



ASP 2026 June 21-27
"Love Your Neighbor" Romans 12:12-23

ASP stands for Appalachia Service Project. It is a relationship ministry, open to all people, that addresses the housing needs of Central Appalachia by focusing on making existing homes warmer, safer, and drier.

FAIR WARNING! -- ASP participants are usually housed in school gyms or classrooms (many times without A/C) and quarters can be very tight. Showers may be indoors OR in make-shift outdoor ones with little hot water. Sometimes the cooks are experienced, sometimes not-so-much, and food is usually very basic. Workdays are hard – up by 7 am, then breakfast, lunch making, supply loading, and off to your worksite. We wrap up around 4 pm and then back to the school for supply “unloading”, showers, dinner, and a mandatory evening gathering. Oh, and there are those chores...

BUT – did I mention what **fun** we have? We work hard but laugh harder! We learn so much – about ourselves, each other, and the new friends and families we meet. Many people go back to ASP year after year because they have a meaningful experience. We hope you'll consider joining us!

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO JOIN OUR TEAM:

- You must be at least **14** years old
- Register online (<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260074881208154>) no later than **Sunday, February 8th**.
- **Pay \$200.** You can pay as part of the online registration process or bring a check to the church. **Your name won't go on the list until you pay online or submit a check.**
- **Checks should be made payable to: Cary Presbyterian Church** with ASP Registration on the Memo line. If you need scholarship assistance, please speak with Alan Bancroft.

Attention New Participants

On **Sunday, March 15th from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM**, we will have a required meeting for all new participants and at least one caregiver for youth participants. We will cover basic trip expectations, a typical day at ASP, and other important information.

Attention ALL Participants (newcomers and alumni)

In an effort to streamline our training, we are asking ALL participants, whether this is your first trip, or your 31st trip to commit to one of the following training dates and to attend at least one workday for the entire time.

- **Sunday, April 12 11:30 AM-1:30 PM** – Safety, Stewardship, and Sensitivity, and Explanation of how ASP chooses families to receive assistance. We will provide an ASP style lunch at this training, so get ready to make your best PB/J or mystery meat sandwich.
- **Tuesday, April 14 6:00 PM-8:00 PM** - Safety, Stewardship, and Sensitivity, and Explanation of how ASP chooses families to receive assistance. Please eat before you come to this training, or feel free to bring your dinner with you.

All participants (newcomers and alumni) must Attend at least one Work Day:

- We are offering two work days again this year.
 - **Saturday, May 16th 8:30 AM-1:00 PM**
 - **Saturday, May 30th 8:30 AM-1:00 PM**
- This is a really important experience, so make sure this is on your family calendar, and be prepared for them to go a little longer depending on the work we need to do.

Other Expectations for ALL Participants

- **Contribute your time & effort to fundraise on the following dates:**
 - Sunday, May 31st before and after worship.
 - Sunday, June 7th before and after worship.
 - Sunday, June 14th before and after worship.

- Write thank you notes to “Stockholders” while we are on the trip.
- **Attend Ice Cream Social**
 - Sunday, June 14th 6:30-8:00 PM at CPC
 - Attend this Bon Voyage Ice Cream Party to get our team assignments, packing instructions, and lots of last minute info to get our trip off to a great start!
- Abide by center guidelines while at ASP.
- Tell the congregation about our experience by participating in ASP Sunday. We will poll participants to find a good date for this in July or August.

Adult Participants: Once we’re all registered, we’ll find a time for an adults only meeting to build some community and set some common leader expectations.

**If you have questions, please contact Alan Bancroft at
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