



West Virginia



Dates	Location	Type	Cost
April 25–May 2, 2020	Barbour and Taylor County	Youth/Intergenerational	\$515 per person plus \$100 for construction (Transportation not included)
June 14–20, 2020	Barbour and Taylor County	Family/Intergenerational	
July 5 -11. 2020	Barbour and Taylor County	Family/Intergenerational	
July 12- 18, 2020	Richwood , WV	Youth/Intergenerational	
July 19 - 25. 2020	Richwood/Nicholas County	Youth/Intergenerational	
September 20 -28, 2020	Nicholas County	Intergenerational	

Note : We also have custom date options . **Group Size: 15—100 participants**

Where are we going?

For more than two decades, World Servants teams have been serving in several partner communities in West Virginia, located in the Appalachian mountains. Deep and abiding relationships have been established between the locals and our mission teams. Appalachia is a 200,000 square mile region including all of West Virginia and parts of 12 other states from Ohio to Alabama.

Thirty-two percent of the population resides in rural counties. Industries that once produced good jobs are gone. The focus of World Servants is to bring a “hand up” and a message of hope. The needs can range from leaking roofs, homes needing insulation, and families struggling to provide the basic necessities, as the majority of the population lives below the poverty line.

What are we doing?

Teams will come along side the community members and improve living conditions, opening doors to share Jesus. You will learn about the Appalachian culture, which places a strong emphasis on family values, and work with them to help improve the community.

The majority of the mission week will be spent on home renovation projects. Most of the homes we encounter are in disrepair and will benefit from the work of loving hearts and hands. Projects can include installation of vinyl siding, windows and doors, constructing a wheel chair ramp, giving an elderly person easy access to their home, building a deck, painting and general clean up around the property.



Team members will participate in several outreach events, which offer the opportunity to interact with the community and build relationships. Groups will spend time doing Kids’ Club (VBS), sports camp, visiting the elderly in the nursing home, or whatever the community leadership team decides.

Food, Lodging, and Travel

Participants are expected to provide transportation to and from the mission site, as well as travel between the housing site, work projects, outreach activities and the day-off event.

Teams will be staying at local high schools or community centers, sleeping on floors, so twin size air mattresses or cots are needed. Locker Room showers and restroom facilities are available. Electricity and hot water are available. Meals are prepared by local cooks.

Your trip includes a day-off with several options available. There are both free and fee-based local activities, such as whitewater rafting, canoeing or time spent at a state park.

Is it safe?

Trip safety is extremely important to World Servants and our community. West Virginia is considered very safe and we do not anticipate any safety issues. Be assured, World Servants will not hesitate to cancel or suspend a trip, if appropriate.

Registration

Please register online at www.worldservants.org by April 1, 2020.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact Stephanie Boyd, World Servants' Director of Appalachia, at sboyd@worldservants.org or 304-677-9681, if you have any questions.



World Servants is a worldwide, interdenominational organization. For almost 30 years, we have sent people to communities around the globe to be learners, servants, and storytellers open to the works and teachings that God has prepared. Mission participants are challenged and developed through learner-driven cross-cultural training and dynamic short-term mission projects. These projects have a long-term impact both on volunteer participants and local communities while assisting these communities to become self-sustaining and interdependent. Our hope is participants will be inspired to continue to serve people in need upon their return home. We believe as people develop as servants and leaders, they implement servant hood into all areas of life: business, family, community, congregations, government, and international relationships.