

Christmas 2026 Mission Trip Application

TRIP DATES

Wednesday, December 2nd - Saturday, December 5th

(School Visit Days: Dec 3rd & 4th)

Teams: Amelia, Dodson, Calvary, Orange, Terry, Wes, Woody

Tuesday, December 1st - Friday, December 4th

(School Visit Days: Dec 2nd & 3rd)

Team Madison & Team Nawrocki



In order to travel to Kentucky, you will need to submit the following items:

1. Submit Missionary Application
2. Complete Background Check
3. Pay Mission Fee

1. APPLICATION

The attached application can be filled out, signed, scanned and emailed to hopeforappalachia.virginia@gmail.com OR paper copies can be mailed to: Jessica Meredith, 6309 White Oak Lane, Jeffersonton VA 22724.

MINORS (Under the age of 18): If you are traveling without a parent, you will need to fill out the Youth Trip Policy Agreement (found on our website) in addition to a Mission Trip Application. It will need to be returned with your Mission Trip application.

2. BACKGROUND CHECK

Per Kentucky law, all traveling missionaries will be required to provide a completed background check. The fee is \$18.50 and must be completed each school calendar year (Fall/Spring). **EVERY MISSIONARY WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THIS TRIP! This background check will be good for the Spring 2027 Mission Trip if you choose to also serve on that trip.**

Scan this QR code with your phone to go to the background check.



The link provided on our website is our preferred vendor for Criminal Background Checks. This is a 3rd party vendor. If there are any issues with your background check, they will notify you requesting additional information.

If you have completed a Criminal Background Check via another vendor, it must be generated after September 1, 2026 and you must provide HFA a copy. Criminal background checks from other vendors can be sent with your application.

MINORS (Under the age of 18): You do NOT need to complete a criminal background check.

3. MISSION FEE

\$140 Mission Trip Fee

Your mission fee includes lodging & one HFA t-shirt. Mission Fees can be paid via PayPal or Check.

Scan this QR code with your phone to go to pay with a credit or debit card



– For **PayPal**, you can use any major credit card or debit card through the PayPal link on our website (under "Traveling Missionaries") even if you do not have a PayPal account.

– **Checks** can be made payable to "Hope for Appalachia Virginia Inc" and mailed (with your application or separately) to Jessica Meredith, 6309 White Oak Lane, Jeffersonton VA 22724

* Refunds may not be guaranteed.

If you need assistance in paying the mission fee, or need more time to pay, please reach out to Pastor Mike, mdodson58@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application, Background Check and Mission Fee Due: Friday, October 30th

Applications turned in after this date may not receive a trip t-shirt.

In-Person Mission Trip Meeting : Thursday, November 5th @ 6:00pm

New Salem Baptist Church, 8233 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701

You **MUST** participate in all scheduled mission trip meetings. Should you be unable to attend in person, you are required to watch the recording before traveling to Kentucky. You will also be required to complete all training videos prior to the start of the trip.

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Personal Information

Legal Name		Date of Birth
Nickname		Today's Date
Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female	Marital Status ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widow	
Mailing Address		
Physical Address (if different from mailing)		
Cell Phone Number	Home Phone Number	
Email Address (we need this to send important trip updates)		

Social Media

I have these social media accounts (check all that apply): ☐ Facebook ☐ Facebook Messenger ☐ Instagram ☐ YouTube ☐ No Social Media		
Name on Facebook Messenger (if different from above so we can add you to a Team Chat)		

Mission Team / Travel Information

I can travel on these dates:	☐ Wednesday, December 2nd - Saturday, December 5th
	☐ Tuesday, December 1st - Friday, December 4th
	☐ I am flexible if my team needs to travel earlier or later
	☐ I have no flexibility, other than the dates selected above.

Team / Team Leader Request (leave blank if you don't know)
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Select One:	☐ This is my first time traveling on a mission trip with HFA
	☐ I have traveled on a mission Trip with HFA before.

Transportation:	☐ I am flexible to serve on any team.
	☐ I have transportation arranged to get to Kentucky.
	☐ I will need to carpool with someone to travel to Kentucky.
	☐ I have space in my vehicle if someone needs a ride. Number of seats available: _____

Each Missionary will receive ONE Hope for Appalachia t-shirt with your mission fee. Please select the size you want.

Adult Sizes: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL
Youth Sizes: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL

If we do not receive your application by **October 30th**, we cannot guarantee you will receive an HFA t-shirt.

You may order additional t-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc from our vendor by visiting hfavateam.com.

Parent / Guardian Information (for applicants under the age of 18)	
Parent / Guardian Name	Cell Phone
Email Address	Home Phone
Add Parent to the Email Distribution List ☐ Yes ☐ No	Email:
Add Parent to the Facebook Messenger Team Group Chat ☐ Yes ☐ No	Name on Facebook:
For applicants under the age of 18, and who are <u>NOT</u> traveling with their legal guardian, please attach the following to this application:	
☐ Youth Agreement Form (Found on our website under Traveling Missionaries) ☐ A copy of your insurance card	

Emergency Contact Information	
Name	Relationship
Cell Phone	Home Phone

Medical Information	
Do you have any allergies? (NOT including seasonal)	☐ Yes ☐ No <i>If YES, please explain:</i>
To best serve the schools in Kentucky, missionaries should be prepared for physical tasks like climbing stairs, carrying boxes and supplies, and sitting on the floor with students. If you have any physical limitations or health concerns that might affect your participation, please contact Pastor Mike prior to applying. We're happy to discuss how we can best support your involvement.	
Do you have any medical or emotional conditions that might hinder you as a team member? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
<i>If YES, please explain:</i>	

