

Dear Group Leader:

Good Neighbors' 2012 Summer Program is a great Missions Opportunity for your youth, adult, or inter-generational group!

Participants will have the opportunity to use their physical labor to serve God as **"Doers of the Word"** (James 1:22); and will return home knowing they *really made a difference*.

Our Summer Program is a home repair ministry (open to all skill levels) serving the "working poor" of Central Appalachia ("America's Third World"). It is a chance for your group to experience a whole new culture without having to apply for a passport or even board a plane!

In many cases, the work performed by the group will **make the difference** between a family's sickness and health, safety, or even the ability of the family to stay together.

An example of a project completed by Good Neighbors' volunteers is a three bedroom addition for a *family of 9, who were living in a two bedroom trailer*. Abe, a hard working coal miner, and his wife Susan, took in 3 children (in addition to 4 of their own) after their mother (Susan's sister) was killed in a car accident. Abe's income from the mines is sufficient to feed the family, but he could not afford to add-on extra rooms for 7 kids. Without the additional rooms, the kids would have been placed in foster care.

High school volunteers, and their adult group leaders, from Minnehaha Academy (MN), Springton Lake Presbyterian (PA) and St. Lukes Lutheran (MN) not only provided adequate shelter for this family; they also began to repair a broken relationship between the family and Jesus Christ!

During the week, groups not only do physical labor, their spiritual lives are also given attention through devotions, music, and challenges for **"life after the mission trip"**.

Additionally, Good Neighbors is a year round presence, not just a summer mission organization. We are recognized as part of the community rather than "outsiders". We are members of the Chamber of Commerce, and are very involved in local activities. This allows our participants to have a **very real and unique Cultural Experience** with Appalachian people, places, and events.

Show God's love through your work - Make new friends - Build stronger relationships - Experience a new culture - Have an adventure - **Join us this Summer for an experience you won't forget!**

God Bless,

*Jason Benedict*

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-President

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*2012  
SUMMER MISSIONS  
APPLICATION*



**ON A MISSION FROM GOD**



**GOOD NEIGHBORS' SUMMER MISSIONS  
REPAIRING HOMES  
RESTORING HOPE**



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Many frequently asked questions are answered here.  
Additional questions? Contact us at:

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## Volunteer Application Guidelines

1. Complete the application form.
2. Have each member of your group read the “*Rules, Regulations, and Expectations*”.
3. File copies of everything you send in; this will be helpful for any new group members who were unable to participate in the initial meeting.
4. Send on or before the deadline: **to:**
  - Completed application form
  - \$50/participant deposit

**Good Neighbors, Inc.  
Volunteer Dept.  
P.O. Box 640  
Staffordsville, Ky 41256**

*All parts of application must be received before your group is scheduled*

5. Applying groups will be scheduled on a *first come-first serve* basis. This acceptance is dependant upon all parts of the application being complete. **The early enrollment deadline is 1/1/2012**; however, we recommend completion ASAP in order to secure your desired dates!
6. Please provide your *e-mail address* on the application to expedite confirmation of your scheduled mission dates.
7. A packet of study and preparatory material will be sent upon approval.
8. The \$50/participant registration fee is transferable, but non-refundable, unless we are unable to schedule your group on the proposed dates.
9. A deposit of \$149/participant is required by **3/15/2012**. The remainder of the balance is due 2 weeks prior to arrival. If a participant sends a deposit but is unable to attend it can be transferred to another participant.



Group Application Form

Church/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Available:\_\_\_\_\_ (am/pm)

**Summer Program Weeks:** (Number all possible – 1= most preferable...etc.)

____ <b>Week 1:</b> May 27-June 2	____ <b>Week 8:</b> July 15-21	____ <b>Other(Non-Summer)</b>
____ <b>Week 2:</b> June 3-9	____ <b>Week 9:</b> July 22-28	_____
____ <b>Week 3:</b> June 10-16	____ <b>Week 10:</b> July 29-Aug.4	_____
____ <b>Week 4:</b> June 17-23	____ <b>Week 11:</b> Aug. 5-11	_____
____ <b>Week 5:</b> June 24-30	____ <b>Week 12:</b> Aug. 12-18	_____
____ <b>Week 6:</b> July 1-7	____ <b>Week 13:</b> Aug. 19-25	(Spring Break, Winter, etc.)
____ <b>Week 7:</b> July 8-14	____ <b>Week 14:</b> Aug. 26-Sept.1	

<b>Type of Group:</b> (please check)	<b>Projected Group Size</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	_____ # age under 18
<input type="checkbox"/> College	_____ # ages 18-20
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	_____ # ages 21+

