

HOPE MISSIONS PRESENTS

MISSION MACON

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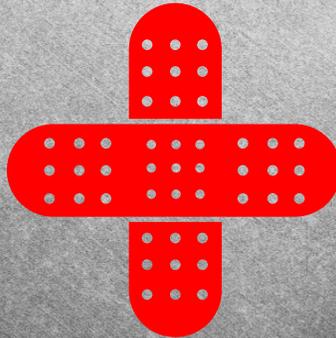
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E Lancelot
Port St. Lucie, FL

LOCATION: Wesleyan College (Macon, GA)

DATE: June 22-27, 2020

COST: \$269 Per Person (Includes: Meals, Lodging, & Programming)

MISSION FOCUS + CAMP FEEL = AWESOMENESS



REMEDY

PARTICIPANT MANUAL

THANK YOU!

Dear Parent/Group Leader,

Thank you for entrusting your student/participants to us for a week of missions. We value your confidence in us to provide your student/participants with a safe and mission-focused environment. Enclosed you will find the tools necessary to adequately equip you and your student/participants for your upcoming mission trip.

Along with this manual, you will find many helpful resources on our website. Learn more at www.hopemissiontrips.com. We look forward to working with you to make an impact for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions at hopemissiontrips@gmail.com.

In Christ,
The Hope Missions' Team

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ABOUT HOPE MISSIONS

Hope Missions is committed to bringing Hope to the Hopeless through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ministry and Construction Projects are used as a platform to accomplish this important task. Each trip is a complete pre-packaged mission experience at an affordable price. Registration costs include: On-Site Programming from Hope Missions' Staff, Meals, Lodging, Evangelism Supplies, T-Shirt, and Water Bottle.

There are many Missions Organizations that offer pre-packaged trips. So, why use Hope Missions for your next Mission Trip? There are several things that set Hope Missions apart from similar organizations:

AFFORDABLE – Hope Missions offers week-long, pre-packaged mission trips at a very affordable price. This allows churches of all sizes to participate in a mission trip.

PROJECT DIVERSITY – Many mission organizations only offer construction options for participants. Hope Missions offers various project types. Each project is rooted in a local church or ministry.

GOSPEL FOCUSED – The primary goal on all Hope Missions' trips is the proclamation of the Gospel. Hope Missions asks participating churches to conduct a pre-project Evangelism Study. At the trips, participants are encouraged to share the Gospel on their job sites.

NO MINIMUMS – There is no minimum number of participants on National Trips.

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP – All projects are personally led by the Hope Missions' staff. Director, Shawn Doss, and his team have over 10 years experience in leading mission teams on multiple National & International locations.



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GENERAL INFO

The primary focus for Mission Macon will be the Gospel. Participants will be equipped and challenged to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through construction and ministry projects. Participating churches will be combined into construction and ministry teams. Typically, each team will consist of 8-12 students and adults from 3-6 participating churches. Students will have at least one other participant from their church on each team. Construction teams will participate in projects like: painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and yard work. Ministry teams will participate in projects such as: VBS, block parties, homeless ministry, door to door surveys, and nursing home ministry.

Most participants will be working on construction projects through Rebuilding Macon. These are homes of widows that are in desperate need of repair. From yard work to major construction projects - there is tons of physical work that needs to be done. There will also be Ministry opportunities throughout Macon. Rebuilding Macon has everything in place (leadership, construction materials, etc.) to help us accomplish this task. Learn more about them at www.rebuildingmacon.org.

MISSION MACON is a Mission Focused Event with a Camp Feel! To do this, we have really ramped up our Worship Service each night. Every night, we will be led by E Lancelot and national Christian Author & Speaker, Dave Edwards (www.daveedwardsspeaks.com). E has been leading worship for Hope Missions for several years. E is a very gifted artist and we are excited to have him and Dave back in 2020.

Dave Edwards travels the world full time, speaking in churches, Christian conferences, and corporations, igniting positive change. Dave is the author of 26 books and a multi-talented communicator with more than 25 years of experience. His unique style of "comedy and content" have made Dave Edwards one of the most sought-after speakers. He speaks to more than 200,000 people a year in venues as diverse as churches, colleges and the Laguna Seca Racetrack, Reunion Arena, Chick-Fil-A headquarters and the White House. Dave's mission is to reintroduce the truth of God's Word by meeting people where they are in life and bringing them one step closer to loving Jesus, learning His ways and leading others to Jesus Christ. David helps this generation discover the importance of a Christ-centered lifestyle by applying Biblical truths to current issues in an honest, humorous, and understandable way.

