

ASP 2018 July 8 – 14th

Call(ed) to Action

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Isaiah 6:8

ASP stands for Appalachia Service Project. It is a relationship ministry, open to all people, that addresses the housing needs of Central Appalachia by focusing on making existing homes warmer, safer, and drier.

FAIR WARNING! -- ASP participants are usually housed in school gyms or classrooms (many times without A/C) and quarters can be very tight. Showers may be indoors OR in make-shift outdoor ones with little hot water. Sometimes the cooks are experienced, sometimes not-so-much, and food is usually very basic. Workdays are hard – up by 7 am, then breakfast, lunch making, supply loading, and off to your worksite. We wrap up around 4 pm and then back to the school for supply “unloading”, showers, dinner, and a mandatory evening gathering. Oh, and there are those chores...

BUT – did I mention what **fun** we have? We work hard but laugh harder! We learn so much – about ourselves, each other, and the new friends and families we meet. This trip changes us, and there is a reason so many go back year after year!

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO JOIN OUR TEAM OF 37:

- You must be at least **14** years old
- Print, read, and complete the last page of this reservation form. Forms can be found online on the CPC website or hardcopies in the church office
- Take the form and your **\$225** deposit to the church office **beginning Sun February 18th at 8am** and place in the box marked “ASP”
- **Checks should be made payable to: Cary Presbyterian Church.** If you need scholarship assistance, please speak with Chris Bula or Rev. Lori Pistor.

Please understand that in order to ensure balanced teams we register by “category” - male/female youth, young adult, and adult. When a category is full, a waiting list will be made for that specific group so get your registration forms in!

ALL ASP PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Attend training meetings – important to learn about and prepare ourselves (emotionally and practically) for our ASP experience. **We are planning 2 sessions – held after church – Sunday May 20th and Sunday June 3rd.**
- Attend a construction- based work day **Saturday May 19th** from 8-1 pm. This gives us a chance to learn some skills, help out our CPC family, and begin to work as a team
- Contribute your time & effort in fundraising
- Attend a Commissioning Service on **Sunday July 1st**
- Attend a Bon Voyage Ice Cream Party – usually a few days before we leave –to get our team assignments, packing instructions, and lots of last minute info to get our trip off to a great start!
- Write thank you notes to “Stockholders” while we are on the trip
- Abide by center guidelines while at ASP.
- Tell the congregation about our experience by leading worship on **ASP Sunday July 29th** with a rehearsal on **Saturday July 28th.**

All ASP Participants (new AND returning) are requested to attend all the training meetings. If, for some reason, you are not able to attend (for instance, you are away at college) you **MUST** contact Chris Bula ahead of time.

If you have questions, please contact Chris at chrisbula@gmail.com or by phone 919-454-5495

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Name: _____

Please READ AND INITIAL each of the following:

_____ Yes – I want to go on ASP this year.

_____ I will attend training meetings, fundraising sessions, services, and other related ASP activities

_____ I have attached the **\$225 non-refundable deposit payable to Cary Presbyterian Church** (or complete a scholarship application form – available from Chris Bula). **The deposit is refundable ONLY if we can “fill” your spot with someone from the waiting list.**

Email: _____ (This is our most important method of communication – **please list an account that you check regularly – at least three times a week**)

Parent/Guardian email (if you are a youth): _____

For office use only

Date received _____

Received by _____

Check Number _____ in the amount of \$_____ or Scholarship Form _____