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**Good Neighbors, Inc. commits to providing an unforgettable experience for your group!**  
We ask the following of you:

- We will complete the study/preparation materials before our mission trip.
- We will abide by Good Neighbors’ “Rules, Regulations, and Expectations.”
- Registration fee of \$50/participant is included with this application.
- We will pay all required fees.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Contact Person*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*



2012 Fee and Schedule for Summer Groups

	Registration (Person)	Deposit (Person)	Balance (Person)	Total (Person)
Early (before 1/1/2012):	\$50	\$149	\$150	\$349
Regular: (after 1/1/2012):	\$50	\$149	\$170	\$369

**Schedule**

Registrations, Deposits & Balances	Amount	Due Date
Registration Fee (per person)	\$50	With application
Deposit (per person)	\$149	3/15/2012
Balance (person) early enrollment	\$150	2 Weeks Prior
Without early enrollment	\$170	to Arrival

**Important Dates:**

- 1/1/2012      Receive an early enrollment discount! Have your application submitted before this date for a savings of \$20/volunteer! Don't wait until the end – remember we are on a first-come, first serve basis.
- 3/15/2012      Skill sheets, Individual Registration/Medical Information Forms (all included in the informational packet) and Volunteer Deposits are due!
- 2 Weeks Prior to Arrival      Fee Balance, Liability and Medical Release Forms are due. Get ready for a great week!

**YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION HAS 3 PARTS**

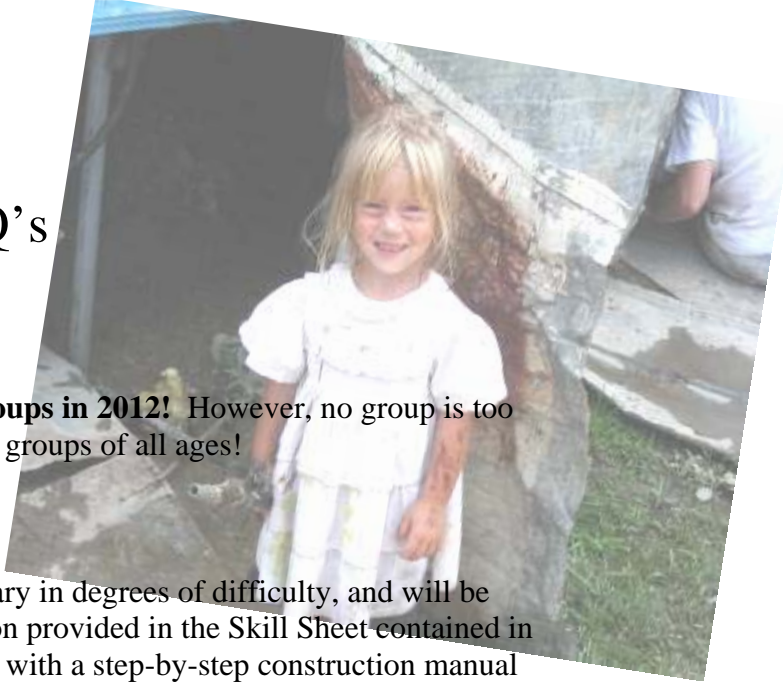
1. Your application form
2. \$50/participant registration fee
3. Accepting the “Rules, Regulations, and Expectations”



## *Rules, Regulations, and Expectations*

- ❑ Have a Great Experience! Expect the unexpected! Watch God work! Enjoy the culture, work to the best of your ability, and focus on relationship building!
- ❑ Good Neighbors staff has overall responsibility for managing all activities. Directions from the staff are to be observed.
- ❑ Group leaders are responsible for the safety and conduct of their volunteers. This includes enforcing Good Neighbors “Rules, Regulations, and Expectations”.
- ❑ Only participants ages 18 and over are allowed to check out power tools. Participants under age 18 may only use power tools under the direct supervision of and at the discretion of their group leader, who is ultimately responsible for their safety.
- ❑ Always keep safety your top priority, as well as being sensitive to the family you are serving. If a family requests you stop an activity, please respect their wishes.
- ❑ Possession or use of illegal drugs is strictly forbidden. Violators may be asked to return home immediately at the group’s expense.
- ❑ Guys and Girls have separate sleeping areas for a reason! Remember what gender you are; and respect the privacy of the opposite gender. In other words, if it’s not your sleeping area – Stay Out!
- ❑ Work Dress: Shirts, long pants, and sturdy shoes must be worn at the work site. Belly shirts, sports bras, tank-tops, and excessively ripped-up clothing are not acceptable at families’ homes.
- ❑ After Hours: Clothing displaying drug or alcohol slogans, or foul language/themes is not acceptable. One piece swimsuits are strongly recommended. Use your head. You are representatives of Christ to the community. Dress accordingly!
- ❑ Each work crew must provide their own transportation to the work site. Each work crew must also have an adult group leader present at all times.
- ❑ Sexual Harassment – Ya’ll know what it is, and it won’t be tolerated! If you feel you are being harassed, notify your group leader and/or Good Neighbors’ staff immediately!
- ❑ Be smart! You already know this stuff. Just conduct yourself in a Christian-like manner and enjoy the trip to its fullest!

