

Clay County, KY

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Clay County Middle School Quick Reference

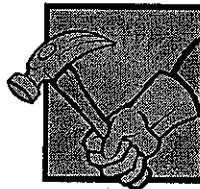
- **Facility Age:** Clay County Middle was built in 1991 and serves as the only middle school in the county. It's a large school, with 5 floors, but ASP will be fairly confined to the second level (plus the gym and cafeteria).
- **Sleeping arrangements:** Volunteers and staff will be sleeping in classrooms. Please bring sleeping bags and small cots or air mattresses. (Please plan to share anything over a single-size mattress)
- **Shower arrangements:** Showers are available in the gym. They're private and plumbed with hot water, but please be mindful to take quick showers since there are just 2 for each gender.
- **Eating arrangements:** Breakfast and supper will be prepared by school cooks. Supplies for lunch will be provided by ASP—volunteers will make sandwiches—but volunteers are responsible for providing their own drinks and snacks.
- **Meeting arrangements:** The cafeteria or gym will serve as the primary meeting space.
- Check out the school's website —
<http://www.ccms.clay.k12.ky.us/>

Ice Cream and Treats

There is a Dairy Queen and several fast snack options available within five minutes of the school



Why We Work Here



Clay County is one of the poorest counties ASP serves with a poverty rate of 37.4% (2005) and a Median Household Income of \$19,491 (2004). We've only just returned to Clay after a 27-year hiatus.

Thus, community building will be especially important for Clay County, as we are committed to serving in the area for years to come. Please make sure to let your group know how important it will be to maintain a good relationship with the school and community! If there's anything the summer staff or Johnson City staff can do to help, don't hesitate to ask. Please know you are making a wonderful difference in this community!

Recreational opportunities:

At the school: You'll have use of the large gym in the evenings. There is also a field located beside the school that we are welcome to use.

Cultural & Historical Notes

- Clay County is named for Green Clay, a KY and VA State Legislator and first cousin of Henry Clay.
- Coincidentally, the land has a high clay content.
- Recent additions to the water service in Clay County have provided more than 85% of its residents with clean, potable water!
- The local paper has been operating since 1890—
<http://www.themanchesterenterprise.com/>

How do we choose our homes?

- ⇒ The Program Manager for your region works with community action agencies, social services, non-profits, churches, and government agencies throughout the year to gather applications for homes that need emergency home repair.
- ⇒ After training in Jonesville, VA, the staff travels to the county for one week (Set-Up Week) to accomplish a number of tasks before volunteers arrive. One of the most crucial is securing enough homes.
- ⇒ The staff has been trained to consider a number of things when choosing homes. They look at:
 1. Warmer, safer, drier (emergency home repair)
 2. Budget
 3. Distance from center (try to work



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ASP LINGO

- EG= EVENING GATHERING (nightly programming coordinated by the staff)
- GL= GROUP LEADER (adult leaders)
- V= VOLUNTEER (non-GL's, young adults)
- CD= CENTER DIRECTOR (person that has overall responsibility for the center; has at least one year of staff experience)
- COMMUNITY CONTACT- (community member who collects home repair applications for us throughout the year)
- FACILITY MANAGER-principal or facility contact



Who's Who in Your Community?

Facility Managers-

Principal Wayne Napier is our main facility contact. Mr. Napier will be around the school every day this summer, so please be sure to thank him for his generosity if you see him, or to write him a thank you note!

The janitorial staff will also be around throughout the summer, but we're hoping not to impact their work too much. ☺

Community Contacts-

The Clay Family Resource and Youth Services Centers will be our main application sources in Clay County. The main contact is **Leslie Davis**—who will be networking between all of the FRYSC branches in Clay (each KY school has its own Family Resource Center)

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency is another application source. Our main contact at Daniel Boone is **Marthanna Dobson**. Marthanna and her co-workers have offered additional funding to support some of our weatherization and ramp projects, so we're very excited to be working with the CAA again!

Christian Appalachia Project (CAP) is another home-repair organization that works in several of the same counties that ASP does. We don't do much with them now, but we are looking to build our relationship in our future with Clay County.