LODGING

Our lodging facility for Mission Macon will be Wesleyan College (www.wesleyancollege.edu). Participants will be housed in the dormstyle facilities (4 per room) with full bathrooms and common area. Breakfast and supper will be served at the Wesleyan College Dining Hall. Lunches will be sandwiches that participants will pack each morning to take to their worksite. Each dorm contains two twin size beds. However, Participants will need to bring two twin size air mattresses per room and bedding. Rooms will be provided for individual churches. Men and women will be lodging in separate areas of the campus. Worship services will take place each night in the Wesleyan College Concert Hall. It's very important that your group understands the importance of respecting and caring for our host facility during the project week.

ADULT PARTICIPATION

The Adult per Student ratio for participating churches for Missions Macon is 6:1 (6 male students per 1 adult male; 6 female students per 1 adult female). Adults play an important role in the mission experience. Each church will have an adult Group Leader. This person will be the primary point of contact between the participating church and Hope Missions. Group Leaders are responsible for preparing their participants for Mission Macon. Adults are also needed to serve as Team Leaders on each Ministry and Construction Team. If you have adults that are interested in serving in this position, have them fill out Team Leader Application (found on the Hope Missions' website) as soon as possible. Adults will also be driving transportation provided by their church/chaperones during the project week.

PREPARATION

The key to a successful mission project is preparation. Hope Missions will spend hundreds of hours preparing for each one-week project. We ask that participating churches also spend time preparing their participants for this important week. Evangelism is the primary objective of every Hope Missions' Trip. See the Evangelism Section of this Manual for more details on how you can prepare your group to share the Gospel.

There are other ways your group can prepare for Mission Macon. Consider doing a local mission project. There are people in your community that need minor construction work or yard work. This is a great team-building activity for your group. Also, look for opportunities to take your group witnessing. Local malls or parks can be great places for your group to practice witnessing. The more you share your faith, the easier it will become.

Finally, the best way that you and your group can prepare for your mission trip is to PRAY. Begin now to get your church involved in praying for your trip. Pray that plans will go smoothly. Pray for the community you will be ministering to. Pray that God will begin to prepare hearts and open opportunities for you to share the Gospel. Pray that God gets all the glory for everything that is accomplished this summer.

REGISTRATION

Registering for Mission Macon is very easy. You can Sign-Up today through our "ONLINE REGISTRATION" tab at the Hope Missions' website. There is no money due until Deposit Deadlines (January 1). A Participant List is due at the time of Balances (May 1). The Participant List will be provided to all Group Leaders via e-mail.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Cost for Mission Macon is only \$269 per person. The registration fee includes: project coordination, meals, lodging, evangelism supplies, t-shirt, and water bottle.

