

APPA 2017

GET EXCITED!!! APPA is around the corner! This information sheet will provide you with all the details you need to know for this year's mission trip. Please take the necessary time to look over it completely so that you are ready for the fun. Be sure to mark your calendar for all the upcoming APPA dates listed below.

Important APPA Dates:

June 11: APPA Pre-trip Info Meeting (youth, parents, leaders) from noon-1 p.m. in LOFT

June 16: APPA Seniors will meet at the Sports & Rec Center at 6:30 p.m. to pre-pack.

June 17: APPA Seniors only will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Sports & Rec south parking lot to leave

June 17: APPA Packing Party for everyone else at 10 a.m. in Sports & Rec Center south parking lot

June 18: APPA group (grades 9-11) will meet in the Sports & Rec Center at 12:30 p.m. to leave for San Saba. Eat lunch before you come.

June 24: APPA group will return to Plano around 1-2 p.m., we will not eat lunch on the way home.

Registration:

Online registration for 9th-12th grade youth will be available from March 31st through June 11th. Cost is \$150 for youth (\$75 discount for youth who worked the telethon). We will be offering a family discount to anyone who has more than two youth going. Instructions are available when you register online. Adults (excluding A-Team) who would like to go will need to contact the youth office to check for space availability. There is no cost for A-Team. **NOTE: Those who register after June 9th are not guaranteed a t-shirt.**

Required Forms:

Forms required for this trip are the CUMC Youth Code of Conduct, CUMC Media Waiver and CUMC Medical Release. A current background check (allow 3 business days to process) is required for all youth and adults who are 18 years or older during the trip. Forms are available at cumc.com/forms.

Where are we going?

We are traveling San Saba, TX. Our host church will be San Saba First United Methodist Church. We will be staying at the local high school, sleeping on the gym floor or in the cafeteria (**bring something to sleep on... only twin sized mattresses are allowed**), and eating meals in the school dining hall.

Departures / Arrivals / Loading times:

The seniors will travel a day early to meet their homeowners and distribute materials to each job site. They will meet in the south parking lot on **Friday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. to pre-pack**, and then again on **Saturday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m. to leave for San Saba.**

Everyone else will meet in the Sports & Rec Center parking lot on **Saturday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m.** to load the tools and luggage; it usually takes about an hour to load. Please bring the tools you have offered, and mark them well with your name. You will also need to bring your luggage for the trip. Everything will be loaded on Saturday except a small carry-on you may bring with you on Sunday.

Everyone else will meet in the Sports & Rec Center on **Sunday, June 18, at 12:30 p.m.** to leave for San Saba. **Eat before you come.*

The whole group will return to the church on Saturday, June 25, at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Conduct: *Don't forget to review, sign, and return the CUMC Code of Conduct!

We are going on APPA as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Our overall goal is to bring God glory. With this in mind, there will be NO alcohol, drugs, tobacco (in any form), or inappropriate music or sexual conduct on our trip. Such things are grounds to be sent home at your parents' expense. Also, poor language will not be used. This includes cussing and other negative words such as: shut-up, sucks, pissed off, damn, crap, etc. At all times, the youth staff expects youth to honor themselves, others, and God.

Scripture for why we have the "rules" we do:

- *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore, honor God with your body."* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do EVERYTHING for the GLORY of God."* 1 Corinthians 10:31
- *"But as for you, person of God, shun all this; pursue RIGHTEOUSNESS, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. I charge you to keep the commandment without SPOT or BLAME until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ."* 2 Tim. 6:11 & 14
- *"In the same way, let your LIGHT SHINE before men, that they may see your GOOD deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16
- *"Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise."* Ephesians 5:15
- *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an EXAMPLE for the believers in speech, in LIFE, in love, in faith, and in PURITY."* 1 Tim. 4:12

Consequences - If a youth takes advantage of the rules above or does not abide by the signed Code of Conduct, he or she will need to write a letter of apology to the adult counselors and the youth staff to express the reasons why he or she chose to disrespect the adults and the expectations for the trip. Also, he or she will write a letter of apology to Senior Pastor Don Underwood stating why he/she decided to place the church's reputation at risk. Depending on the severity of the offense, youth may also be sent home.

Tools:

Please check our online tool-list or check the "tools table" at the pre-trip meeting for any tools you are willing to bring. **Make sure to place your name on your tools with a permanent marker or tape.** All donated tools will be returned; should a tool break or get lost while on APPA, the youth ministry will replace it.

Personal Stuff:

Remember, we will be sleeping on the gym floor, so bring extra "padding" (single size) to sleep on if you need it. Below is the list of items each individual needs to bring.

Swimsuit (girls—appropriate coverage; guys--no speedos)
Pillow
Bedding (single size sleeping bag, sheets, etc.)
Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, etc.)
Shower shoes
Towels/washcloth
Hard soled shoes for job site (sturdy shoes, NOT heavy boots)
Sun block
Bug repellent
Work Gloves
Hat
Flashlight

Appropriate pajamas

Clothes to work and play in for seven days (NO sleeveless shirts) (jeans and scrubs are recommended)

1-2 long-sleeved shirts

12-pack of Gatorade to share with group

24+-pack of Water to share with the group

Snack money during the week (if you want to buy from the vending machines/gas stations; there will plenty of food to eat)

Pen and paper to write APPA notes

Bible

*iPod, cell phones, etc. are **NOT** for the job site and are to be used sparingly. Also, do not assume you will be able to charge your electronic devices while on the trip; adult leaders have priority in plugs.

No shorts, tank tops, halters, sandals, jeans with large holes, or poorly worded T-shirts will be worn at the work site! **(Guys: cut off sleeves with large holes on the side will not work. Unless you wear an under shirt with it. In general, the less skin showing, the better.)**

If you have an emergency, Stefani can be reached on her cell at 972-921-4952.

Tool List Sign-Up: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WlBjM0_IAPXbD9bLpNybvF-fi9BdpE6jjTRvQauR1Ro/edit?usp=sharing

Van Pick-Up/Drop-Off Sign-Up:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1wppLFNSnUx5I8rxjBBaya8JiC1dzw_u8kPMcCobcRW0