



"...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

Regional Mission Work Camp ~ Youth Groups Grades 7 to 12

Sponsored By
Parchment Valley Conference Center

In Cooperation With
WVBC Churches in Good Hope Association and Community Resources, Inc.

June 18 to June 23, 2023

Doers of the Word for 20 Years!
"...Be doers of the word, and not hearers..."
James 1:22

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About Brother's Keeper (BK)

Who May Participate?

Junior High and Senior High Youth
Ages 12+ OR entering 7th grade in 2023

Adult Counselors (1 for every 9 youth)
Each group is required to have at least one adult for every nine or fewer youth of same gender.

Registration:

Mail a complete printed copy of the registration form along with the deposit to:

Brothers' Keeper
Parchment Valley
1715 Lower Parchment Valley Road
Ripley, WV 25271-5118

Registration forms may be found in this packet or online at brotherskeeperwv.org.

Registration Deadlines:

May 1 – Early Bird Registration Deadline
\$245 per person (postmarked, paid in full)

May 2 – Registration Fee \$270 per person

Registration is first come, first served until camp is full. No spots held without payment. No registrations will be accepted without a complete group registration form. Registrations require the correct adult/youth/gender ratio (1:9).

June 1 – Last day to reserve t-shirt size.

Waiting List

If camp has reached capacity, you will be contacted to let you know you are on the waiting list.

Required Forms

Group Registration: send with initial payment (one for each group)

Participant Registration: one for every youth and adult. This must be turned in by June 1 to guarantee t-shirt size. After that date, all shirts will be XL.

Medical Forms: one for EVERY youth and adult. No camper will be allowed to stay without a notarized medical form.

Insurance Cards: EVERY youth and adult.

Date of Last Tetanus Shot: EVERY medical form must have this information included.

Medical Forms and Insurance Cards must be received at Parchment Valley PRIOR to the beginning of camp to assure a smooth registration process. Do not wait until camp to avoid errors or missing information!

Cancellation

To cancel a group or reduce the number of participants contact Parchment Valley to adjust your account before June 1, 2023. When canceling, a \$75 per person cancellation fee may be charged. The entire camp fee will be forfeited for cancellations received after June 1, 2023.

Attendance Policy

All campers (youth and adults) must be in attendance from start to finish. Arriving late or leaving early creates complications for those we serve. Please plan to arrive for registration no earlier than 3 PM on Sunday and stay through checkout on Friday at 10 AM. Please do not attend if you are unable to meet this requirement.

What Does the Camp Fee Cover?

Lodging, All Meals, Four Work T-Shirts,
One Keepsake Theme T-Shirt

Transportation Requirements

Every person in your group must have transportation to and from Parchment Valley. The same number of seats and seatbelts must be available for transportation during the week to and from our project sites. Drivers during the week must be 21 years old or older. Please make sure enough transportation is available for every member of your group!

Lodging

Church groups room with their own group together by gender. Adults attending with youth are Cabin Counselors with responsibility and authority in that setting. Failure to follow cabin counselor instructions may result in a camper being sent home. Dorms are air-conditioned.

What Should I Bring?

Clothing

As we serve, our actions and appearance speak loudly and have the potential to influence the community's perception of Brothers' Keeper and most importantly our witness for Christ. Choosing modest clothing helps to avoid distractions and misunderstandings both on the project site and in camp. We ask that you choose apparel consistent with the following guidelines:

You will bend, twist, sit, climb and crawl as you love and serve on our project teams. Shorts will only get shorter with these activities. Here's how we define short: Let your arms fall to your side – if your fingers touch skin, bring a longer pair (whether you are male or female).

These guidelines are for ALL groups!

Clothing

2 pairs of long pants
Mid-thigh or longer shorts
2 or 3 cotton t-shirts

Everyone must wear shirts with sleeves. No tank tops, muscle shirts, torn or ripped tees, halter tops, spaghetti straps or midriff tops.

Comfortable shoes or boots to work in
Comfortable shoes to wear in evening
Socks (suitable to wear in work shoes)
Underwear for five days
Hat or cap (for sun protection)
Appropriate summer sleepwear
Modest swimsuit (one piece for girls)
Light jacket

If clothing brought does not meet our guidelines, you will be asked to purchase the appropriate clothing at your expense before participating in any activities.

Towels and Linens

2 or 3 bath towels, washcloths
Pillow with pillowcase
Sleeping bag or twin sheet set & blanket

Personal Items

Toiletries (deodorant, toothbrush, etc.)
Prescription Medications
(in original containers) collected at registration and given at appropriate times by Camp Nurse as listed on your Medical Form.
Work gloves, safety glasses, paint mask

Devotional Items

Bible, Journal, Pens or Pencils
Materials Provided by Your Youth Group

Bonus (Great things to Bring)

Money for snacks, sunglasses, insect repellent, sunscreen, flashlight, camera, a great attitude and a heart ready to serve!

Don't Bring

Jewelry, Tobacco of Any Kind, Skateboards, Inline Skates, Weapons, E-Cigarettes, Vaping products.

Parchment Valley and Brothers' Keeper will not be held responsible for missing items. If you think you may lose it, don't bring it!

What Should My Group Bring?

Groups may collect and donate items but we need to know which items will be donated by June 1. Items will not be returned.

Items needed to be donated include:

Ladders, Paint Brushes, Paint Rollers, Cleaning Supplies, Paint Extension Rods, Drop Cloths, Masking Tape, Cleaning Buckets, Cleaning Rags

Crews Leaders may also bring (for their own use and to take home after):

Tape Measure, Screwdriver Set, Rake, Cordless Drill & Bits, Circular Saw, Power Cord/Extension Cords, Shovel, Pruning Shears, Brooms, Ladders, Stepladders, Stools, Saw Horses, Hatchets, Drywall Tools, T Squares, etc.

A Typical Day at BK

A typical day involves serving others, worship, "porch time" and fun activities. The typical camp schedule:

7:45am	Prayer at the Cross
8:00am	Breakfast
8:45am	Depart for work sites
12:00	Lunch at work sites
3:00pm	Depart Worksites
Afternoon	Swimming & Games
5:30pm	Dinner
6:45pm	Evening Worship
8:15pm	Group Games & Snack
9:00pm	Campfire
10:00pm	Porch Time
11:00pm	Cabins

Project Teams

One of the most amazing parts of the Brothers' Keeper experience is the friendships that develop between individuals and youth

groups. We help break the ice with the way project teams are organized.

All project teams include youth and leaders from different groups. The members are mixed and many times there will be no one from your home youth group on your work team. Don't let it scare you! It is one of the greatest parts of BK. Just ask one of our BK veterans!

Adult Counselors will assist at worksites building morale and work cooperation.

Project Team Assignments

Project Teams are carefully assessed and assigned a mix of adults and youth from all camp participants to properly complete each project. No individuals whether youth or adults may switch assigned project teams.

Crew Chief vs. Crew Leader

A **Crew Chief** is typically involved in the work process in advance of camp and handles the blueprints, site preparations and oversight of the project.

A **Crew Leader** is recruited for each project site and supervises behavior, morale and worksite cooperation. Crew Leaders may be recruited from our Adult Counselors.

Projects

The specific project you'll be serving on will be assigned when you arrive at camp. Projects consist of a variety of home maintenance and repair; minor construction such as wheelchair ramps, porches, decks, porch roofs; painting inside and outside; sealing trailer roofs; yard work; and many more surprises!

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact Parchment Valley Conference Center with any questions or concerns.
Parchment Valley 1-800-489-8564 or 304-372-3675 or online:

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