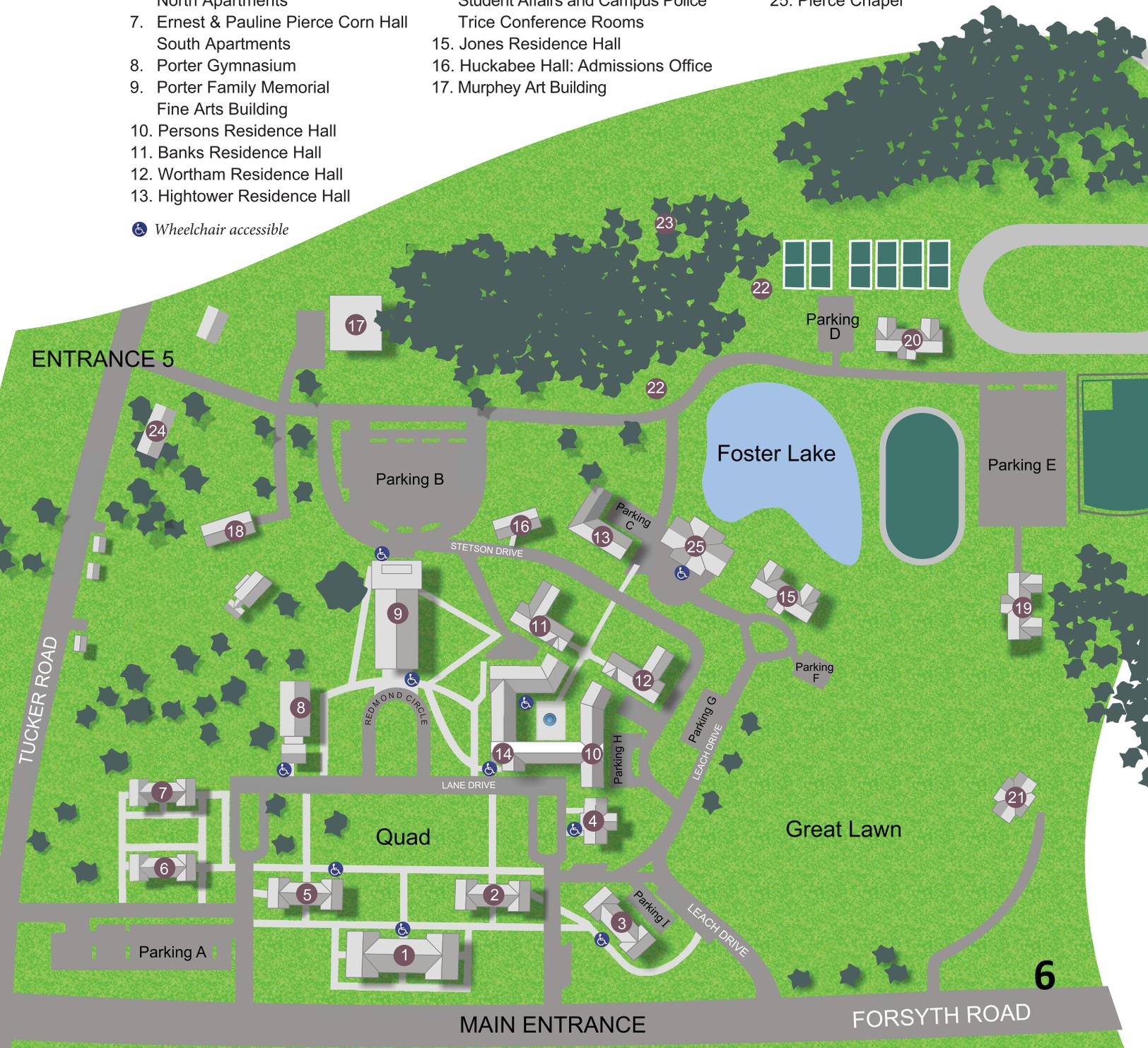
Your group can sign up for any summer Hope Missions' trip today with no money required until January 1. A \$50 per person **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit is due by January 1. These deposits will secure spots for your participants. The remaining balance will be due on May 1.

CANCELLATION POLICY – All deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE. However, unused deposits can be applied to your balance until May 1. Balance payments (minus deposits) are refundable up to 30 days before the project begins. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PROJECT.**

WESLEYAN COLLEGE WHERE YOU WANT TO BE

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| 1. Munroe Science Center
Nursing | 14. Olive Swann Porter Student Center
Burden Parlor
Center for Career Development
Disability Services
Diversity & Inclusion
Hurdle Cafe
Lane Center
Manget & Anderson Dining Rooms
Post Office and Campus Store
Student Affairs and Campus Police
Trice Conference Rooms | 18. Physical Plant
19. Nancy Ellis Knox
Equestrian Center
20. Mathews Athletic Center
21. Bradley House
22. Arboretum Entrances
23. Dice R. Anderson Cabin and
Ellen Ann Edenfield Pavillion
24. James Hyde Porter House
25. Pierce Chapel |
| 2. Tate Hall | 15. Jones Residence Hall | |
| 3. Willet Memorial Library
Confucius Institute
Academic Resource Center | 16. Huckabee Hall: Admissions Office | |
| 4. Candler Alumnae Center | 17. Murphey Art Building | |
| 5. Taylor Hall | | |
| 6. Elizabeth Turner Corn Hall
North Apartments | | |
| 7. Ernest & Pauline Pierce Corn Hall
South Apartments | | |
| 8. Porter Gymnasium | | |
| 9. Porter Family Memorial
Fine Arts Building | | |
| 10. Persons Residence Hall | | |
| 11. Banks Residence Hall | | |
| 12. Wortham Residence Hall | | |
| 13. Hightower Residence Hall | | |

