

# What does Home Repair / Appalachia Service Project do?

About 40 adults and high schoolers spend a week in central Appalachia (West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee or Virginia). ASP works to repairs homes, meets families and make new friends. We stay at a school and take meals there. We work in crews (2 adults and 4 teens). We also work to repair homes in Howard County, MD.



## Who Can Join?

High School Students, grades 9 – 12

College-Age Young Adults

Post-College Adults

# How Can I Learn More about Home Repair / Appalachian Service Project?

Watch the YouTube video of our Trip in 2022:

<https://sjcolumbia.org/parish-ministries/asp/>

Come to our Kick-Off Meeting on October 2nd

Go to the home page of the central office of the Appalachian Service Project:

[www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org)

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*“We accept people right where they are, just the way they are.”*

**Tex Evans, Founder of ASP**

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**COME JOIN US!**  
*St Johns Home Repair/  
Appalachian Service Project  
(ASP)*

*High School Students  
and  
Adults Welcome!*

*Service Fun  
Friends Growth*

## *I would like a more complete statement of what Home Repair / Appalachia Service Project is about.*

**SJ HRM / ASP** takes a group of volunteers, teens, young adults and adults to Appalachia for one week of the summer. We are supported by St. Johns Roman Catholic Church and St. Johns United. We work to make homes warmer, safer and drier. The ASP program was the creation of a Methodist minister's vision to connect the energy and skill of young people with folks living in Appalachia with housing needs. While ASP began as a Christian ministry and is still supported in many ways by Christian churches, ASP has reached out with arms wide open to welcome folks from all walks of life. Religion is not considered when folks apply for help or apply to be helpers. It is the ASP philosophy that we are all siblings together, and together we solve problems, share gifts, learn new skills, and walk our journeys through both blessed times and challenges.



## *Common Questions & Answers:*

### *Is Construction Experience Required?*

No, we provide training to the youth and adults.

### *When is the week-long trip to Central Appalachia?*

For 2023, the trip will probably be June 25<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### *When does Home Repair/ASP start?*

In October with a kickoff meeting, and home repair in Howard County. In mid-November, we begin our Christmas wreath fundraiser activity.

### *What is the Mission of the Appalachian Service Project?*

ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia.

### *Do I have to be a member of a church to join ASP?*

No. All are welcome. Home Repair / Appalachian Service Project is inspired by Christian teachings and we welcome youth and adults of all religious backgrounds. Home Repair ASP is sponsored by St. John United and St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia, MD.

### *What is the cost of the Summer ASP Trip?*

About \$215 per person with scholarships available.

### *How do we Prepare for the Summer ASP Trip?*

By doing Fundraising, Sensitivity Training, Construction Training and Local Home Repair in Howard County.

### *As a parent of a high school student, what are some benefits to the teens in participating on the Home Repair / Appalachian Service Project?*

High Schoolers meet new friends, learn the value of service, develop social and leadership skills, learn about people who live differently than they do, “get out of their comfort zone” in a supportive environment and have experiences that they often write about in essays for college admission.

