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Meadow Bridge High School Quick Reference

- **Facility Age:** Parts of this school are much older than others, but the main entryway and gym are built within the last few years.
- **History as an ASP center:** This is our first year at Fayetteville High School, and ASP's seventh year in Fayette County.
- **Sleeping arrangements:** You will be sleeping in classrooms. Air conditioning is not guaranteed. Bring fans to help circulate the air.
- **Shower arrangements:** There are a few shower stalls for each gender in the locker rooms off of the gym.
- **Eating arrangements:** The morning and evening meals will be prepared by ASP's summer cooks and served in the school cafeteria. Sack lunches (with food provided by ASP, except for snacks and drinks) will be prepared by each work crew and carried to each crew's worksite.
- **Meeting arrangements:** The cafeteria/gym or parking lot will meet this need.

Ice Cream and Treats

- ⇒ Downtown Fayetteville actually has a lot of unique food to offer. Try Cathedral Café and Swirl, a tiny ice cream/candy shop for all your ice cream needs.
- ⇒ There's also a Dairy Queen about 10 mins away

Recreational Opportunities

At the school:

gymnasium, baseball and football fields

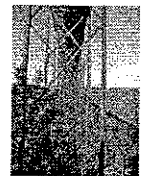
In the county:

New River Gorge National River, Grandview National Park, Babcock State Park, Hawk's Nest State Park



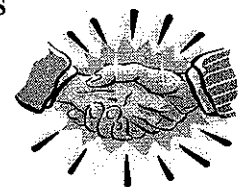
Interesting Facts

- Fayette County experienced seven floods over the past five years!
- Until a few years ago the New River Gorge Bridge was the longest single span bridge of its type in the world.
- The last coal truck left Mt. Hope in the early 1970's,



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 find homes that need emergency home repair.
- ⇒ Program Managers attend interagency meetings,



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ministerial association meetings, and a variety of other community action team meetings.

- ⇒ The Program Manager then shares a slide show showing past work done on homes, distributes information about ASP, goes over the referral form, and hands out detailed information about what work was done in that specific county or a neighboring county that the staff tallied the previous summer. This includes the number and types of projects as well as the economic impact that ASP had on the community.
- ⇒ After training in Jonesville, VA, the staff has a week (called Set-Up Week) before volunteers arrive, to accomplish a number of tasks. One of the most crucial is securing enough homes.
- ⇒ The staff has been trained to consider a number of things when choosing



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ASP LINGO

EG= EVENING GATHERING (nightly programming coordinated by the staff)

GL= GROUP LEADER (adult leaders)

V= VOLUNTEER (all 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 members who collect referrals for us throughout the year)

FACILITY MANAGER-principal or facility contact



Who's Who in Your Community?

Facility Manager-

Mr. David Null is the principal at Fayetteville High School. He's served as principal for the last few years. Mr. Null cares a lot about his students and his school. He used to serve as the principal at Mount Hope High School, which is further south in Fayette County, where he hosted ASP in 2005 and 2006. He knows what ASP is all about, and is one of our biggest proponents in Fayette County. Be sure to thank Mr. Martine for agreeing to host ASP and to work to take care of his school!

Community Contacts-

Barbara Painter works for the Southern Appalachian Labor School. Barbara started up a county wide housing coalition that meets monthly to coordinate housing services in the Fayette County area. Through the coalition several housing organizations are able to share resources, refer families to more appropriate programs, and check in on new funding sources.

Donna Stump works for the Fayette County Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). We are working to strengthen our relationship with the DHHR, as many families in need of home repair may also qualify for other assistance programs. Donna works with the Housing Coalition and is also in contact with social workers from other branches of the DHHR.

Debbie Spurlock works for the Southern Appalachian Labor School which is another affiliate of the housing coalition.