 Wheelchair accessible



BIBLICAL EVANGELISM

The Primary purpose of all Hope Mission Trips is Biblical Evangelism. Missions void of Evangelism is nothing more than Humanitarian Relief work. Therefore, we must share the Gospel with those we serve. Hope Missions is not focused on the number of “decisions” we can attain during a week. Rather, we are passionate about participants knowing and sharing the Gospel in a Biblical way. We trust in the Holy Spirit to save people. Our job is merely to proclaim the Good News. Hope Missions provides participants with Gospel Tracts (example on next page) to distribute throughout the project week.

PRE-PROJECT EVANGELISM TRAINING

Hope Missions strongly encourages ALL participants prepare themselves for the Ultimate Goal of the trip – Evangelism. To do this, we ask groups to use the Basic Training Course from Living Waters Publications. The Basic Training Course is an 8-week DVD course that equips participants to share the Gospel using the Law. Based on the award-winning TV series, “The Way of the Master,” the Basic Training Course is an excellent tool to train believers to simply and confidently share the Gospel using the Ten Commandments. This course is hosted by Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron. It can be purchased from www.livingwaters.com and many local/online Christian Bookstores. Learn more about WOTM at www.wayofthemaster.com. If your group has already studied through this course, consider doing a refresher course or going through their Intermediate Course. Groups can also choose to use Hope Missions’ KnowTheGospel Curriculum for Evangelism Training. The KTG Curriculum and support resources (tracts, wristbands, etc.) are available online at www.thegospelstore.org.



THE GOSPEL APP

A FREE Resource that will benefit your group will be Hope Missions’ Gospel App. The Gospel App is available for iPhone, Android, and Windows Phone. Many of Hope Missions’ tracts are on the app, along with dozens of audio and video messages designed to help you “know” and “sow” the Gospel. Download the app today at www.thegospelapp.org.



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FINANCIAL TIPS

Finances seem to be the biggest challenge for people wanting to participate in a short-term mission trip. Hope Missions is here to help this process be a little easier and a lot less intimidating. Shawn Doss (Director of Hope Missions) knows first hand the challenges of fundraising. Over the years, he has helped participants raise thousands of dollars for their mission efforts. Below are some of his practical tips to help you raise the necessary funds for your next Hope Missions' trip!

TIP #1: Start Early

The earlier you begin the better. If you know this summer that you want to go on a mission trip next summer, then start saving now. For example: A \$2,000 international mission trip seems like an unreachable goal. However, if you break it up over a year, it's only \$160 per month (about \$5 per day). If you pack a lunch instead of eating out each day, you will pay for your trip with no problem.

TIP #2: Diversify Your Funding

People become overwhelmed when they think about coming up with a large amount of money for a mission trip. Try diversifying your funding to make it more manageable. For years I have been telling potential participants to do the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 plan. First, plan on paying for 1/3 of your trips cost out of pocket. This gives you a sense of ownership and accountability. You will take more serious something you are personally invested in. Secondly, plan on raising 1/3 of your trip cost through fundraising. This will give you a more manageable amount to focus your fundraising efforts. Finally, plan on raising 1/3 of your trip cost by sending out personal letters to family and friends who will commit to pray for (and hopefully financially partner with) you for your trip. The key to a good letter is to be concise, yet adequately explain the reason for your trip, the goals of your trip, and the importance of their involvement in your trip both prayerfully and financially. Most people who receive your letters will make a minimum donation (\$10-\$25), but some will give much more. If you work hard, you will find that your out of pocket cost will be less than the 1/3 you planned for.

TIP #3: Diversify Your Fundraising Audience

Audience diversity is an important aspect to fundraising. You don't want to keep asking the same people to help you fund your trip. Your church family may be incredibly supportive of your upcoming trip. However, you do not want to take advantage of their generosity by focusing all of your fundraising efforts on them (i.e. – after church meals, love offerings, etc.). You need to look for fundraising opportunities that target a variety of different people (coworkers, family, the general public, etc.)

TIP #4 – Maximize Your Fundraising Potential

When I began fundraising for short-term mission trips, I had no clue how to fundraise efficiently. I spent many long Saturdays washing cars for very little money. I learned that my time was better spent doing fewer fundraisers with higher profits. These types of fundraisers can sometimes come with risks. However, they typically pay off far more than you may anticipate.

