

What does Home Repair / Appalachia Service Project do?

Adults and high schoolers spend a week in central Appalachia (West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, or Virginia). ASP repairs homes, meets families, and makes new friends. We stay at a school or community center and eat meals there. We work in crews of adults and teens. We also 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 2025 Trip:

<https://youtu.be/EKU1ysNZa6s>

Our Kick-Off/Information Meetings are in September
at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center

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

www.asphome.org

To learn more about St. John's HRM/ASP:

<https://sjcolumbia.org/parishministries/asp/>

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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 in summer. We are supported by St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church and St. Johns's United. We work to make homes warmer, safer and drier. The ASP program was 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 partially supported by Christian churches, ASP welcomes 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 2026, the trip will be June 21st-June 27th.

When does Home Repair/ASP start?

In September 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 Methodist Church 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?

\$200 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.

