

Floyd County, KY

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CAP Camp Shawnee Quick Reference

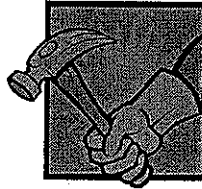
- **Facility:** Although Camp Shawnee is off the beaten path, it is in a beautiful area of the county. The camp is a multi-building facility that has traditionally been utilized by CAP to run their summer camp for students in the Big Sandy region.
- **History as an ASP center:** This is our first summer staying at Camp Shawnee!
- **Sleeping arrangements:** There are two large bunk houses that will have enough beds for everyone! You will only need to bring sheets (and perhaps a mattress pad) for a twin size mattress.
- **Shower arrangements:** There are 2 or 3 showers per bunk room depending on which bunk rooms are assigned to males and females.
- **Eating arrangements:** The morning and evening meals will be prepared by ASP's summer cooks and served in the camp dining hall. The staff will provide lunch supplies each day and work crews will make their own sandwiches. Extra snacks and drinks can be purchased by each work crew and carried to each crew's worksite.
- **Meeting arrangements:** The cafeteria or outdoor space will most likely serve as the meeting area.
There is a small chapel with outdoor seating that the staff may utilize for Evening Gatherings.

Ice Cream and Treats

There is a Dairy Queen located in Prestonsburg.



Why We Work Here



Floyd County is one of the poorest that we serve with a poverty rate of roughly 33%. ASP has not served in Floyd County since 2005, but since the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) will not be running a summer program at Camp Shawnee they have

allowed us to use their facility. This mutual partnering between CAP and ASP has led to multiple discussions about how the two organizations can partner together long-term to serve as many people as possible in Appalachia. We are hoping this summer will lay the foundation for ASP's presence in Floyd County for years to come as well as begin a solid partnership with CAP not only in Floyd County, but across Appalachia.

Floyd is a rather large county and in the past ASP has traditionally served the southern part of the county. Now that ASP has opened a center in Knott County right next to the border of southern Floyd, we are able to have a presence in both the northern and southern parts of the county.

Recreational opportunities:

At the camp: There is plenty of open space at the camp to which you will have access (bring Frisbees!).

In the county: Jenny Wiley State Park is a large state park that surrounds Camp Shawnee on all sides.

Cultural & Historical Notes

- The county is named for Colonel John Floyd, a surveyor and military leader who helped lay out the city of Louisville.
- The county seat is Prestonsburg, which was originally called Preston's Station.
- Tom Whittaker, "The Greatest Appalachian Artist," may be making an appearance to share his songs and paintings.

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 no more than 40 minutes away)
 4. Safety for volunteers



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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-

Owen Wright oversees the day to day operations of Camp Shawnee, but you may see **Anita Seals**, the Director of CAP's Cumberland Valley Region during your week as well. If you see **Owen** or **Anita**, be sure to thank them for their hospitality!

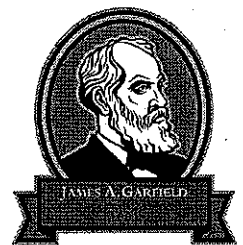
Community Contacts-

CAP's Housing Program will provide the majority of the referrals. **Delinda Huff** and **Jill Stafford** are ASP's main contacts. Most of the home repair applications come from residents in the area that they have not been able to help thus far in their housing program. **Kathy Campbell** and **Michelle Keathley**, the Family Resource Coordinators at nearby Allen Elementary and Prestonsburg Middle Schools, provide applications as well. The KY Family Resource Network is available in every school and works to assist families with needs that directly relate to children's school performance. They help children with school supplies, clothing, and food.

Big Sandy Community Area Action and the Auxier Center also serve as contacts and referral sources for ASP during the summer.

More Floyd County History!

- * Two significant Civil War battles took place in Floyd County: the Battle of Ivy Mountain and the Battle of Middle Creek. Both battles were Union victories, with the victory at Middle Creek led by future president James A. Garfield.



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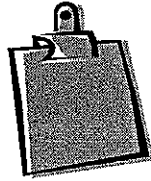
5. Time to complete project

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."



Fun Fact

Floyd County reached its population height in the 1950's (approx. 53,000), but decreased by almost 20,000 over the next two decades. However, since the mid-1970's, the population has rebounded by roughly 10,000 people.



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**

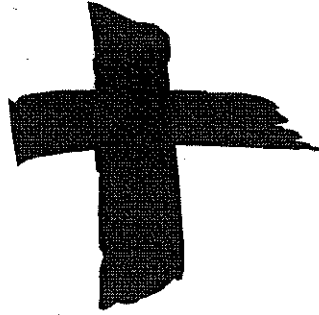
- ◆ 2010 ASP Theme T-shirts - \$15
- ◆ Baseball Hats - \$12
- ◆ 2010 ASP mugs - \$7
- ◆ Stainless Steel Water Bottle - \$15
- ◆ Travel coffee mugs - \$10
- ◆ ASP Tool Bag- \$45
- ◆ ASP Bible Cover- \$15
- ◆ Ponchos (red & green)- \$5

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 website 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 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.

Appalachia Service Project
4523 Bristol Hwy
Johnson City, TN 37601



Community Needs

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

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)

- building supplies
- food
- clothing
- furniture
- eyeglasses
- dentures
- money for emergency doctor or dental visits, or for a tank of gasoline

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!!

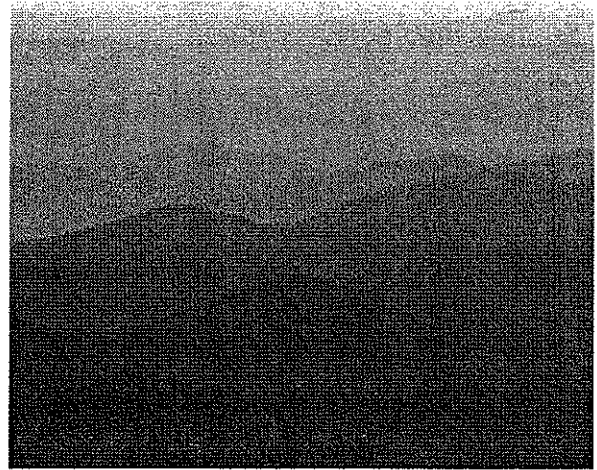
Thank you letters:

Christian Appalachian Project
Attn: Owen Wright
P.O. Box 1119
Martin, KY 41649

Christian Appalachian Project-Human
Services Mission
Attn: Anita Seals
25 Beiting Lane
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Please Note When Planning Snacks!:

The staff will be collaborating with CAP's Operation Sharing Program in nearby Johnson County to provide you with extra drinks and snacks during the week. Please keep this in mind when planning out drink and snack spending throughout the week and be sure to thank CAP representatives for being so generous!



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.

Welcome to Floyd County!

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

Questions? Email Steve Tomick, Program Manager at:

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