For more details, examples of successful fundraisers, and sample support letter - go to the Hope Missions' website - <http://www.hopemissiontrips.com/online-resources/fundraising/>.

DRESS CODE

Participants are on mission at all times: at work sites, at the lodging facility, and during free-day activities. A lot of advance work has been done to create a productive, Christ honoring mission trip. The community will be watching. How we dress is an important part of our witness. Participants should make a special effort to wear clothes that are modest and appropriate for the work to which we have been called. Hope Missions' asks participants to adhere to the following Dress Code:

SLEEVED SHIRTS (preferably t-shirts) are to be worn by all participants at all times (no spaghetti straps or midribs—this includes dresses) at the work sites, worship, the lodging facility, and on the way to and from the showers. If the sleeves are torn off the shirt, it no longer meets the code.

MODEST SHORTS (No Shorter than 5" INSEAM - Basketball Shorts preferred) are acceptable on work sites and at the lodging facility. Short shorts, such as running shorts, are not allowed. If you do not have shorts that meet these requirements, you can wear blue jeans or long pants.

CLOSED TOED SHOES (Tennis Shoes preferred) must be worn at all work sites. Sandals and flip flops are not allowed on any work sites. Sandals and flip flops are acceptable at the lodging facility.

NO YOGA PANTS OR SPANDEX allowed at any time under any circumstances.



Enforcement of the Dress Code

Participants are to be fully dressed in accordance with this dress code any time they are outside their assigned room at the lodging facility, including: in hallways, in worship, and en route to the shower and rest room. Group leaders are asked to review the dress code with participants before leaving for the project. Distribute copies of this dress code to all participants. Be certain everyone in your group (youth and adults) understands what is required and what is prohibited.

PACKING LIST

WHAT TO BRING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for Free Day, Hope Store, and Missions Offering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pen | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Tools on "tool list" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suntan lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air mattress, bedding & pillow (twin size air mattresses only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels & washcloths | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks & underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bag for dirty clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes that meet dress code | <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy shoes or work boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal family insurance card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat or visor | <input type="checkbox"/> Board games, cards, football, etc. |

INDIVIDUAL TOOL LIST

(Every participant needs to bring at least 3 of the following 6 items)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paint brush & bucket | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint roller & pan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer | <input type="checkbox"/> 25' Tape measure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety goggles | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint scraper |

CHURCH TOOL LIST

(Every church needs to bring the following items)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Water coolers for drinking water | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Basic first aid kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Ice chests for daily to-go lunches | |

WHAT NOT TO BRING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts or dresses with no sleeves | <input type="checkbox"/> Prank items (silly string, balloons, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts or dresses with spaghetti straps | <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midriff shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive jewelry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco products, alcohol, or drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short shorts / Running shorts / Yoga Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks or weapons of any kind |

CELL PHONE POLICY - Hope Missions understands that many students carry cell phones to contact parents and leaders in case of an emergency. However, the use of cell phones should be strictly limited on work sites and in worship services due to distractions. Adults are encouraged to carry cell phones to worksites for contact in case of emergencies.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Hope Missions, project host churches, and work site owners are not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen at the project.

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 22

2:00p.m. till 4:00 p.m.	Registration and Check In - DO NOT BE LATE OR EARLY
4:30 p.m.	Orientation
5:00 p.m.	Meet Teams and go over team assignments
5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training
6:00 p.m.	Team Position Training / Team Leader and Driver Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Adults in Sanctuary for prayer
8:00 p.m.	Worship
9:30 p.m.	Church Group Devotion
10:00 p.m.	Free Time
10:30 p.m.	In rooms
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out

TUESDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 23-26

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Quiet Time
7:30 a.m.	Leave for the work site. Group prayer on FIRST WORK DAY
Noon	Lunch at work site / Devotion
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Head for lodging facility
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Adults in Sanctuary for prayer
7:30 p.m.	Worship
9:00 p.m.	Church Group Devotion
9:30 p.m.	Free Time
10:30 p.m.	In rooms
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 a.m.	Head for home – Every church must be gone by 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will not be provided. You must notify Hope Missions staff if your church will be leaving earlier than 6:00 a.m. on the Departure Day.
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- SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE -

TEAM TERMINOLOGY

TEAM

A group of 8-15 participants who will work together to accomplish the task of the Hope Missions' project. Team assignments are made by the project coordinator and are announced to participants on the first day of the project. At least two students from a church group will be on the same crew. Adults may or may not be on a team with someone from their church.

