



YOUTH SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES 2025



We are excited to offer a Camp Courageous and a Work Caravan in Appalachia for our high school youth this year! Thanks to all who helped provide input and the adults who volunteered which opened the possibility of bringing back the work caravan. The work caravan date was chosen based on youth availability and work site parameters.

July 13 - 19 (Sun – Sat) Camp Courageous Caravan. We will be working as volunteer counselors alongside paid staff at a camp for mentally and/or physically challenged children and teens. You will work long hours, do meaningful work that will help campers have a great week, and have a great time doing it. We will stay at the camp and share meals with campers in the dining hall. You do not need experience with special needs individuals, nor do you need to have a desire to make it a related field a career. Compassion and energy are the two most important things to bring. Participant contribution is \$100.

July 26 - August 2 (Sat – Sat) Appalachia Work Caravan. We will be traveling to Kentucky, Tennessee, W. Virginia or Virginia to provide high quality home repair to needy families/homeowners to make them safer, dryer and warmer. Projects will include home construction projects and/or repair, including roofs, siding, ramps, painting and porches. Work crews are generally 7 (5 youth plus 2 adults) but there is flexibility in that number and the CPC participants will always be working together. Participants say the relationships developed with low-income homeowners and the overall experience are transformational. We will be partnering with Appalachia Service Project, ASP (<https://asphome.org/summer/#learn-more>), who will plan the projects, housing, programming/entertainment and meals. Housing will be in schools (classrooms or gym), churches or other bunkhouse type places. We will have an afternoon off during the week for a CPC group activity in addition to some time each evening to hang out. You do not need construction experience, but you do need energy and enthusiasm. We will be driving there in the church bus or van and are still working out

the details of whether we will break up the drive over 2 days or drive straight through. The project locations will be assigned on April 15 so we will finalize the plan after that date. We expect the actual drive time to be approximately 8 hours driving plus food/restroom stops. Participant contribution is \$150.

PLEASE NOTE:

- There is one application for the two caravans. You may go on both caravans, if desired; please be clear on your application about what you would ideally like to do. If you want both, mark both. If you can only do one, only mark one. **Please be as flexible as possible.**
- We ask that ALL youth participate in fundraising activities to support the total costs of Summer Caravans.
- We ask that **parents read** through their teen's registration and **sign the first page**. It is important for parents to be aware of the application process and the commitment involved.
- Do not let money be an obstacle to going on the trip of your choice! **Full and partial scholarships are available.** Contact Alyssa Woody or Wendy Cook for details.
- The Christian Education – Youth (CE-Y) Committee will be considering the applications. We do our best to put together rosters that will allow as many active youth group members to go on a caravan as possible. Trust us when we tell you that your caravan experience will be a positive one regardless of which caravan you go on. It really will!
- **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY Sunday, March 16.** Late applications will only be considered if there are spaces available, so get your applications in on time! We really do mean this, please don't be disappointed. You will be notified by mail within two weeks what caravan(s) you'll be on.
- **A \$100 deposit** should be turned in with your caravan application regardless of how many caravans you are applying for. You can pay online at <https://onrealm.org/cpc/give/caravanfee>.
- On **Sunday August 10**, all caravans will be reporting at the 9:30 AM worship service. Thank you for making a commitment to present in worship on this day.
- If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Woody at 630-915-9883 (cell) or alabrash21@gmail.com. Wendy Cook 630-841-9617 (cell) or fivecookies@gmail.com.





Youth Name: _____
First name, Last name

Please keep pages 1 -2 of this packet for your information.

Fill in and turn in this checklist and all of the following by **Sunday, March 16, 2025**. If you need more time, please contact Alyssa Woody or Wendy Cook

Did you include:

- _____ Parent's and student's signature on the application
- _____ All 3 completed application pages
- _____ Which caravan is your 1st choice and 2nd choice and how many you want to go on
- _____ An "X" marked next to any caravan you are **unable** to attend
- _____ Your T-shirt size by circling it
- _____ A fully completed health form with emergency contacts and parent signature
- _____ A copy of front and back of your health insurance card
- _____ A photo permission form signed by a parent
- _____ \$100 deposit check made out to CPC, memo line = Youth Caravans

Thanks for being thorough!
We celebrate your interest in putting your faith into action through participation in a Caravan!

APPLICATION FOR CPC 2025 SUMMER MISSION CARAVANS

Name _____ Student cell # _____

Address _____ Town & Zip code _____

Email _____ T-shirt size (Circle) Adult S M L XL XXL

School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Our goal is to include as many active youth group members as possible.

I am applying for:

1=1st choice 2=2nd choice X=cannot attend

_____ Camp Courageous Caravan, July 13-19 (Participant contribution \$100)

_____ Appalachia Work Caravan, July 26 - August 2 (Participant contribution \$100)

My preference would be to go on _____ trips this summer.

I understand that a summer caravan is an important part of the mission program of Community Presbyterian Church. I go not only to represent myself, but also the congregation. I expect to work hard, learn new skills, to discover a deeper meaning in living and work in a Christian service ministry. I will try to be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, both my fellow workers and those whom we seek to serve. I will seek to improve my ways when I am given positive encouragement and correction. I understand that I will not be able to use my cell phone (except on travel days) so that I can be fully present and engaged with the caravan group. I commit to wearing my seat belt in moving vehicles.

