



*“Sharing our Faith through
Home Repair Mission”*

Group Manual

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From the Director:

Greetings and blessings! We are excited that you will be joining us as we share our faith through home repair mission! I believe God has an incredible, abundant time in store for all of us.

Contained in this manual are various kinds of interesting facts, information, forms and guidelines. Read through them carefully and if you have any questions regarding the information please call Josh DeGraff, our Program Manager, Jorge Herrera, our Director of Home Repair, or myself, I am the Executive Director (I know, big title, but don't let it fool you).

The manual is broken down into four pieces:

1. General information, welcome, history, facts about the experience and information regarding your payment schedules and your experience.
2. Daily and weekly schedules, Safety issues, guidelines and expectations as well as equipment list and personal items list.
3. Registration sheets, medical forms, behavior covenant, trip check, team roster and all forms needed in our office prior to your experience beginning.
4. Two pre trip Bible studies for your optional use.

Please make sure that all of your required forms are filled out and signed by the right people in all the right places. **These forms will remain in our office and cannot be changed or altered in any manner.** If you have your own medical forms for your usage they will remain in your care. **We must have forms on file in our office at all times and after the experience.** These forms are not shared with anyone and your information is not released unless an emergency arises that requires them.

We are preparing for your arrival and have begun praying for you and your group. We are excited about the work you will bring, the help you will give and the great way that God is going to work in you, through you and in and through the lives of your youth and volunteers. As you prepare, please let us know what you need in order to make this experience everything you are hoping and praying for it to be.

God Bless You,

**Dave Torbett,
Executive Director**

History

Sharing our faith through home repair mission since 1990

The ministry that is ReCreation Experiences truly began in 1980 as a personal outreach program of the founding and current Director, Dave Torbett. Back in “those days” the program was a dual program combining various outdoor experiences like backpacking, rock climbing and rafting with elements of service, such as, day camps for physically challenged youth and home repair. The goals were to build programs where people could become more comfortable with the challenges of the outdoors and the faith experiences to be discovered in those settings and to provide opportunities where faith was being put into action through acts of service. Over the years, the reputation of Highe Pointe Ministries (as it was called back then) grew; Dave Torbett felt a very direct calling from God to begin a full time ministry. The name and mission of ReCreation Experiences emerged and the program began operation in Asheville, North Carolina in 1990.

From 1990 to 1996 ReCreation Experiences offered dual programs of Outdoor Experiences and Home Repair Mission Experiences. As the program grew, the demand for Home Repair Mission Experiences began to vastly outnumber the requests for Outdoor Programs. In the early part of 1997, the Board of Directors decided to lay aside the outdoor programming and focus all of the programs energy and attention in home repair mission experiences. Virtually over night the home repair mission program exploded, tripling the number of groups working, clients assisted and projects completed.

The name ReCreation Experiences comes from the conviction that God is calling the ministry to be an instrument in helping lead people to renewed or new found place of faith. There are two scriptures that have been very vital in the development of the name and the mission of ReCreation Experiences, they are:

- *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- *“Therefore, if any person be in Christ, they are a new creature;*
- *the old things have passed away;*
- *behold, new things have come”*
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- *Matthew 20:28*
- *“Just as the Son of God did not come to be served,*
- *but, to serve,*
- *and to give his life as a ransom for many”*

Through the work and the time we spend together, we seek to be true servants that share the Re-Creating power of God in all we do. Some programs focus on the evangelism aspects of ministry through passing out tracts and literature; it is our conviction that we have been called to present the message of faith through acts of Christian service. In serving Christ we are more able to serve the needs of others. By serving the needs of others, we are able to lift up the example of Christ and share the message of our faith through home repair mission.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

What will this experience be like? How will I spend my time? How hard do we really work? What will our free time be like? Who are we helping? Have you found yourself asking and wondering or being asked these and other questions? That's great, it means you and others are interested in what will be happening this week. Let us try to answer as many of these as we can. Read on and find the top ten questions most often asked! For more detailed information on ReCreation Experiences, try our website at www.recreationexperiences.org.

Q: Time, how will we spend it, what are the days like?

A: Look over the weekly and daily schedules in the next section. The days are packed and the evenings are left open for your group to unwind and meet together. After dinner we free up the evening for you!