TEAM LEADER

The Team Leader is an adult who leads the team in getting the work done; takes the lead in all decisions; and organizes the work of the team. The Team Leader is to help the students accomplish the work for the week. The Team Leader also enlists students or Team Positions. Ministry and Construction Team Leaders will receive direction from the Project Coordinator.

WATER CREW

The water crew chooses the morning and afternoon break times for the team (in cooperation with the Team Leader), and is responsible for the team's water cooler and any break supplies (water bottles, coolers, ice, etc.) to be picked up each day. The water crew participants must be students. Two people are required for this position.

DEVOTION LEADER

The devotion leader leads all daily crew devotions during the lunch break, using the devotions provided at the project. The devotion leader is asked not to "preach" but to lead discussion and encourage the Team to participate.

EVANGELISM LEADER

The evangelism leader is responsible for providing all evangelism materials for the crew at the work sites and collect information (name, address, phone number, etc) of potential church prospects. The evangelism recorder should be an older student. This is a very important role. Information collected will be given to local church leaders for follow up.

MEDIC

The medic carries and administers the first-aid kit for the crew at the work site; is responsible for securing additional first-aid supplies when needed; and is responsible to inform the Team Leader of any injuries.

·Encourage students to volunteer for roles as much as possible.

HOPE MISSIONS, INC. - Liability Release & Medical Authorization Form (For All Participants)

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ E-Mail _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Emergency Phone _____ Name & Relationship to Youth _____
Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

PAST HISTORY (Please answer yes or no to the following questions.) **Does youth have...**

Heart murmur? _____ Epilepsy or convulsions? _____ Diabetes? _____ High blood pressure? _____ Allergies to medications? _____ Foods? _____

Date of last Tetanus booster: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS (Please answer yes or no to the following questions.)

Does youth have any significant medical problems (i.e. heart)? _____ Are there any restrictions on physical activity? _____ If yes to either, explain below:

Any medications being taken at present? _____ If yes, please list: _____

For minor pain, may your youth be given Tylenol/ibuprofen? _____

Please list any additional information that might be necessary or helpful in an emergency situation: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of Hospital Insurance Company _____ Name of insured (parent/guardian) _____

Policy No. _____ Group No. _____ Relationship to Youth _____

To Whom It May Concern:

I do hereby represent and acknowledge I am entering a missionary venture with others; as a volunteer I am paying my own expenses, including health insurance. I fully acknowledge that the work may at times be hazardous and somewhat arduous and will be performed by volunteers and that vehicles transporting these volunteers will be operated by licensed volunteer drivers, who may or may not be professional drivers. I recognize and acknowledge that potential accidents may occur at the project site, that could involve motor vehicles, at the lodging facility, or during activities of the volunteer work sites. I am fully aware that possible injuries may be incurred and assume the risk.

I give permission for Hope Missions, Inc. to use pictures and videos taken of me (or my minor) at the volunteer project.

For and on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and all other persons, firms or corporations, I do hereby release and discharge from liability all employees and those associated with Hope Missions, Inc. including participating churches, Hope Missions, Inc. Wesleyan College, Rebuilding Macon, and owners of all work sites from any claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions which I, the undersigned, have or may hereafter, and on account of, or any way growing out of injuries or damages both to persons or property resulting or that may hereafter result from the voluntary venture. I understand I assume all responsibility and liability in participating in this volunteer project.

The undersigned parent or guardian of minor child hereby gives permission to administer emergency medical treatment at the most readily available licensed medical facility with the advice of competent medical authority. The undersigned adult volunteer hereby gives permission to his/her participating church adults if I am unconscious or unable to make a medical decision for myself to have emergency medical treatment. I also affirm that the information concerning the medications listed on the Medical Information Form is true and correct and that my child may have said medication dispensed by their adult chaperones or medical professionals. Furthermore, Hope Missions, Inc. and their host churches may be expected to exercise reasonable care, I hereby agree not to hold them liable for any injuries or accident incurred by any event sponsored by said churches, ministries, trip, event sponsor, or Hope Missions, Inc.. I hereby personally assume full responsibility for any and all claims and for any and all hospital and medical bills for said participant. I also certify that I have obtained and will maintain in full force and effect during the Hope Missions, Inc. Mission Project adequate primary medical insurance for said participant.