Education / Gifts Information	
Special Skills / Talents? (photography, teacher, public speaking, construction, truck driver, tech savvy, play musical instrument, singing, cook, etc, ...)	
Professional Experiences	
Do you own a truck that can pull a trailer? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Do you have experience pulling a trailer? ☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, # years experience pulling trailer: _____
Do you own or have access to a trailer? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Length of trailers previously pulled: _____

Church Information			
Are you a member of a church?		☐ Yes ☐ No	Are you a Christian? ☐ Yes ☐ No
I attend church:		☐ Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ Never ☐ I don't have a home church	
Name of the church you attend			
How many years have you attended?		Pastors Name	
Church Address			
What ministries are you involved in at your church?			
Do you volunteer or serve in any ministries outside your church?			
Have you served on any short term mission trips?			
Our mission trip offers many opportunities to share the Lord with others. Please write a brief testimony of your christian life and how you became a christian. Include a description of your past and present relationship with the Lord and how you see your future with God. <u>Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. For returning missionaries, please consider typing out your testimony and attaching a copy to the application! We do NOT keep copies of past applications for quick reference.</u>			
Have you been trained in personal evangelism?		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please provide a reference, not family, that knows you and your spiritual walk.			
Name:		Phone Number:	

Mission Journey Covenant

Please initial next to each item to indicate you have read and agree.

I am willing to be a part of a team, to place myself under the direction and leadership of the team leader, and to accept his/her guidance during the planning phase and while on this mission journey.	Initials _____
I understand that team members must be flexible while serving on the field. Even though the mission team will be prepared for the trip, there are many times when unexpected events will arise.	Initials _____
I commit to see obstacles as opportunities to see God overcome barriers and understand that by remaining flexible, the team will be able to work through these events successfully.	Initials _____
I fully understand that I will be representing Jesus Christ, Hope for Appalachia, and my home church. Our object is to serve through our mission partnerships in a Christ-honoring way.	Initials _____
As a team member, I agree to the following Code of Conduct while serving on the field: - Abstain from alcohol use - Dress in an appropriate and modest manner (no leggings or shorts) - Respect our partner church(es)/missionary - Be culturally sensitive at all times	Initials _____
I agree to fulfill my financial obligation by paying the Mission Fee, understanding refunds are NOT guaranteed.	Initials _____
I agree to NOT contact any of the schools we are visiting to include staff members (not applicable to team leaders).	Initials _____
I agree to NOT contact any of the lodging locations (not applicable to team leaders).	Initials _____
I agree to NOT hand out any pamphlets, website addresses, blogs, podcasts, etc. to any students or staff, that are not approved, in advance, by Pastor Mike.	Initials _____
I agree to NOT add any student or staff to social media or exchange contact information such as email or phone numbers.	Initials _____
I agree to participate in all scheduled mission trip meetings. Should I be unable to attend in person, I will watch the recording before traveling to Kentucky. I also acknowledge my responsibility to complete all training videos prior to the start of the trip.	Initials _____
I agree to attend the entirety of the planned mission trip. In the event of an emergency and I need to leave early (or not attend), I will talk to my team leader AND Pastor Mike to make sure all responsibilities and exit tasks are covered and taken care of.	Initials _____
I acknowledge that this mission trip is a service-oriented endeavor rather than a leisure trip. I am aware that accommodations are basic and specific lodging requests cannot be guaranteed. If you require special lodging accommodations, please contact Pastor Mike in advance.	Initials _____
I agree to prepare and send support letters (prayer and/or financial) to friends and family.	Initials _____
In the event that I do NOT follow the Code of Conduct, the following may occur: - My activity on the field may be reduced - I may be sent home, and will be responsible for all additional costs incurred - I may not be able to serve on future mission trip	Initials _____
To ensure the best possible experience for our teams and the communities we serve, Hope for Appalachia Virginia, Inc. retains final authority regarding participant approval for all mission trips.	
Initials _____	

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Waiver & Release / Assumption of Liability Form

I, _____ (print your legal name), am participating in a mission trip sponsored by HOPE FOR APPALACHIA VA TEAM, INC; I understand this journey will involve the following:

Hope for Appalachia – Personal Evangelism and Delivery of Hope Boxes

Certification of Capability to Participate and Understanding of Risks/Assumption of Risks:

My signature on this form is my certification that I am physically capable of engaging in the activity of event described above. Further, I acknowledge that I have had the risks of my participating in this activity or event sufficiently explained to me, and I understand the risks posed in this activity or event (or I have declined such explanation because I already understand the risks involved in this activity or event). In exchange for the privilege of participating in this church-sponsored activity or event, I hereby assume all risks of injury or damages of whatever type or form associated with my participation in this activity or event.

Signature	Date
Printed Name	

Consent to Treatment

My signature on this form constitutes my consent for the trip sponsors to consent to medical providers diagnosing and providing medical treatment to me at my expense in the event of injury or illness requiring emergency or other medical treatment while involved in this activity or associated with the activity.

I waive any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees that I might have against Hope for Appalachia Virginia Inc. for my participation.

Signature	Date
Printed Name	

Acknowledgements / Signature

By submitting my application, I verify the information provided in the application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature	Date
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Prayer Partners

Prayer support is a key ingredient for each Mission Journey. We would like for you to enlist 10 Prayer Partners who will commit to pray for you and our team as we prepare and go on our journey. While on mission, please invite them to follow us on our Facebook page for journey updates:

Please return this Prayer Partners List to Pastor Mike before you leave on the Mission Trip.

Your Name

My List of Prayer Partners

1. Name of Prayer Partner

2. Name of Prayer Partner

3. Name of Prayer Partner

4. Name of Prayer Partner

5. Name of Prayer Partner

6. Name of Prayer Partner

7. Name of Prayer Partner

8. Name of Prayer Partner

9. Name of Prayer Partner

10. Name of Prayer Partner