



# HAZARD, KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 21 – SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026**



# MEET THE TEAM

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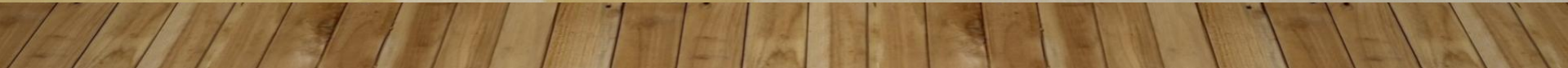
- **Total Team:** 32
- **Age Group:**
  - Young Adults 12
  - Adults 20
- **From:**
  - Ascension 3
  - Christ Church 1
  - St. Mark's 15
  - Trinity 2
  - Temple Isaiah 9
  - Other 2
- **Gender Mix:**
  - Men 20
  - Women 12

# HAZARD, KY FLOOD

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- July, 2022
- 45 people lost their lives
- Over 600 people rescued







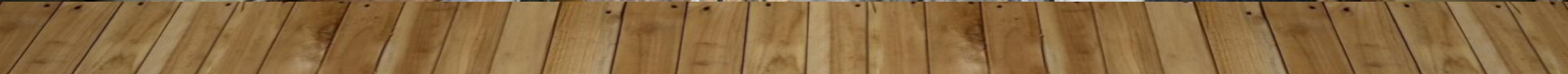












# PAPERWORK

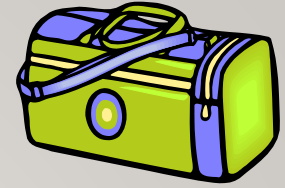
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- If you haven't already, please sign the DreamBuilders liability waiver form tonight
- All team members must register with HDA on-line at:
  - <https://www.hdahome.org/volunteer-consent-form/>
  - <https://www.hdahome.org/work-site-rules/>
- Cell phone lists will be emailed to all missionaries.

# WHAT TO PACK



# PACKING LIST



- Sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, pillow
- Toiletries, towels (suggest 2 towels and 2 washcloths)
- Work clothes (include long pants and long-sleeve shirt for roof work)
- Work shoes (safe sturdy shoes, heavy-duty sneakers OK, open toed shoes/flip flops are not)
- Shower shoes
- Swimsuit and beach towel
- Two large contractor trash bag (for dirty clothes and muddy work shoes)
- **Sunscreen**, Insect Repellant (Deep Woods recommended)
- Water bottle with name
- Light coat or sweatshirt
- Extension cord and/or power strip
- Rain gear
- Tools (next slide)
- Flashlight
- Spending money

# THE WEATHER

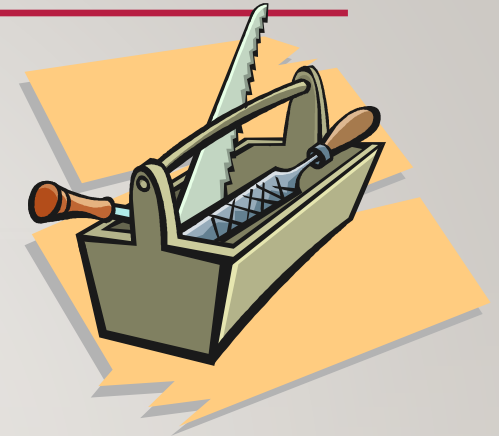
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- Can be very hot (in 2024, several days in high 90s)
- Pop up thunderstorms are common, mostly in the afternoon
  - Radar gives us advance notice of an impending storm
  - If we hear thunder, everyone must get off the roof!
  - Get under the tent or into your vehicle
  - Usually, storms are brief, then it clears
- It will be VERY muddy after a storm
  - Take your shoes off before entering your vehicle and before entering the church!
- Cool at night