This waiver, release and indemnity agreement is fully understood by me and I enter the same willingly for the purpose herein above stated.

VOLUNTEER PRINT NAME _____

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE _____

Parent's signature if under eighteen years of age

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Parent or Guardian name and number(s) _____

This form MUST be notarized by a registered notary. Sworn to and subscribed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

BRING THIS COMPLETED, NOTARIZED FORM WITH YOU TO THE PROJECT. DO NOT MAIL IN.

FAQ

GENERAL INFO FOR MISSION MACON

When, Where, and How do I register for Mission Macon?

NOW is the time to register your group for Mission Macon! Registering is very easy. You can register Online TODAY by clicking the "Online Registration" tab and filling out the form on the Hope Missions' website. A \$50 per person Non-Refundable deposit is due no later than January 1 to finalize your registration. Space is limited (about 300 participants). Register today to secure your spot!

Who can participate in Mission Macon?

Anyone can participate in Mission Macon. However, Students participating with their group must have finished the 6th grade. Students younger must be accompanied by a parent. It is recommended that children younger than school-age not participate because of the nature of the projects conducted. Feel free to contact the Hope Missions Office with questions and special requests.

How many adults should come with Student Groups?

Each church group is required to bring one adult sponsor for every six youth participants of the same gender. Sponsors must be 21 years of age or older and must reside in the same room as their youth, assist with activities, and work alongside youth on a work crew. No private sleeping arrangements or other arrangements are available for sponsors with children or for couples.

What is the best way to travel to Mission Macon?

Hope Missions will work with any transportation you use to bring your group to a project. However, keep in mind that ALL transportation will be used throughout the week to transport Teams to work sites. Church vans are ideal because Team sizes are generally 10-12 participants. Large vehicles (like buses) will most likely transport multiple teams to multiple locations. Participating Church Groups are responsible for providing gas and drivers for travel throughout the project week.

What Rules should I convey to my Group?

It is a good idea to make sure every participant receives a copy of this Mission Macon Manual. There are many details in this manual that will help them prepare for the upcoming trip.

What will accommodations be like?

Mission Macon will take place at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. Participants will stay in dorm-style facilities with two twin beds. There will be up to 4 people per room. Therefore, each room will need two TWIN-SIZED air mattresses. Bedding and towels are NOT Included. Worship will take place in the auditorium. Meals (breakfast and supper) will take place in the dining hall. There are tons of recreation and free space on campus.

Will my group work together during the week?

Not typically. Hope Mission has found that the ideal atmosphere for National Mission Projects is to mix groups. Hope Missions will ensure that Students will have at least one other person from their church on their Team. Adults are not guaranteed to be on a team with someone from their church due to the need

of chaperones on each Team. Hope Missions will keep your group together upon request. However, we have found that your group will get the most from their experience if they are with participants from other churches.

Do you have a list of important dates I need to keep in mind?

August 15 – Registration for Mission Macon opens! Fill out our Online Registration Form.

January 1 – A \$50 per person Non-Refundable deposit is due.

May 1 – Balances are due. Participant List and Team Leader Applications are due with balances.

How can I get more information?

Feel free to call the Hope Missions Office (256.620.1788) with any questions.

FINANCIAL INFO FOR NATIONAL TRIPS

What is the cost to register?

Hope Missions registration fees are exceptionally affordable compared to other organizations providing comparable trips. The registration fee for Mission Macon is only \$269 per person

What does the registration fee cover?

Registration fees cover: Project Coordination, Meals, Lodging, Mission Supplies, T-Shirt, & Water Bottle. Registration does not include transportation.

What do I need to know about deposits?

Deposits are due no later than January 1. All deposits are Non-Refundable. However, deposits are TRANSFERABLE to your balance until May 1.

When is my final balance due?

All outstanding balances are due no later than May 1.

Can I get a refund?

Balance payments (minus deposits) are refundable up to 30 Days before the project begins. There will be NO refunds within 30 days of project start dates.

How do we raise the money?

Hope Missions offers very practical advice on raising funds necessary for Mission Macon. See the “Fundraising” section of this manual for more information.