

Work Group Planning Information



For those groups that would like to serve Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm, please read through the following information. If there are additional questions, please call us at: 410-275-2194 or email us at: info@deeproootsinc.org. Thank you!

LOCATION

Mission trips and work groups that plan to spend time with Deep Roots will be hosted at Clairvaux Farm.

Clairvaux Farm provides shelter to families with children who are experiencing a period of homelessness in their lives.

Clairvaux Farm is located approximately 15 miles south of Elkton, Maryland and 15 miles west of Middletown, Delaware. We are located in the Bohemia River watershed, but do not have direct access to the Chesapeake Bay.

The Farm consists of 20 acres of fields, woodland, pasture, and wetlands. There is sufficient space for games such as football, volleyball, softball and soccer. There are a chapel, pavilion and a campfire area all available for worship and / or group activities.

ACCOMODATION

Groups stay in the Mission House. The Mission House is air-conditioned and heated, has five sleeping areas, two common rooms and two toilet and shower facilities. We can accommodate up to 25 persons in this building.

Food is prepared and served in the central dining hall which has a commercial grade kitchen. We ask work groups to consider rotating some members of their group to assist our residents and staff with food preparation and clean up.

There is wireless Internet access at Clairvaux Farm, but as we rely on a satellite provider, we request groups to be mindful that access may be uneven in quality

SCHEDULE

In general terms, for groups that plan to spend a week at Clairvaux Farm, we recommend the following schedule:

- Sunday – arrival in the afternoon; worship service in the late afternoon; supper; orientation in the evening.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – workdays, generally from 9 to 12 and 1.30 to 5. This may change depending on the work required and the weather.
- Wednesday – day off. Some groups travel to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC while others travel to Ocean City, MD or Rehoboth Beach, DE.
- Saturday – departure in the morning, after breakfast.

For groups that plan a shorter visit, we can provide a more condensed or flexible schedule. Just let us know.

Because Clairvaux Farm has a number of children and youth on site at any given time, we ask work groups to consider organizing a fun activity that can be done with them in the evenings. Previous groups have done arts and crafts, sponsored a game night, facilitated a softball game, among other things.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual clothing for outdoor work, hat, sturdy shoes, work gloves, insect repellent, re-useable water bottle, sunscreen, sleeping bags, pillows, towels, soap, shampoo, sports equipment for free time (soccer and basket balls available), swimsuits if planning a beach trip on the day off.

We recommend that everyone in your group have a valid tetanus immunization.

We require that persons wear sturdy, closed toe shoes while on work project sites.

RULES

We ask every mission trip or work group leader or coordinator to read our social media policy (a copy will be provided to you), sign that s/he has understood it and conveyed it clearly to all members of his or her group.

Drugs and alcohol are not allowed at Clairvaux Farm.

Workgroup members are not allowed into the residents' private apartments unless the project specifically targets that area. We recommend entering private spaces only with the instruction and permission of Deep Roots staff.

If a resident requests you or a member of your workgroup for personal assistance (e.g. medicine, money, transportation, etc.), please refer their request to a member of staff.