Q: Where do we stay?

A: At the ReCreation Experiences Headquarters at the Red Oak School Building. In July 2006, ReCreation purchased and is renovating the 6+ acre, Red Oak School complex in Weaverville, NC. The complex includes our administrative offices, a worship center/multi-purpose area for morning devotionals, group meeting spaces, sleeping areas, kitchen/dining area, bathrooms and showers. The complex also has a ball field.

Q: Who do we work with?

A: All of the people, who receive the help we offer, have been financially qualified according to guidelines we have established (see the website). The homes have also met and passed a test for being qualified as a substandard home based on area guidelines.

Q: Do I have to know how to do home repair work to be able to help?

A: No, we have staff on site to advise you and work with you. The staff person we assign you for the week will have met your client and will know the priorities for the week you are here. They will teach you and show you what needs to be done.

Q: What do we do on our day off and why do we have to take a day off?

A: Your day off options are up to you and we have a list of things to recommend. A day off is important to the entire experience. Studies show that it provides time for better community building in the group and it allows for a better work environment by giving the team some down time. Having the day off allows for a stronger finish to the week and reduces the chance of injury from tired workers by over 90%.

Q: Will our group be split up or will we work together?

A: We keep your group together on site. We feel like it is a great way to build community and team spirit. Your group may be split over two or more sites but you will be together.

Q: Will we see other groups while we are there at ReCreation Experiences?

A: Yes, groups from different churches and different parts of the country will be here at the same time you are.

Q: Are there rules we have to follow?

A: Yes, we have guidelines and covenants; they are in the next section. We also support the guidelines set by your group's leadership.

Q: Do I have to do work that I am afraid to do?

A: No, there is plenty of work and we can find you something that helps out the project.

Q: Do we do real work?

A: We work on projects from the ground up. All projects have different levels of need. Every project has multi levels of work, yard work, painting, roofing, etc.

*“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face, and if they will turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sins
and I will heal their land”*

2 Chronicles 7:14

Overview

The work will be hard but fun!

- You will interact with the residents, our staff and most importantly, one another.
- You will experience what it means to live simply as you step away from the many comforts of home.
- You will learn a lot about yourself as you give more of yourself to your group and to the work.
- You will grow in your faith.
- You will accomplish amazing things!

The concept of the work camp mission experience is built on the ideas of **simplistic living, sacrifice and discipleship**. Come with an open mind and a gentle heart that is ready to give and grow. It is important that you understand how wonderful a ministry and service you are providing. The people you will be serving would not be having this work done for them were it not for you and your group. Your ministry will go on long after you have returned home. Lives will change and be changed because you were here. We pray you will be open to all God has in store for you.

Blessed are the Poor.....Matthew 5:3

The wonderful people who receive the assistance we provide are referred to as our clients. They have agreed to an evaluation process that qualifies them financially and they have allowed us to inspect and make recommendations on their home repair needs.

Keep in mind that for many people, **asking for and receiving assistance is difficult**. You may encounter some reluctance to certain aspects of the work. **Can you imagine the stress of having your home and life invaded by a large group of people and having a group of strangers using your bathroom?** Remember, we give because of the need we see. We do not expect anything in return except for the knowledge that we gave and that we did a good job.

We offer ourselves as servants. Ready and willing to do whatever is required of us to complete a good work. We want to work alongside the people who own the homes we have been invited into. It is important that we **do a good job, respect their dignity, and, leave their home in a better state than what we found when we arrived.**

Remember, all of the people we serve have been through an extensive application and review process. Many of them are elderly or handicapped. Some are on very low or fixed incomes and have to decide many times between buying food and buying medicine.

Working Poor

Another population that we have seen emerge in our area is a group called “**the working poor**”. These are single parents or married couples who have jobs they work at full or part time, but because of the high cost of living in our area, they are not able to make enough money to cover all of their expenses. **The average “living wage” (the amount estimated a single individual needs to make to cover basic living expenses) in our area is over \$14.00 per hour, but, the average wage (what people really make) in our area is less than \$7.00 per hour.**

If you break down all of this information, what rises from it is a simple truth. People need help and we have the God given opportunity to provide that help in the form of Christian Service. **An important thing to remember about this type of service experience is that poverty is an issue of income and not an issue of faith. Many people assume that because a person is poor, they have a lack of God in their lives. Our experience has been just the opposite!**

Sharing our faith is as much about what we do as what we say! The job you do, the way you treat one another, the spirit in which you work, will witness stronger than anything you can say! We share our faith through home repair mission by doing good work.