# WHAT TOOLS TO BRING

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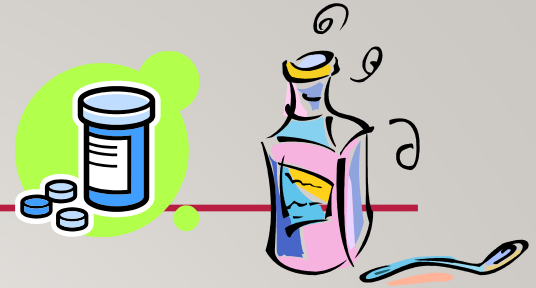
- Work gloves
- Safety glasses
- Hard Hat
- Tool belt
- Tape measure ( $\geq 25'$ )
- One or more carpenter pencils
- Hammer
- Carpenter's square
- Anything else you feel would help & you want to carry
- Be sure to mark all tools with your name!



Carpenter's Square

# YOUTH MEDICATIONS

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- **Prescription Medications**

- Bring in original prescription bottles in a clear Ziploc bag.
- **Label with: Name of Youth, Name of Medication, Dosage & Frequency**
- Please only send enough for the week.
- **The trip nurse will dispense at the appropriate time according to instructions.**

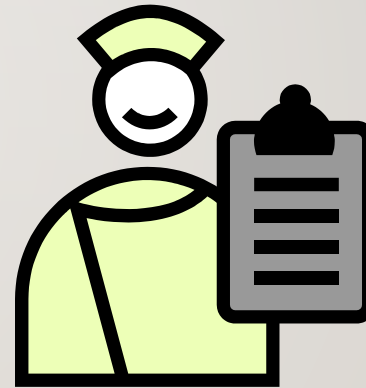
- **Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medications**

- The trip nurse will have a supply of the most common (Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, Benadryl, Sudafed, Pepto-Bismol, Dramamine) and requested OTC medications
- Will be dispensed as authorized on permission form
- **EXCEPTION: Medication for asthma or bee stings may be carried and self-administered.**

**Trip Nurse: Michelle Uhler**

# HEALTH TIP

- It's a good idea for teens to bring a copy of their medical/health care card.



# SUNDAY, JUNE 21: TEAM TRAVEL DAY

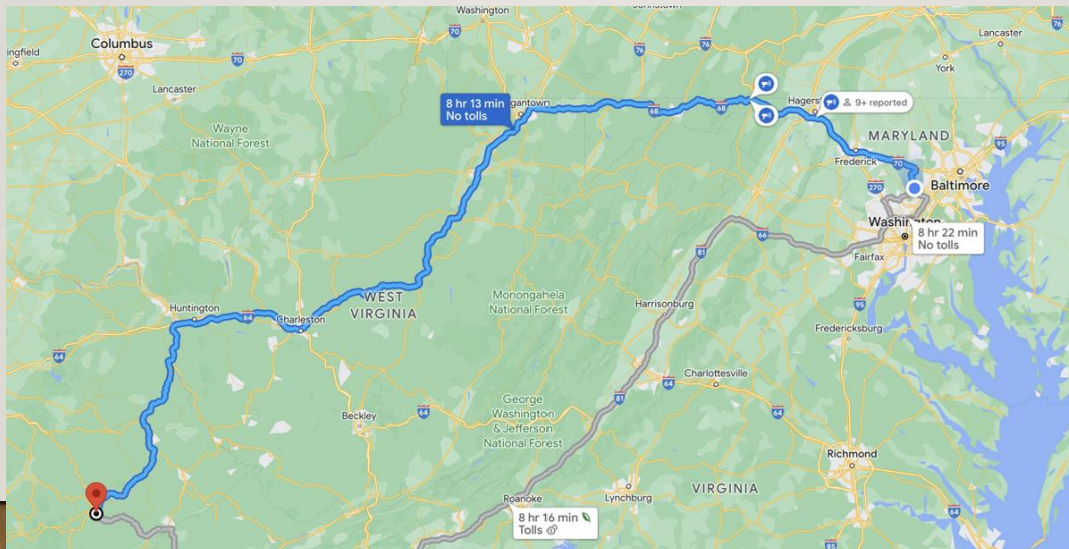
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- **Wear your DreamBuilders t-shirt! Write your name on the tag!**
- **Arrive at Temple Isaiah by 7:30 AM**
- **NOTE: The Temple will be open for access to bathrooms**
- **Load your luggage into any one of the SUVs**
- **Get into one of the SUVs**
- **NOTE: Once you choose an SUV, you are required to stay with that vehicle until we arrive in Hazard**
- **We leave Temple Isaiah at 8:00 AM**
- **Teen assignment: Number & decorate the vehicles**

