration Fee (per person):	\$50	With Application
Deposit (per person):	\$150	3/15/2021
Balance (person) early enrollment:	\$225	2 Weeks Prior to Arrival
Without early enrollment:	\$245	

**Important Dates:**

- 1/1/2021      Receive an early enrollment discount! Have your application submitted before this date for a savings of \$20/volunteer! Don't wait until the end – remember we are on a first-come, first serve basis.
- 3/15/2021      Skill sheets, Individual Registration/Medical Information Forms (all included in the informational packet) and Volunteer Deposits are due!
- 2 Weeks Prior to Arrival      Fee Balance, Liability and Medical Release Forms are due. Get ready for a great week!

**YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION HAS 3 PARTS**

1. Your application form
2. \$50/participant registration fee
3. Accepting the “Rules, Regulations, and Expectations” before signing



## **Rules, Regulations, and Expectations**

- ❑ **Have a Great Experience! Expect the unexpected! Watch God work! Enjoy the culture, work to the best of your ability, and focus on relationship building!**
- ❑ **Good Neighbors staff has overall responsibility for work project expectations. Directions from the staff are to be observed.**
- ❑ **Group leaders are responsible for the safety and conduct of their volunteers. This includes enforcing Good Neighbors “Rules, Regulations, and Expectations”.**
- ❑ **Only participants ages 18 and over are allowed to check out power tools. Participants under age 18 may only use power tools under the direct supervision of and at the discretion of their group leader, who is ultimately responsible for their safety.**
- ❑ **Always keep safety your top priority, as well as being sensitive to the family you are serving. If a family requests you stop an activity, please respect their wishes.**
- ❑ **Possession or use of illegal drugs is strictly forbidden. Violators may be asked to return home immediately at the group’s expense.**
- ❑ **Work Dress: We strongly recommend wearing shirts, long pants, and sturdy shoes at the work site for safety reasons.**
- ❑ **After Hours: Clothing displaying drug or alcohol slogans, or foul language/themes is not acceptable. In short, use your head. You are representatives of Christ to the community. Dress accordingly!**
- ❑ **Each work crew must provide their own transportation to the work site. Each work crew must also have an adult group leader present at all times.**
- ❑ **Sexual Harassment – Ya’ll know what it is, and it won’t be tolerated! If you feel you are being harassed, notify your group leader and/or Good Neighbors’ staff immediately!**
- ❑ **Be smart! You already know this stuff. Just conduct yourself in a Christian-like manner and enjoy the trip to its fullest!**

# Typical schedule...

## Sunday Evening

- Check-in
- Dinner and Orientation
- Activities and Group Leader Meeting

## Monday - Thursday

- 7:30 Wake-up, breakfast, pack lunch, morning debrief
- 8:30 Load Supplies and depart to worksites
- 9:00 - 4:30 Work at mission sites
- 6:00 Dinner, evening events and free time
- 11:00 Lights out

## Friday

- 7:30 Wake-up, breakfast, pack lunch, morning debrief
- 8:30 Load Supplies and depart to worksites
- 9:00 - 3:00 Work at mission sites
- 3:30-5:30 Return supplies and tools to our warehouse
- 6:00 Cookout (invite the family your group has helped)
- 9:00 Clean-up and Debriefing
- 11:00 Lights out

## Saturday

- Continental Breakfast and check-out

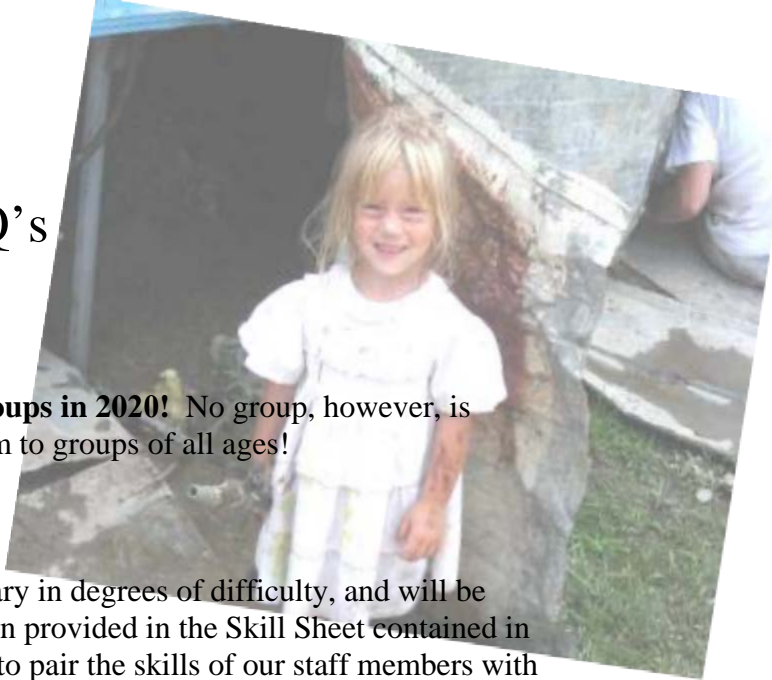
***A more detailed schedule will be given at check-in.***