Suggestions for working with your client:

- Get to know them, spend a moment each day greeting and speaking with them.
- Ask to take pictures with them, most of us like to have our pictures taken.
- Make arrangements to correspond after you leave and send back pictures.
- Be sensitive to being in “their space”.
- Don’t make assumptions about their lives based on their living circumstance.
- Listen, listen, listen, listen, listen

Jesus tells us in **Matthew 26:11** “**The poor will be with you always**”. ReCreation Experiences has a mission to serve those in our area who have a demonstrated housing need. We believe everyone has the right to live in a home that is warm, safe, and dry.

Partnering with you and your group makes us stronger and together we can touch a need through the repair of a house. In doing so we fulfill a part of the great mission God has placed before us.

*“Then, they themselves will say to him...
Lord, Lord, when did we ever see you hungry, or thirsty,
naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?”
Then, He will answer them saying..
“Truly, I say to you, to the extent you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.”
Matthew 25:44-45*

Safety

Helping to keep you and your workers safe is one of the highest priorities of ReCreation Experiences. Our staff is trained to be observant and helpful on sites and they will let you know of any trouble areas to be avoided. Our Senior Staff has received OSHA training in different facets of the work and will be available to resource and offer advice on any site and situation. Since the program began partnering volunteers and clients in 1990 there has not been a major hospitalization due to an accident on a work site.

The safety of all who are involved in your project is a response of our Christian Stewardship and Calling. We take the work very seriously and are committed to helping you have a safe and fulfilling work experience. Prior to your experience, we visit the work sites and inspect them for trouble areas. Any area that is found to be insufficient is either repaired by a volunteer professional or the work is sub-contracted to a Professional Contractor.

The following are generally recommended guidelines for work safety.

- **No one is required to do work they may not feel safe in doing.** This is especially true for roofs, ladder work and power tool usage. There are plenty of ways to help on a project site. This not the time to “test your courage”.
- **Ladders are to be moved and set by ADULT STAFF ONLY!** We have procedures for the moving and setting of ladders and we will train your adults in the proper movement and placement of them. All ladders will have a person who climbs and a person who holds. The workers rotate periodically. No ladder work is to be performed within 4 feet of power lines or wires.
- **Everyone must have a pair of safety glasses/goggles and gloves.** These are good items to have on hand and they come in handy. **DON'T FORGET THEM!**
- **Each team needs to have a basic First Aid Kit for each vehicle you are driving.** Insurance requires that only your adult leaders may dispense medicine, medical supplies, or basic First Aid treatment.
- **ReCreation Experiences staff will be present at your site.** In addition, once a day a Senior Staff will be by to check in with you. Please ask any questions that you have!
- **Dress For Success!** Wear clothing that protects....as well as reflects...your desire to be a Servant of Christ!
- *These are some very simple and basic guidelines for the work sites. Please feel free to ask a Staff Member if you have any questions or need clarification on anything.*

Caravanning Safety Policy

Transportation to and from the jobsite while at ReCreation Experiences is an integral part of the program. While groups provide their own transportation while staying with Recreation, we would like to encourage and promote safe travel practices, especially for groups traveling with more than one vehicle. Caravanning as a means of travel, has proven to be a method that is unsafe and not good stewardship of our volunteers time and resources. Caravanning by definition, is the mode of travel whereby many vehicles must follow a single or multiple leader vehicle to arrive at a destination. Due to many adverse and dangerous scenarios this method encourages, ReCreation Experiences will adhere to the following policy regarding traveling to and from the jobsite and the process of not caravanning vehicles. Please let us know ahead of time how many vehicles that you will be traveling with so that we may provide directions for each driver in each vehicle prior to departure. The directions will include:

- Step by step directions from point of departure to point of arrival and the reverse directions as well.
- Contact phone number of the destination point if applicable
- Contact phone number for ReCreation Experiences.

Caravanning of vehicles will be discouraged.