# OUR ROUTE

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- Drive time: 8.5 hours
- We will stop as needed, including for lunch
- We will stay together as a group for the duration of the trip



# DRIVERS & BACKUP DRIVERS

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## **DreamBuilders Caravan**

1. Arthur Gold
2. Jerry Wieber
3. Tricia Wieber
4. Ben Levitt
5. Patrick McGeehan
6. Michelle Uhler
7. John McBeth (pickup truck)

## **Driving separately**

1. Charles Creswell & Verna Karolenko
2. Chris Tang
3. Gordon Kieffer
4. Bill & Pam Brazis

# RENTAL VEHICLES

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- Pick up rental vehicles *before noon* on Saturday, June 20 at Budget Rental off Cradlerock Road in Columbia
  - 7 SUVs (7-passenger)
  - Rental fees are prepaid
- Accept the Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) optional insurance
- Decline any other extra charges if offered
- Each driver will have a binder with important information
- NOTE: Vehicle binders contain PII, please keep safe
- Save receipts for gasoline and place in envelopes in vehicle binders

# ACCOMMODATIONS



# Lodging

## First Baptist Church

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### Hazard, Kentucky



# NICE KITCHEN FACILITY

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# DINING HALL

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# WORSHIP SPACE

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# SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS

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# FOR HANGING OUT

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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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- Other features
  - Six private bathrooms with showers, two each on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors
  - Two half baths on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor
  - Various rooms we can use for sleeping
  - Ample parking out back
  - Next to river in back
  - Located in downtown Hazard near shops

# AMENITIES IN (OR NEAR) HAZARD

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- Super Walmart
- Steak and Shake
- Coffee shops
- Laundromat
- Lowe's
- Urgent Care
- Hospital

# DREAMBUILDERS' RULES & EXPECTATIONS

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- **No tobacco, drug, alcohol use is permitted at any time. If any is discovered, parents will be called immediately and those involved will be sent home at their own expense.**

**There will be no second chance.**

- **When at the volunteer center, teens may not leave the designated area without an adult 25+ years of age.**
- **No individual adult and teen missionary may travel as a pair, unless they are parent and child.**

# RULES & EXPECTATIONS (CONT'D)

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- While at the volunteer centers, all fraternizing will be done in the common areas. Women may not visit the men's "dorms" and men may not visit the women's "dorms".

***Following the above rules will help make your experience as successful as possible. We want to foster a supportive atmosphere for all of our volunteers as you work together doing God's work.***

# SUNDAY, JUNE 21 AT VOLUNTEER CENTER

- Unpack, make beds
- Dinner (pizza)
- Ice Breaker
- Orientation (DreamBuilders)
- Christian service led by Chris Tang of St. Mark's

# WORK WEEK

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- Monday - Friday
  - Full workday (7:00 am – 3:30 pm)
  - Drive to worksite is TBD, usually about 30 minutes
  - Worship services two nights
  - NOTE: You will have chores to perform at the church (meal prep, meal cleanup, bathroom cleaning, etc.)
- Friday
  - Depending upon our progress through the week, we may have an opportunity for some fun time on Friday.
  - Shabat service in the evening

# WORK TEAM STRUCTURE

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- Missioners organized as follows:
  - Three teams of 10
  - House Leaders:
    - John McBeth
    - Brian Rezac
    - Anna Gerdes /Verna Karolenko
  - Team assignments be announced on Sunday evening as part of orientation
- Work teams **MUST** stay together!