# Items to bring...

- ✓ Work clothes (t-shirts and jeans are recommended)
  - ✓ Shoes appropriate for work (no open-toed shoes, flip-flops, etc.)
  - ✓ Clothes for free time and evening programs (flip flops are great for this!)
  - ✓ Bathing suit (remember to be modest)
  - ✓ Air Mattress, sleeping bag or sheets and pillow
  - ✓ Toiletries & bath towel
  - ✓ Water bottle
  - ✓ Sunscreen
  - ✓ Bug Repellant
  - ✓ First aid kit (1 per work crew)
  - ✓ Personal tools:
    - Hammer
    - Tape Measure
    - Gloves
    - Dust Masks
    - Nail Apron
    - Safety Glasses (sun glasses are acceptable)
    - Pencil and Pen
    - Sharpie Marker
- \* Good Neighbors provides tools for the worksite, but please feel free to bring your tools from home! We understand how great it feels to use your own tools – kinda like putting on a nice pair of broken-in boots!*



## FAQ's



### ❑ *What size group can I bring?*

We are staffed to accommodate **Large Groups in 2020!** No group, however, is too small! **Also**, we custom-fit our program to groups of all ages!

### ❑ *Do I need to have any skills to attend?*

To answer in a word...**No**; Our projects vary in degrees of difficulty, and will be selected for groups based on the information provided in the Skill Sheet contained in the application packet. In addition, we try to pair the skills of our staff members with work crews in a way that will help make the work project flow smoothly.

Our goal is for all groups to return home *knowing their work made a difference* in the life of a family. Based on this, Good Neighbors takes into careful consideration a group's skill level in order to assign the ideal project. Please fill out the Skill Sheet carefully to **avoid the frustration of being assigned to a project that is *too simple* or *too complex* for your group.**

### ❑ *Where will I be staying/accommodations?*

Participants will be lodged in local churches or at our "lodge" depending on your group size. Good Neighbors is a member of the local ministerial association, and has a great relationship with area churches who look forward to hosting our volunteers as part of their local outreach!

### ❑ *In case of emergency, is there sufficient medical care available?*

There are two medical facilities within minutes of our host churches (Highlands Regional Medical Center and Paul B. Hall Hospital - both in Paintsville). Good Neighbors, Inc. has an excellent relationship with both hospitals.

### ❑ *Do you offer discounts for transportation?*

Good Neighbors, Inc. offers its volunteers corporate **discounts through Enterprise**. We include our discount code with the post-application, informational packet.

### ❑ *Where are you located?*

We operate in Eastern Kentucky (Johnson and Floyd Counties). We are located about 2 hours South East of Lexington, KY (3 ½ hours SE of Cincinnati, OH).

□ *What is the cost of your Program?*

The *early enrollment* price is \$425/participant. This price includes lodging, meals, and entertainment. Good Neighbors also supplies the building materials and tools, so your group can pack light!

Early enrollment discounts apply to groups who register for our 2020 Summer Program on or before 1/1/2020. The enrollment price is \$445/participant after 1/1/2020, so apply now!

## *Area Demographics*

### Johnson County

<u>Population</u>	<u>23,856</u>
<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>\$14,051</u>
<u>Median Household Income</u>	<u>\$24,911</u>
<u>High School Graduates 25+</u>	<u>63.8%</u>
<u>Bachelor's Degree 25+</u>	<u>9.3%</u>
<u>Average Home Value</u>	<u>\$64,700</u>
<u>Home Ownership Rate</u>	<u>76.5%</u>
<u>Mean Travel Time work</u>	<u>26.2 min.</u>
<u>People reporting a disability</u>	<u>30.7%</u>
<u>Living below the poverty line</u>	<u>26.6%</u>

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