Behavior

Guidelines and Expectations

Setting guidelines and rules are sometimes difficult. No one wants to be “hard nosed” or seen as “too tough”. At the same time, rules and guidelines give us structure, boundaries and limits. These coupled with our faith commitment; allow us to function more completely as the Body Of Christ. This is not to come across heavy handed but to model out the fact that the Christian life is one in which we have standards we follow as we grow in our love for God and for each other.

- **MUSIC:** No stereos, walkmans, MP3 players etc. are allowed on a work site. No music on the site, unless you like to sing. When you are back at the ReCreation facility, walkmans only with earphones please, don't pull out the Boom Box or open the van doors in the parking lot and crank the tunes.
- **NO CELL PHONES (on site) UNLESS YOU ARE AN ADULT LEADER.**
- **NO ONE LEAVE A PROJECT SITE FOR ANY REASON.** Do not walk to the store, go to another project site, or enter another home. Make sure someone knows where you are!
- **NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- **EVERYONE NEEDS TO EAT THREE MEALS A DAY AND DRINK 8 TO 10 GLASSES OF WATER EACH DAY!**
- **NO PAINT FIGHTS ARE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME!** You will get dirty enough. Wasting material is a poor witness of our Christian Stewardship.
- **RESPECT THE FACILITIES AND ALL THOSE WITH WHOM YOU ARE SHARING SPACE!** Damage to the buildings, furniture, or equipment will be charged to those responsible.
- **NO GUYS IN GIRLS AREA AND NO GIRLS IN THE GUYS AREA. SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, BE IT IMPLIED, CONSENSUAL, OR VERBAL WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- **OBSERVE LIGHTS OUT!** Respect each others privacy and stuff.
- **APPROPRIATE DRESS IS REQUESTED FOR ALL WORKERS AND STAFF.** Inappropriate clothing items such as tube tops, sports bras, short shorts, bikinis, flip flops, cut off t-shirts, shirts with beer, alcohol, cigarette or suggestive slogans are not acceptable and a person will be asked to change their clothes.
- **VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- **GROUP LEADERS AND GROUP MEMBERS PARTICIPATE.** We ask everyone attending to participate fully in all activities and events of the experience. Failure to do so can result in that group member or youth group being sent home with no refund of work camp fees. The trip home will be at the individual's or group's expense.

*“Who among you is wise and understanding?
Let them then show us by their good behavior
and their good deeds that are brought forth through
the gentleness of their wisdom..”*

James 3:13

Personal Items and Clothing

Generally....

You will need to plan on being dirty, sweaty, and covered in paint, tar, a layer of dirt and various other things each and every day. Keep in mind that you will not have access to an on site laundry facility. Packing for the entire week is important. Dress clothes or really nice shirts and pants are probably not a good idea. Remember to not wear anything that you don't mind getting really dirty in or, to find at the end of day the clothes are carrying permanent reminders of the work site!

Plan to Bring: For The Work Site

- **Shoes/Boots**- sneakers are adequate, open toe shoes or sandals are NOT allowed on a worksite! No Exceptions, please don't even ask. Preferable footwear is something with a hard sole.
- **Socks**- Need to be worn at all times, protect the feet and keep out unwanted critters.
- **Hat, Cap or Bandana**
- **Appropriate T-Shirts, Work Shirts**, Pack at least one Long Sleeved Shirt to work in. Some tasks require long sleeves.
- **Jacket-Wind Breaker**
- **Shorts, not too far above the knee, please!** Use discretion in the selection!
- **Long Pants**-The preferred wear on work sites. Loose fitting are best. Many people opt for old hospital wear or army pants.
- **Water Bottle** or cup

Back At The Facility: (After The Shower)

- **Comfortable Clothing.** Again, use good discretion! Shirts must be worn at all times! At no time are halter tops, sports bras, spaghetti straps, tank tops, half shirts (no belly buttons please), shirts, or hats with suggestive sayings or beer and cigarette slogans will not be tolerated. Short shorts, mini skirts or spandex are not appropriate at any time.