FLOODING IN FAYETTE

In April of this year, much of Fayette County was hit with an incredible amount of flooding. The Housing Coalition has been working to recruit and organize volunteers to help people repair their homes. ASP may be able to help with some of these disaster relief efforts this summer.

homes. They look at:

1. Warmer, safer, drier (emergency home repair)
2. Budget
3. Distance from center (try to be no more than 45 minutes away)
4. Safety for volunteers
5. Time to complete the project
6. Volunteer skill level

⇒ There are a number of other factors that come into play when choosing homes. It is a 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 referrals 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 chosen, the staff fills out a work agreement with the family. This agreement ensures that any work not completed in the allotted 8-week time frame will be completed by the staff at the end of the summer. The work agreement also states that families cannot drink or do drugs while volunteers are on site. The agreement states that the staff will stop work on a house if there is any danger to the volunteers. It also states that a 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.

Merchandise Available Online: www.ASPhome.org

Merchandise Available at your center this summer:

- ◆ 2010 ASP Theme T-shirts - \$15
- ◆ ASP Hats - \$12
- ◆ ASP mugs - \$6 or \$7
- ◆ ASP travel mugs—\$10
- ◆ ASP Stainless Steel Bottles - \$15

Prayer

God, thank you 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 serve with compassion and to remember the struggle of others each and every day. We pray that we allow ourselves to look inside our hearts and think about what we are missing there and how we can better work to serve in your precious name. We pray all of these things in your Son's holy name.

Amen.





Community Sights

Fayette and Raleigh Counties are at the heart of state efforts to develop the tourism industry to capitalize on the natural beauty that pervades the area. In northern Fayette Co. the Gauley River offers the most world-class whitewater anywhere in the world within a short length of river, and many other opportunities for spectacular sights abound. Fayette County receives over one million visitors each year!

Along Interstate 77 in Raleigh County sits Tamarack, a center that markets goods made in all parts of West Virginia. There you have the chance to see local artisans in action as they make their wares. This facility also provides a place for artists to sell their goods without having to run their own shop and incur the costs of individually advertising and operating.

There are also a number of artisan shops in Fayetteville, the county seat.

More information is available online about both Raleigh and Fayette county; try www.newrivercvb.com or www.visitwv.com to start searching.

Community Needs

ASP summer staff often get asked what items volunteers could bring for local agencies. The Program Managers have asked community contacts to provide needs lists. If you do plan to bring anything, ***please let the summer staff know ahead of time*** so they can find proper storage space.

If you would like to gather items for donation, try one of the following agencies: (or, if you already have items to donate, call the Program Manager for Fayette County at the Johnson City office.)

DHHR

Donna Singley (304) 465-9613 ext 163

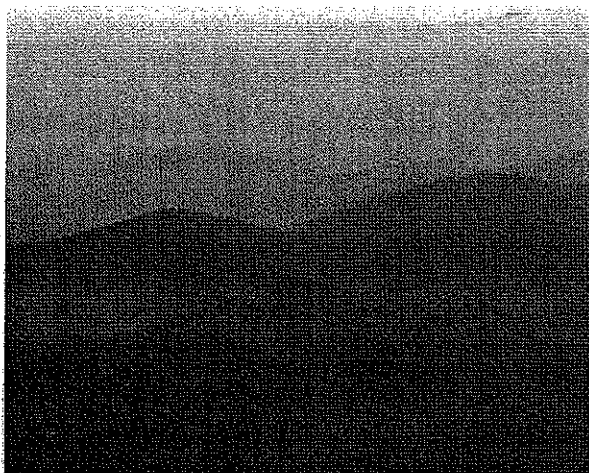
Family Resource Network

Aletha Stolar 304 574 4338



Local Churches

Fayetteville First Church of God
Russell Hays (Pastor)
304 574 2037



*Do you not know that those who run in a race
all run, but one receives the prize?
Run in such a way that you may obtain it.
1 Corinthians 9: 24*

Welcome to Fayette County!
We look forward to having you here.
**Peace and God bless, and have a
safe journey!**

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