

FAQs about the Workcamps

What will we be working on? Every group will work on one or more of four types of projects: New Home Construction, Critical Home Repairs, Affiliate Development Projects, and Community Projects. We concentrate in these areas because we realize it takes more than just houses to build a true community. Examples of the third and fourth types of projects would be repairing buildings at Camp Wood, painting park playground equipment, or helping other local non-profits with projects. If you call the week before you come, we will be able to give you a fairly accurate picture of your projects. Keep in mind, *there are no unimportant jobs!* Whatever the project, it is important that it be done to keep our houses affordable to our families and to create a thriving community for them to live in.

Do we work all week long? We take one-half day off on Wednesday so that our staff can plan for the rest of the week. Your group can take some time to enjoy the beauty of the country (and maybe get some rest!) and have some *different* kinds of fun. Hopefully everyone will get a little boost to make it to the end of the week! [Things to do in Greenbrier County](#).

What are the lodging facilities like?

We work through a local Civic Center and Churches to provide your sleeping quarters, cots, equipped kitchen facilities, and bathrooms/showers. We use a variety of resources as lodging sites. The size of a group will determine which facility we will house your group in. There is no charge to your group for using the lodging facilities.

Do we do our own cooking? Yes. You will have a full equipped kitchen and most groups bring most of their food supplies with them. A Food Lion is located in White Sulphur Springs, and in Lewisburg just 9 miles from White Sulphur Springs there is a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Kroger, and other common restaurants and businesses. [Places to eat in Greenbrier County](#).

Can we bring youth? Based upon insurance requirements youth under the age of 16 are not permitted to work on active construction sites. Youth between the ages of 16-17 can work on our construction sites with some minor restrictions.

What about transportation? It is possible that your group may be working in multiple locations on the same day. It is for this reason we ask that you bring as many vehicles as necessary to transport your volunteers to and from the work sites each day. Charter buses, school buses and the like are not practical for a Workcamp week in the mountains.

What are our Workcamp Fees used for? Workcamp fees are the foundation of our housing ministry. We use them to purchase building materials for your group to build with while you are here.

Will we get to work with the homeowners? Because most of our families have one or more individuals employed during the day, it may be difficult for them to be at the work site during the day. We recognize that this interaction enhances your overall experience and it is mutually beneficial. However, they do enjoy sharing meals with the groups and spending evening time with them. Why not invite them for supper and games one evening at the volunteer center? How about hosting a cookout or social (ice cream or some sort of dessert) one evening at the construction site (which is generally closer to where the families are currently living)? We welcome your ideas and suggestions on how to better facilitate this interaction!

Does Habitat have accident insurance? Habitat has accident insurance for every volunteer. **This acts as secondary insurance for those with their own insurance.** For those volunteers uninsured, this acts as primary insurance. If an injury occurs at the work site, the injured person, if at all possible, should take his or her own insurance information with them to the doctor's office