Also Include:

- Bible and Journal
- Tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, deodorant, personal bathroom stuff
- Wash cloth, towel
- Showering shoes
- Sleeping bag, bed roll, pillow (we have cots with mattresses)
- Light jacket (for cool nights)
- Insect repellent
- Swimsuit
- Rain Gear
- Flashlight

Optional Stuff:

- Camera and Film
- Sunglasses, sun screen and chap stick
- Football, Basketball, Softball Stuff, Frisbee

Do Not Bring:

Valuables, including but not limited to: family heirlooms, televisions, stereos, boom boxes and large amounts of cash. There are a lot of people staying in the facility with you and we have no way to secure your personal items.

One final note regarding clothing:

Please remember that we are in no way passing judgment or trying to dictate your style in clothing. We simply have many years of experience working in communities, with churches and with families. Over the years we have developed a good middle ground that we find works well and keeps everyone in a positive place.

What is acceptable to you from where you live or attend school may be unsafe for a job site or unacceptable in the communities we work in or at the home of the family you are working with. Work with us, being a community of faith sometimes means giving up certain things to allow God to be even more real in our midst!

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
For his steadfast love endures forever.”*

Psalm 136:1 NRSV

Group Equipment List

Job Site Stuff

ReCreation Experiences is a non-profit program. We strive to be good stewards of what we have and to not be wasteful in the usage of resources. We make every attempt to keep our operating at a minimum cost and therefore hold the cost of our participants as low as possible. At the same time we want our work teams to be able to work without interruption and having to wait on materials and tools. To help this process out, we ask each group to bring basic tools and equipment that are listed below.

The following are general items we know are needed on every project. Get your church involved in helping secure the items. Ask different groups to help you with different tools and items.

In many cases we have found that groups were able to secure donations of many items by notifying area hardware stores of their mission.

Each Group Must Have:

- Fully Equipped First Aid Kit (one per vehicle)
- Set of screwdrivers (Regular and Phillips)
- Handsaw or one for each team of 15 people
- Small combination square
- Box of single sided razorblades
- 2 Pry bars (cats paw or crow bar)
- Skill Saw with 50 ft. extension cord (extra blade)
- Jig Saw with 50 ft. extension cord (extra blades)
- Drill (cordless or corded)
- 6 to 8 Utility Knives with extra blades
- 2 cases of White Painters Caulk
- 2 to 4 Caulking Guns
- 4 drop cloths or tarps 8x8 or 8x10
- Tape Measure (2)
- Tin Snips

Each Person Must Have:

- Work Gloves
- 2 Paint brushes- (1) 4-inch brush and (1) 2-inch brush
- Plastic paint bucket
- Hammer

Recommended Group Tool Box (items that come in handy)

- Pliers
- Level
- Chalk Line
- Pencils
- 2 prong electrical adapter
- Eye Protection

Program Schedules

For Full Week (WOWs) and ICPs

SUNDAY: Groups arrive for registration at 5:00 p.m. You will be greeted by your ReCreation staff person who will be working with you. They will guide you through the evening and the week. An Adult Leaders meeting happens at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and the opening celebration/orientation follow the adult meeting. After our general session your team will meet with your ReCreation Staffer.

MONDAY: Work Day! You set up your site with your ReCreation leader and set your goals and priorities for the week.

TUESDAY: Work Day

WEDNESDAY:

Full Week: This is a full day off for your group. A day off option list with suggestions is provided or, link to many of the areas attractions from the web site at www.recreationexperiences.org. This day is provided for your group to be away from the facility and the work. Please take the time to unwind and enjoy some group time.

ICP: This day is ½ work and your time off is in the afternoon.

Both Programs have all three meals provided! We pack your lunch just like we do on the other days of the week. Dinner will be provided if you are returning to the facility. Many groups choose to eat off campus. Just let us know! Groups must leave the facility.

THURSDAY:

Full Week: Work Day! You will reset your site to finish strong!

ICP: You will be packing up and heading out after morning worship!

FRIDAY: Work Day! **Finish Strong!** We will not have morning worship. We will have a sending forth in the parking lot and then head out to finish strong!
Our Closing Celebration will take place after dinner!

SATURDAY: It's all over! We will have breakfast, get you to help us clean up, take a few more pictures and head for home!

Daily Schedule

For All Multi Day Events

The days are packed and we have a lot to do! Remember there are a lot of people here working with you to get your project completed. Being on time is vital to our having a successful experience!