Signed _____ Date _____
(applicant)

I have read this application and my daughter's/son's responses and am supportive of her/his desire to be part of a summer caravan. I understand that my daughter/son is responsible for wearing her/his seatbelt in moving vehicles and for following other rules as directed by the adult leaders.

Signed _____ Date _____
(parent or guardian)

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION INCLUDING THE VERY SHORT ESSAY WITH THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES AND A \$100 DEPOSIT (regardless of how many trips for which you are applying) TO THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 16. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IF THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE.

Youth Name: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, or on the back of this one, answer the question which pertains to you:

1. If you have **never** been on a caravan before: In 50 – 100 words, describe your Christian faith and how it relates to your desire to participate in a caravan. There is no single right answer here. We simply want to know what a caravan is going to mean to you and your faith.
2. If you have been on a caravan before: In 50 – 100 words, describe a specific experience you have had on a caravan and how that experience has affected your faith in Christ. Again, there is no single correct answer here. We simply want to know what your caravan experience has meant to you.

Answer the following as honestly as you can. This is designed to help you start to think about the things that you might be asked to do on a trip as well as to let us know the kinds of skills that you currently have or are interested in working on.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5

- 1 Can do, able to help or show others
- 2 Can do, can work independently
- 3 Can do, sometimes need help
- 4 Have not done, willing to learn
- 5 Cannot do, do not want to learn (Be honest, it can be a very appropriate answer)

Have you ever:

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| 1. _____ painted a house | 19. _____ used a circular saw |
| 2. _____ gone a day without your cell phone | 20. _____ used a hammer |
| 3. _____ worked on a roof | 21. _____ used a stove |
| 4. _____ helped someone get dressed | 22. _____ put up drywall |
| 5. _____ transferred someone out of a wheelchair | 23. _____ used a power drill/driver |
| 6. _____ framed a wall | 24. _____ cooked over a fire |
| 7. _____ taken care of a cranky child | 25. _____ puttied a window |
| 8. _____ laid a floor | 26. _____ played basketball |
| 9. _____ communicated with someone who is very different than you | 27. _____ administered first aid |
| 10. _____ done a craft project | 28. _____ played volleyball |
| 11. _____ cut down a tree | 29. _____ played a guitar |

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| 12. _____ worked on a porch or ramp | 30. _____ gotten up in the morning when you were really tired |
| 13. _____ made a campfire | 31. _____ gone a day without your music |
| 14. _____ planted trees, shrubs, flowers | 32. _____ gone a day without complaining |
| 15. _____ encouraged others | 33. _____ gone a day without a shower |
| 16. _____ gone camping (more than 1 night) | |
| 17. _____ dug a ditch | |
| 18. _____ slept on the floor | |

Caravans are part of the mission of Community Presbyterian Church. We go as a group of Christians to put our faith in action in the work that we do and the way we try to live together.

Please check all the activities in which you have participated at CPC:

- _____ Middle School Participant
- _____ Cube (Disciples/Post-Disciples) participant
- _____ Cube leader _____ Caravan participant
- _____ Youth Sunday
- _____ Worship leader on Sun. (music, reader, usher...other than Youth Sunday)
- _____ Ordained Deacon or Elder _____ Served on a Committee of the church
- _____ Volunteered at Church Clean up day in spring or fall

Please indicate all the service and/or fundraising activities you have participated in at CPC by **writing in the number of years** you have participated:

- | | |
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| _____ Car Wash | _____ Caravan Brunch (stock selling or telling stories) |
| _____ Camp Courageous Triathlon | _____ 30 Hour Famine _____ Feed My Starving Children |
| _____ Young Adult care packages | _____ Northern Illinois Food Bank |

I have attended the following CPC Caravans in the past:

_____ Caravans

Health Form

Community Presbyterian Church, 39 North Prospect Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town & Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Family Medical Insurance (Include company and policy and/or group number)

Please include a photocopy of the back and front of your insurance card

Medical Conditions _____

Allergies _____

Current medications (include over-the-counter medication and contact lenses)

PERSONS TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY:

Parent or Guardian _____

Address, if different _____

Home phone _____ Work or cell phone _____

Alternate Contact _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Work or cell phone _____

PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE CONTACT OTHER THAN A PARENT

Alternate Contact _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Work or cell phone _____

In consideration of the benefits derived from participation, we hereby voluntarily waive any claim against Community Presbyterian Church, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, or its staff and advisors for any and all causes which may arise in connection with this activity. I, who by law may do so, authorize the administration of emergency medical treatment to s/he who is subject to this form. I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to contact the person(s) above immediately.

Date _____ Signed (one parent or guardian) _____



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of Clarendon Hills

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CPC would like to have your permission to use any photographs or videos of you or your child that might be taken for these purposes. By signing below, you will grant your permission for the use of your image or your child’s image in any or all of these ways.

I have read this Permission and understand that by signing below, I agree that CPC may use photographs and/or videos of me to publicize the church’s programs and services. I understand that one of the ways in which the photographs and/or videos may be used is through publication on the church’s website, but that my name will not be used on the Internet in connection with my image unless I explicitly grant further permission for its use.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: ___/___/_____

Signature of Youth if 18 + years of age OR signature of parent / guardian

*The signature of a parent or guardian is required on behalf of persons who are under the age of 18.