



SMILEFAITH APPALACHIA DENTAL OUTREACH, JENKINS, KY

DENTAL MISSION TRIP FACTS

- 1. What is the mission of SmileFaith Foundation?** SmileFaith is a 501c3 non-profit helping the underserved of the Appalachian Mountains to *smile again* through charitable dental care, community initiatives, spiritual inspiration and more.
- 2. As a dental professional, do I need to obtain a temporary license to serve on a dental mission trip in the State of Kentucky?** SmileFaith is registered with the Kentucky Department of Health and Board of Dentistry. If you are a licensed dentist or registered hygienist, and practice in a state other than Kentucky, you must submit a completed application along with any requested documents for a temporary Kentucky license. Apply to the *Kentucky Board of Dentistry* at least 4 weeks prior to your trip date. ****Download applications at www.smilefaith.org. Temporary licenses are good for 2 years.***
- 3. Do I need to obtain special liability insurance to work in the SmileFaith Dental Clinic?**
All patients are required to sign the *Waiver & Release of Liability* form and *Consent for Administration of Local Anesthetic* forms before receiving dental care. You may refer to your current liability insurance policy to find out if your policy applies to short-term dental events in Kentucky. Additionally, certain protections apply to professionals volunteering with non-profits. ****see www.astho.org/Programs/Preparedness/Public-Health-Emergency-Law/Emergency-Volunteer-Toolkit/Volunteer-Protection-Acts-and-Good-Samaritan-Laws-Fact-Sheet/***
- 4. What is the cost of a SmileFaith Dental Mission Trip?** The cost is \$100 per night per participant, plus roundtrip airfare to the closest airport (or ground travel expense to Jenkins, KY), *and* any personal money for shopping/sightseeing/extra snacks.

5. **What is included in the \$100 per night mission trip fee?** The \$100 per night trip fee includes comfortable lodging in the SmileFaith Guest House, wholesome meals, and coffee/snacks at the coffee shop. Most participants fly into **Tri-Cities** Airport, Johnson City, TN or into **Tri-State** Airport, Huntington, WV and **rent a vehicle**. Lodging includes laundry facilities, Wi-Fi and streaming TV. Jenkins is a small, quaint mountain town and is very “walkable”. Local amenities include a drug store, convenience stores, grocery store, gas station, Mexican Restaurant, Hardees, pizza stand, Post Office, bank, Coal Museum, library and several churches. Evening strolls and *runs around town* are fun!
6. **What trip expenses are tax deductible?** Any expense paid to SmileFaith Foundation is tax deductible. ****See your tax professional for more information***
7. **How long is the typical mission trip?** Generally, trips are a “long week-end” (Thursday-Sunday), but can be customized per your travel needs and to the schedule of the community dental event.
8. **Who can I bring?** Dentists are encouraged to bring their entire staff. Non-dental team members are invited to come and serve in many areas including greeting, registration, sterilization, prayer, evangelism, photography, etc.
9. **What dental services will be offered at the clinic?** Typical procedures include screenings, exams, cleanings, fillings and extractions. However, some dentists enjoy offering pre-arranged denture services.
10. **What type of anesthesia will be used for treatments?** Local anesthesia is administered.
11. **What dental supplies and equipment will I need to bring?** The clinic is fully stocked, however, if you have particular instruments or hand pieces you prefer, or you have certain equipment such as loops, please bring them. We also encourage you to donate durable goods and things such as composites and local anesthetics. ****Donations are 100% tax deductible.***
12. **What is available in the Jenkins, Kentucky area for sight-seeing if I choose to take advantage of a “free day”?** In Jenkins: Visit the *Coal Museum*. Walk around the pretty downtown lake. Within 15 minute drive: *Pine Mountain* is the second highest peak in Kentucky with roadside lookouts. *Bad Branch Waterfall* is a short, but exhilarating hike. *Whitesburg* is a quaint mountain town with book shop and several restaurants. ****Also visit: www.tourpikecounty.com***
13. **Will my team and I have opportunities to minister to others?** Yes! You and your team are encouraged to build relationships and minister as you feel led.

14. What clothing will be appropriate for the Appalachian area? Anyone working directly with patients may wear *scrubs* or comfortable work attire. Other support workers and ministers may wear modest, casual clothing. Comfortable footwear (athletic shoes) is recommended. The Guest House has a washer and dryer for your use. Winters are COLD and often snowy! Spring and fall offer cool days and chilly nights. Summer is warm during the day and often cool at night.

15. How do I sign-up for a SmileFaith Dental Mission Trip?

- **“Each participant”** completes the ***SmileFaith Mission Trip Application*** (download @ www.smilefaith.org) and forwards to SmileFaith via email or mail ****see contact information below***
- **“Dentists”** licensed outside of Kentucky complete the ***Kentucky Board of Dentistry Application for Charitable Dental Licensure*** (download @ www.smilefaith.org) and **mail “notarized” original form with photo** to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry ****see mailing address listed on the KBD application***
- **“Hygienists”** licensed outside of Kentucky complete the ***Kentucky Board of Dentistry Application for Charitable Dental Hygiene Licensure*** (download @ www.smilefaith.org) and **mail “notarized” original form with photo** to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry ****see mailing address listed on the KBD application***

16. What do I do if I would like to go, but I’m not sure of a trip date yet? Just complete the applications and we will be happy to work out a trip date that will be convenient for your schedule!



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