- 6:30am** **Wake Up!** Staff will wake you to soothing sounds and music!
- 6:45am** **Breakfast**, don't skip it. Grandma was right. The most important meal!
- 7:45am** **Celebration!** Let God Jump Start Our Day!
- 8:30am** **Go to work** (make sure someone brought lunch and water coolers)
- 9:00am** **You are on the clock**, turning a house back into a home!
- 11:30am** **Morning TAG** (Time Alone with God) and lunch prep
- Noon** **Lunch Break.** Lunches are prepared on site.
- 2:00pm** **Afternoon Reflection and TAG**
- 2:20pm** **Get Back To Work**
- 4:00pm** **Start breaking down the day**
- 4:30pm** **Get cleaned up!** Head to the showers and back dinner!
- 5:30pm** **Dinner**
- Evening** The Evening Program is up to you. (Assistance from our staff is available if scheduled in advance.
- 10:30pm** **LIGHTS OUT. You need your beauty rest!**

Forms

Information on Completing

All the forms contained in the manual are to be filled out completely by each participant or the participant's legal guardian. These forms will be kept on file in ReCreation Experiences office. We must have the original returned to us. These forms cannot be altered, rewritten, or tampered with in any manner. To do so will render the form null and void and will prohibit the participation of the person named on the form. Any participant who arrives without the forms completed will not be allowed to participate until the forms are completed or arrangements have been made to have the forms expressed mailed to ReCreation Experiences. At no time are these forms made available for inspection by anyone other than the participant, the participants leadership, or, the proper medical personnel. We do not distribute, make available, or sale our participant lists to outside agencies. All records are maintained in a secure location following the experience.

Registration:

This form collects pertinent information on each participant. Contact information as well as the participant's health insurance coverage is to be stated on this form. The Medical History questions are designed to expedite treatment in case it is required. This form is to be signed by a parent/guardian or the participant who is over 18 years of age.

Medical Or Emergency Care:

The medical welfare of the participant is the responsibility of that participant's group leadership. When aid or health care is needed, the responsibility for securing those services will be up to the designated leaders of that participant. Only in an extreme emergency will ReCreation Experiences Staff become involved in signing in or securing medical services for participants. Directions from your work site and our facility to Medical Services will be provided upon your arrival Sunday Evening. Hospitals and Clinics will not treat anyone without these forms being completed and signed by the appropriate individual and/or that individual's parent or guardian. These forms can be duplicated if you need to maintain a copy for your usage, but the original copy for each participant must remain in the possession of ReCreation Experiences during and following the experience.

Consent for Experience Activities and Medical Treatment Consent Form:

This form contains the type of activities the participant may be involved in during their experience. In signing this form, participating adults and parents or guardians of participating youth, release ReCreation Experiences Mission and Ministries, of liability due to accidents or mishaps. This form also allows for medical treatment in case of an injury. Hospitals and Clinics will not provide treatment without this form being signed and NOTARIZED. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THIS FORM BEING SIGNED AND DULY NOTARIZED.**

Covenant Of Behavior:

This form outlines the expectations of ReCreation Experiences for the week of participation. It is to be signed by the participant, the participant's parent/guardian, and the Group Leader.

Team Roster:

Use this form to register the collective members of your team. It should be turned in with a complete and accurate listing of all your participants upon your arrival.

Trip Check/Group Information Form:

It is very important that we have this form as soon as you can send it back to us. We will use this form to match your team to your work and it provides us with a snapshot into your group that we can share with staff.

Group Goals:

This will help us develop the experience more closely to the goals of your team.

Finally:

We know, this is a lot of paper to have filled out and prepared. Every step helps this be a better experience for your team. Please feel free to call us with any questions that may arise through the process of having everything filled out.

A Suggestion:

Many groups have found success in having an evening meeting with a notary present. In one session everything gets completed and turned in to you. It is important that the forms are filled out correctly, and that the Notarization is in the right place.

Remember:

We cannot allow any who has not completed their information to participate until those forms are completed and turned in!

*“Who among you wise and understanding?
Let them show by their good behavior
and in their deeds demonstrate the gentleness of wisdom”
James 3:13*

Registration

Each participant for the experience must complete this form

Section A: General Information

Name _____ DOB ____ - ____ -19 ____
(last) (first) (mid. Int.)

