



Welcome to Big Creek

GET READY TO SERVE

We are excited about the opportunity to work with you on mission this summer! Every year, thousands of students travel to the beautiful mountains of Bear Branch, Kentucky with the intentions of making a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. Great things happen in both the lives of the residents and those who serve at Big Creek. Our hope is that you will prepare your heart to serve so that Jesus Christ will change others through you as he works in you!

THE TYPICAL DAY

6:40am - wake up!
(yeah, we know, it's early!)

7:00 am - breakfast!
(hot breakfasts every day!)

8:00 am - morning worship
(We get focused before we serve!)

8:45 am - leave for ministry site!
(Get ready for a day of hard work on site!)

11:00 - 12:00 lunch on site (time varies)
(You pack your lunch each morning before you leave)

3:30 - 4:30 pm - return from ministry sites
(You'll have some free time between 4:30-7:00)

5:30 pm - dinner
(We have to eat the food, too, so we keep it good!)

7:40 pm - prayer time in the worship area
(Wind down your day with some quiet prayer time)

8:00 pm - evening worship
(Full band with focused worship music & teaching)

9:15 pm - church group time
(private sharing time with your church group)

10:45 pm - bedtime!

WHERE YOU'RE LIVING

- You're staying at the Big Creek Missions Center
- 14+ private showers with endless hot water
- 10 bunk rooms w/ twin sized bunk beds & A/C
- Private changing rooms in each bunk room
- 2 hot meals daily, You'll pack your lunch daily
- Large worship area with great sound and lighting.
- 5 acres of land . . . bring your sports equipment!

PHONES AND CAMERAS

Phones can be brought at your group leader's discretion. We encourage you to share GOOD pictures of the ministry you're doing at Big Creek: #BigCreekMissions (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook). Remember: our focus is ministry first!

CHOOSE YOUR MINISTRIES

Prior to your arrival at Big Creek, you will register yourself at www.bigcreekmissions.com/go. There, you will choose your top two ministry choices. You will be teamed with students and adults from your church and other churches who chose the same ministry track! We will do our best to place you in your first choice of ministries. Be flexible, as sometimes we can't always give first choices.

Construction: Many homes in our area need a lot of work – and the people need a lot of love! In Construction, you get to love AND serve the homeowner! You may be roofing, painting, replacing flooring, or any number of tasks. Regardless, you'll have an opportunity to share Christ's love with the homeowner. In construction, long pants are sometimes required, so make sure you bring them!

Community: The Community teams serve by assisting local ministries and residents with their needs. This is one of our most practical and effective ministries where you'll be exposed to some wonderful people. You may be mowing lawns for widows, serving at a clothing or food pantry, or visiting a nursing home. You might help local organizations or schools with maintenance. Regardless, you share the love of Christ in very practical ways.

Children: Through daycamps in various areas, you'll be sharing the love of Christ with local children. At our daycamps, we provide a summer feeding program, reading program, sports camps, music camps, fun activities, and whatever else YOU bring. **If you have any specific talents or skills, tell us when you register online.** Get ready for a high-energy time where we will teach children God's word and them our amazing Jesus

TELL YOUR PARENTS

Basic Email: info@bigcreekmissions.com

Emergency Number: 606-653-0513 ext. 0

Calling Home: Parents: even if your child forgets to call home, NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS! We have a phone available for limited student and adult use for important calls to family. In the event of any injuries or difficulties, we will contact you as soon as we have appropriate information.

Medical Care: We have three hospitals and a clinic nearby

Allergies: If a student has food allergies, please note that at www.bigcreekmissions.com/go. We recommend parents pack and provide substitute items for students if those are needed. Group leaders have access to the basic menu

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Our Group code name is _____

1) Create your profile 2) Choose your ministries 3) Print your permission form 4) Give that to your group leader!



What To Bring

DRESS CODE SUMMARY

We have a simple dress code to help us minister in this community with integrity and promote safety. Expect these to be enforced!

Construction: Long pants may be required – bring a pair or two.
Closed FOOT shoes required (tennis shoes or boots).

Girls-

- clothing (including shorts) should be loose fitting & modest
- no tank-tops or sleeveless shirts
- no clothes with suggestive/negative messages
- swimwear: 1 piece or overlapping tankini
- closed toe shoes (closed FOOT for construction)

Guys

- clothing should be loose fitting & modest
- no tank-tops or sleeveless shirts
- no clothes with negative/suggestive messages
- closed toe shoes (closed FOOT for construction)

Extra Clothing

All participants should pack clothing for a variety of ministries. You should be prepared to work in construction, children's, or community ministries. Laundry may not be available.

OTHER STUFF

- ☐ BIBLE & pen
- ☐ Bedding
 - o **Twin size fitted sheet** (required)
 - o Blanket / sleeping bag
 - o Pillow
- ☐ Medicines, Bible
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ **Optional Items:**
 - o Ear plugs (snorers may be in your room!)
 - o Game stuff for free-time
 - o Water-flavoring packets
 - o 5 plastic grocery bags for your lunches
 - o Extra Snacks for lunches and free time.
 - o Coffee Drinkers: We have a Keurig
 - o A kitchen garbage bag with "odor neutralizers" for dirty clothes!!

MONEY

Here are examples where you might need money:

- ☐ **Ice Cream Bar:** after dinner, ice cream is \$.50 ☐
- ☐ **The Store** – We have shirts, bottles and several items you may want to purchase. Cost: \$.50 - \$20.00
- ☐ **Offering** - You may have an opportunity to give to a ministry or family in need during the week.
- ☐ **Wednesday Night Meal** - Your team will eat out!

TOOLS

For Construction, these tools are VERY helpful:

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| Safety Goggles | N95 Mask |
| Crowbar/Prybar | Paint brush for trimwork |
| Hammer | Bible |

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- practical joke items or fireworks
- expensive electronics - alcohol or tobacco products
- anything you don't want broken or lost
- anything distracting to your spiritual growth
- energy drinks (not allowed on campus or sites)

CLOTHING

You'll need the following clothes:

- ☐ 2-3 pairs pants for outside work (everyone!)
- ☐ Shorts (fingertip length)
- ☐ Modest t-Shirts
- ☐ Tennis shoes (closed foot)
- ☐ Socks & undergarments
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Sleepwear & leisure clothing
- ☐ Swimwear (especially if working with kids)
- ☐ Shower shoes (cheap flipflops)

BATHROOM STUFF

- ☐ All toiletries
 - o Towel & Washcloth
 - o Soap, Toothbrush & Tooth Paste
 - o Deodorant
 - o Contact Solution & Case?
- ☐ Sunscreen and bug repellent
- ☐ Hairbrush? Glasses? Mirror? Bible!!!

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