## FAQ's



### ❑ *What size group can I bring?*

We are staffed to accommodate **Large Groups in 2012!** However, no group is too small! **Also**, we custom-fit our program to groups of all ages!

### ❑ *Do I need to have any skills to attend?*

To answer in a word...**No**; Our projects vary in degrees of difficulty, and will be selected for groups based on the information provided in the Skill Sheet contained in the application packet. We provide groups with a step-by-step construction manual that gives how-to instructions for our projects.

Our goal is for all groups to return home *knowing their work made a difference* in the life of a family. Based on this, Good Neighbors takes into careful consideration a group's skill level in order to assign the ideal project. Please fill out the Skill Sheet carefully to **avoid the frustration of being assigned to a project that is *too simple* or *too complex* for your group.**

### ❑ *What does a typical day/week consist of?*

#### **Sunday** (Times may vary depending on group's travel plans)

- 3:30 p.m. – Arrive at the Center, register, and unpack.
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Staff meets with group leaders.
- 5:00 p.m. – Evening Event\*
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Group leaders and staff travel to meet the families
- 11:00 p.m. – Lights out; Rest-up for an experience you won't forget!

#### **Monday – Friday**

- 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Wake up! Breakfast and Morning Devotions.
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Load supplies and leave for worksites
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Work day! (lunch at the work site)
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Clean up, plan supplies for the next day, and relax!
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Evening Event\*, Free time (build stronger relationships)
- 11:00 p.m. – Lights out

#### **Saturday**

**Thanks for a great week!**

\*The Evening Event consists of various avenues of worship, culture, and adventure!

❑ ***What do I need to bring?***

Personal items, mainly. Good Neighbors provides food, building materials, tools, beds and showers. A detailed packing list is included with our Pre-Trip Packet, including items such as: sleeping bags, any special tools you want to use on the trip, one cooler per group (keep lunch cold).....etc.

❑ ***Where will I be staying/accommodations?***

Participants will be lodged in local churches. Good Neighbors is a member of the local ministerial association, and has a great relationship with area churches who look forward to hosting our volunteers as part of their local outreach!

❑ ***In case of emergency, is there sufficient medical care available?***

There are two outstanding medical facilities within minutes of our host churches (Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg and Paul B. Hall in Paintsville). Good Neighbors, Inc. has an excellent relationship with both hospitals.

❑ ***Do you offer discounts for transportation?***

Good Neighbors, Inc. offers its volunteers substantial **discounts through Enterprise**. We include our discount code with the post-application, informational packet.

❑ ***Where are you located?***

We operate in Eastern Kentucky (Johnson and Floyd Counties). We are located about 2 hours South East of Lexington, KY (3 ½ hours SE of Cincinnati, OH).

❑ ***What is the cost of your Program?***

The **early enrollment price is \$349/participant**. This price includes lodging, meals, and entertainment. Good Neighbors also supplies the building materials and tools, so your group can pack light!

Early enrollment discounts apply to groups who register for our 2012 Summer Program on or before 1/1/2012. **The enrollment price is \$369/participant after 1/1/2012, so apply now!**

## **Area Demographics**

## Johnson County, KY

<u>Population</u>	<u>23,856</u>
<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>\$14,051</u>
<u>Median Household Income</u>	<u>\$24,911</u>
<u>High School Graduates 25+</u>	<u>63.8%</u>
<u>Bachelor's Degree 25+</u>	<u>9.3%</u>
<u>Average Home Value</u>	<u>\$64,700</u>
<u>Home Ownership Rate</u>	<u>76.5%</u>
<u>Mean Travel Time work</u>	<u>26.2 min.</u>
<u>People reporting a disability</u>	<u>30.7%</u>
<u>Living below the poverty line</u>	<u>26.6%</u>

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