Address _____ () ____ - ____
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (phone)

Email Address _____ Occupation or grade in School _____

Special Skills or Abilities (note any Construction skills) _____

Church Name _____ City _____ State _____

Local Newspaper _____ T-shirt size _____

Section B: Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
(Street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Contact Phone Numbers: () _____ () _____ () _____
(daytime phone) (evening phone) (cell phone)

Other relative or responsible person: (in case above cannot be reached)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____
(Street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Contact Phone Numbers: () _____ () _____ () _____
(daytime phone) (evening phone) (cell phone)

Section C: Health History (attach additional pages if necessary)

1. Operations or Serious Injuries: _____
2. Disability/Chronic recurring Illness: _____
3. Specific Activity To Be Limited (by physician) _____
4. Dietary Modifications: _____

5. Current Medications: (send with instructions) _____

6. Date of Last TETANUS _____

7. Medications You Cannot Take or are Allergic to: _____

Allergies or Special Health Problems or Concerns: _____

Section D: Medical Insurance, Policy Information, Physician Contact

Medical Insurance Co. _____ () _____
(name) (phone)

Address _____
(Street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Policy# _____ Policy Holders Name: _____

Policy Holders Identification # (if required) _____

Physician Name: _____ Phone () _____

Physician Address: _____
(Street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Section E: Signatures

I understand ReCreation Experiences does not carry accident or medical insurance on participating volunteers. I agree that my insurance company or the stated aforementioned carrier of my policy will be used for medical care expenses in the event of treatment. I am aware that I may be billed by the medical provider for any medical treatment expenses not covered by my provider insurance. I understand that I am responsible for payment of all medical bills.

(signature of participant) I am 18 years of age or older) (signature of parent/guardian for underage minors)

Dated: This is the _____ day of _____, 200_

Experience Activities Consent & Medical Treatment Consent

Section A: Activity Consent

I, _____ (print participant name) have applied and will be a participant in a Home Repair Mission Experience sponsored by: (name of the group participant attending with) _____. I understand the purpose of this form is to provide me and/or my Parents/Guardians with information regarding the risks and concerns involved. By my signature, and, the signature of my parent/guardian, I/we understand each of the things stated herein. I understand I am to participate in the experience which will be held _____ through _____, 200_.

In embarking on this experience, I/We understand that ReCreation Experiences is a home repair program and that all volunteers are expected to be involved in specific home repair and home building activities including but not limited to: the use of power tools, painting, scraping, yard work, roofing, carpentry, dry walling, digging steps, digging trenches for drainage, digging for septic systems, plumbing, glasswork, insulating, electrical, removal of old materials, carrying of new materials, loading and unloading of equipment, and other facets of home repair, remodeling, and renovation.

These activities include, but are not limited to: the usage of power tools such as drills and saws as well as the use of hand tools. The foregoing activities can or will also require climbing with or without supplies, tools or materials as well as working in high places such as atop roofs or other facets of construction work.

Volunteers may also, in their free time, engage in non-sponsored activities including but not limited to: football, softball, basketball, Frisbee, hiking, swimming, volleyball, or other sports activities of their choosing. Planned activities include, but are not limited to: visiting area attractions, white water rafting, hiking, and traveling to visit other area cultural places or people. I/We understand these activities are not sponsored by ReCreation Experiences are to the sole discretion of my group leaders.

NOTE: No one will be required to participate in any event or activity in which he/she or they feel they are not able to participate safely.

I/we understand even in using great caution and care there is a risk of injury. I understand I should not be on any medication or drugs which might affect my mental awareness or hamper my judgment. I/we understand precautions are taken to keep safe and protect all participants. But, I must pay attention and follow all instructions, rules, regulations and guidelines which are given to govern all activities and to govern my conduct. I understand that even in doing so, the risk of injury and accident are still present.

The undersigned assumes all the risks normally incident and all risks not normally incident to the nature of this program, including risks which are not specifically foreseeable.

In consideration of ReCreation Experiences, its agents, employees and Board of Directors, I hereby assume all risks of injury, or loss of, or damage to property arising from my participation in such experience. Further, I specifically release ReCreation Experiences, its agents, employees, and Board of Directors from any and all liability which may incur during my participation in said program.