# REMINDER!

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- Be sure to wear your name tag every day!!



# WORK PROJECTS

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- We will be working on three homes next to each other:
  - 3 blitz builds! (They call the “House Raise Challenge”)
  - 10 DreamBuilders plus 3-4 HDA construction personnel per home
- Very experienced HDA team
  - Have been in business for 30+ years
  - Have built close to 350 homes in and around Hazard

# WORSHIP LEADERS

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- **Jewish service: Craig Axler**
- **Christian service: Chris Tang<sup>†</sup>**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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- Chore assignments: Verna Karolenko
- Trip nurse: Michelle Uhler
- Group chat creation: **TBD**
- Vehicle decoration: Young Adults
- Church room assignments for sleeping: Bill & Pam Brazis
- T-shirt laundering: **TBD**

# MEALS

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- Continental breakfast at church
  - Adults will set up breakfast
  - Teens will clean up
- Make your own lunches each day, place in coolers for transport to work site
- Dinners
  - Cooked at church Monday thru Wednesday, Friday (Verna Karolenko and Pam Brazis are planning meals)
  - 2 nights dining out
    - Sunday night: Pizza
    - Thursday night: Buffet at Big Blue Smokehouse

# SATURDAY, JUNE 27 TRAVEL DAY

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- **Clean Volunteer Center**
- **Pack and drive home**
- **Target lift-off time: 8:30 AM**
- **Wear your DreamBuilders t-shirt!**
- **One hour from Temple Isaiah, all those needing a ride home call their rides to give them an ETA**
- **Once you enter a vehicle, you must stay with that vehicle until we arrive home**
- **At Temple Isaiah, return vehicle binder to John McBeth**
- **Drivers return rentals to Budget by Sunday, 11:30 AM**





OUR RULES FOR A SAFE, MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

# CONSTRUCTION SITE RULES

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- **Construction sites can be dangerous.**
- **Paying attention to what you are doing eliminates risk of injury.**
- **Always be aware of your surroundings.**
- **Wear proper worksite clothing (no sandals, open-toed shoes, clothes you don't mind getting dirty or paint on, hats).**
- **Work with a buddy.**
- **If you see something that doesn't look right, QUESTION IT.**
- **If you are asked to do something you are not sure of, ASK one of the site staff to help you out.**
- **If you are uncomfortable doing a task, say so.**
- **If you injure yourself or see someone else injured, seek immediate attention.**

# SAFETY RULES

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- **Never use a power tool without proper training.**
- **Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.**
- **If one person is on a ladder, someone else needs to be on the ground holding it.**
- **If anyone is working overhead, everyone on the ground must wear a hard hat.**
- **Never lay a board on the ground with a nail sticking through it: “Gator”**
- **Do not leave tools on top of ladders: “Head banger”**
- **Never stack boards vertically against the wall.**
- **“STOP!” command. Everyone stops.**

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# GOOD BEHAVIOR RULES



# DREAMBUILDERS' RULES & EXPECTATIONS

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## ***Please remember:***

- ***We are a faith-based, mission community.***
- ***We represent DreamBuilders, the congregations we are part of, and each other.***
- ***DreamBuilders has a wonderful reputation and we want to keep it that way. What people say about us:***
  - ***Very organized***
  - ***Fun to work with***
  - ***Very high-quality work***
  - ***We always complete more than expected***

# RULES & EXPECTATIONS (CONT'D)

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- **Obey the HDA Safety Policies.**
- **Follow the directions and/or instructions of the HDA staff.**
- **Do not use improper and/or threatening language of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to, swearing, racial slurs, and sexually explicit or suggestive comments.**
- **No use of cell phones, iPods, MP3 players while working on site.**

# CONCLUSION

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**You are there to help someone else. But, you are also there to learn and grow. Do that by having fellowship and fun. Just be safe.**