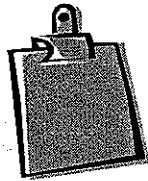


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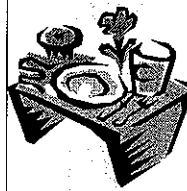
4. Safety for volunteers
5. Time to complete project
6. Volunteer skill level

⇒ There are a number of other factors that come into play when choosing homes. It is a most difficult process, but we have the utmost confidence that our staffs will choose families in an unbiased fashion. We encourage our community contacts to help prioritize applications for our staffs and collect referrals from all groups of people, including people of all races, elderly people, single-parent families, and people without children.



⇒ Once a family is selected, the staff signs a work agreement with the family. This agreement ensures that any work not completed in the allotted time frame will be completed by the staff at the end of the summer (though staff is strongly discouraged from doing construction, as ASP's work comp insurance does not cover injuries for this type of work). The work agreement also states that families cannot drink or take drugs while volunteers are on site. The staff will stop work a house if there is danger to the volunteers. It also states that the family is encouraged to assist the volunteers if they are able to.

⇒ Those families that we are unable to serve are contacted in a timely fashion. This is called a "No call."



Your cooks this summer will be hired soon. As usual, you can expect some delicious Appalachian fare all summer long!

**Merchandise Available Online:
www.ASPhome.org**

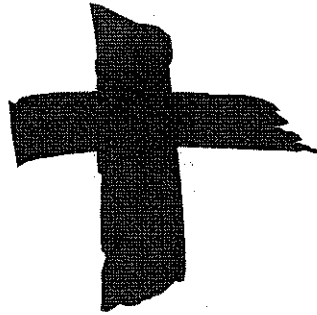
- ◆ 2010 ASP Theme T-shirts - \$15
- ◆ Baseball Hats - \$12
- ◆ 2010 ASP mugs - \$7
- ◆ ASP steel-water bottles - \$15
- ◆ Travel coffee mugs - \$10

This list includes items that will be available in limited quantities at summer centers. Other merchandise (including fleece jackets, long-sleeve t-shirts, bumper stickers, and polo shirts) is available online. We recommend purchasing as much as possible from the web-site before the summer. We recommend ordering in bulk to save on shipping!

Prayer

God, thank you so much for the chance to live, for the beauty that surrounds us each day in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the conversations we have, and in the people we touch. We pray that you remind us to walk humbly with God and serve those who have less. We pray that you work in our lives to help us live responsibly as we reach out to those who need us. Help us to feel your compassion and let that light shine through us each and every day. We pray that we allow ourselves to look inside our hearts and think about what we are

Appalachia Service Project
4523 Bristol Hwy
Johnson City, TN 37601



Isaiah 42:6-7

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison, and to release from the dungeon those that sit in darkness.

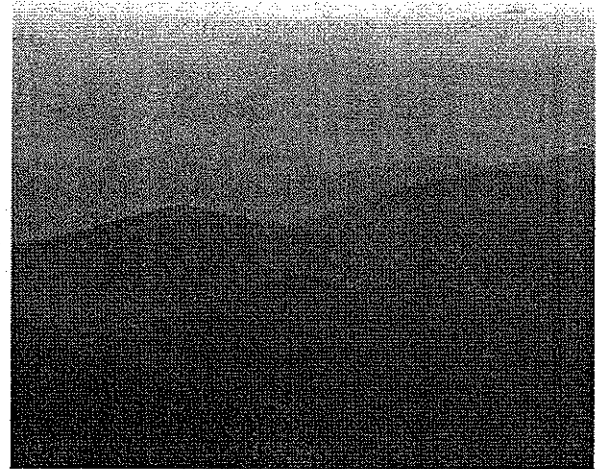
Community Needs

ASP summer staff often gets asked what items they could bring for local agencies. Here is what they need most:

Family Resource Centers

- Biggest need is school supplies
 - * 2-pocket folders
 - * Crayons
 - * Loose-leaf paper
 - * Pencils
 - * Elmer's Glue

If you do plan to bring anything, *please let the summer staff know ahead of time* so they can find proper storage space and coordinate delivery of items to the organizations with whom we serve.



Show Your Appreciation to our Community Contacts

Clay County High School FRYSC

Ms. Leslie Davis
415 Clay County High
Manchester, KY 40962

Daniel Boone Community Action

Marthanna Dobson
1535 Shamrock Rd
Manchester, KY 40962

Clay County Middle School

Principal Wayne Napier
239 Richmond Rd
Manchester, KY 40962

Welcome to Clay County!

We look forward to having you here this summer and wish you peace and blessings as you prepare for this experience!

Questions? Email Ben Martin, *Program Manager*

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