I, for myself, heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, hereby release, waive, discharge and relinquish any action or causes of action which may exist or which may hereafter arise from me or my estate and agree that under no circumstances will I, my heirs, personal representatives, or assigns present any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against ReCreation Experiences, its agents, employees or Board of Directors.

I have read this information carefully and I/we understand the content of it. I/we are fully aware this is a waiver of and a release of liability. I/we are fully aware of the legal issues of signing this document.

The participant/and the guardian grant and convey to ReCreation Experiences all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by ReCreation Experiences during the participants participation of the ReCreation Experiences Home Repair Mission program, these images to be used for the sole purpose of publicizing and promoting the programs of ReCreation Experiences.

Covenant of Behavior

This Covenant is a commitment that you are making to God, your church, your youth leaders, your fellow participants, and to ReCreation Experiences in order for this to be a good experience for everyone. Every Mission Experience we participate in should reflect what we understand the Christian life to be. Many of these guidelines are considered “givens”, but they are listed to remind us to live as Christians, set apart and different than much of what we encounter in the world around us. Participation in an experience like this should be seen as a privilege and an opportunity to grow in a person’s faith. If you breach the confidence of any of this Covenant, we reserve the right to send you and possibly your group home.

- **I will not** leave a project site or the site of my housing for any reason.
- **I will not** engage in paint fights or at any time use materials or equipment in a manner which is wasteful or reflects poor stewardship.
- **I will** respect the facilities I am eating and staying in. I understand any damage I cause will result in my being financially responsible for the repairs incurred.
- **I will** observe the lights out times and will respect the people I am staying with.
- **I will** dress modestly. I understand that tube tops, sports bras, cut up shirts, shirts with no sleeves, short shorts, spandex, spaghetti straps, half shirts, mini skirts, shirts and hats with beer, cigarette, and suggestive slogans, guys without shirts, are not appropriate for this experience.
- **I will not** use language that is disrespectful, inappropriate, profane or abusive.
- **I understand** that inappropriate sexual behavior, be it implied, consensual, or verbal will not be tolerated.
- **I will not** at any time be in a member of the opposite sex’s room. I will respect others’ privacy. If it is not mine, I will stay out of it. I will not go into someone else’s stuff for any reason.
- **I will not** be in possession of illegal drugs, drink alcohol, or use tobacco.
- **I will not** bring fireworks or weapons of any kind on this experience.
- **I will not** engage in any behavior which is a violation of these guidelines or any state or federal law.
- **I will** participate fully in all activities and events of the work camp experience.

I understand that failure to follow the guidelines set forth in this covenant and failure to abide by the rules set forth by my group for this experience can and will result in my being sent home a my own expense and at no refund of my work camp fees. I also understand that my violating these guidelines could result in my group being sent home as well.

Participant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (If
under 18 years of age)

Date

Adult Leader Signature

Date

Trip Check & Group Information

Section A:

Name of Group _____ Denomination _____

Number in Group: Youth _____ Adults _____

Youngest Youth Attending (age) _____ Oldest Youth Attending (age) _____

of Youth Males _____ # of Youth Females _____

of Adult Males _____ # of Adult Females _____

Team Leader or Contact Person _____

How will you be traveling? (i.e. bus, vans, personal vehicles?) _____

Will you have a pick up truck or trailer to help haul materials? _____

Will you have room to transport one or two of our staff to your job site? _____

Section B: (Please answer the following on the back of this page, or use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

1. How would you describe the community, or bonding spirit of your group?
2. What would you say the theology of your church and group is. i.e. Conservative, moderate, charismatic?
3. Who are your teen leaders? Please tell us a little about them. How does the rest of your group respond to them?
4. How long has this adult team been working together?
5. What are you expecting to have happen on this experience?
6. What are your anxieties or concerns?
7. Have you done experiences like this before? What were the highs and lows of those?
8. Describe this group in one word. Please explain.
9. Are you Paid Staff? Volunteer? Part Time? How long have you been with this group?
10. Does anyone on your team have special construction or home repair skills? If yes, who?

Group Goals

Your Group Goals are very important to us! We would like to begin planning and gearing our staff team in the direction of helping you and your group meet the goals they have for this experience. Please list below your top 3 Goals, and then, list some of the personal goals the youth and adults have shared. This works very well with the provided Bible Study #1.

Group Goals

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Personal Goals

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____