

Dear New Camp Director,

Enclosed are a few things that may help you in starting your camp.

You need to secure a location for your campers to sleep, shower and eat as soon as possible. You'll need to line up all meals, taking care to ask for different food selections. You don't want fried chicken every day. I recommend a 'light' lunch during the week, such as sandwiches, fruit and desserts, saving the bigger meals for dinner. A big breakfast is especially needed for the work days, also. Form 1 is a copy of our meals for the week, with contact numbers. I call each church that has agreed to provide a meal a couple of days ahead of time, to remind them that they are serving that meal. There is a copy of this schedule in the notebook for each site, along with directions to the local church that is feeding us - most of our lunch meals are at local churches.

At least a month before camp, I meet with the adults who are signed up. We talk a little about the homes that have been selected, and I try to have pictures of the work that needs to be done. We tour each home, have lunch together and make a decision as to which home they will work on. It's a great day of fun and fellowship.

As soon as I have a list of campers (from the web site), I send them forms 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Form 6 is the homeowner agreement – The original is kept in the notebook at each site and a copy is given to the homeowner.

Form 7 is given to the home owner as soon as sites are determined, usually around the first of April. This form lets home owners know when we will be visiting them, when work will begin, finish, etc. I've found this to be very helpful – although sometime I have to replace 'lost' copies.

Form 8 is given out as we begin our tour on Saturday, the first day of camp. **ALL** campers are instructed to return the form as they get off the bus after the tour.

Form 9 is completed as soon after camp starts as possible. Copies are placed in each notebook, as well as given to the runners. As you can see, I have a 'runner' for each site. **This is highly recommended.** The runner can be an older, local person who has building experience. That way he/she will know where the closest store is – they may even have a Veteran's discount! 😊

I include directions to each site from the school, to churches where we have meals, and to the local hospital.

Each site is given a first aid kit and a plastic box with a handle with the following items: paper towels, rubber gloves, cups, pencils, masking tape, hand sanitizer, a writing pad, trash bags and most important – THE NOTEBOOK (3-ring binder). The notebook has little zippered pockets to hold receipts, which must be turned in each day. It also holds the campers applications and medical forms, along with directions, phone numbers and meal schedule mentioned above.

The last few suggestions:

Try to have a dump truck or dumpster on each site. If you're not friends with the owner of the local 'dump', see if a member of your church knows them. They will usually be willing to let you dump for free – especially if you can show them 'before and after' pictures of Salkehatchie! Most cities will provide dump trucks, if you show them pictures as well.

Papa John's donates small plastic cups – we put names on each cup and use them for drinking water on site. Someone is assigned to wash them each night.

It is extremely beneficial to make friends with a local rental agency who has scaffolding, if at all possible. Again, the 'before and after' pictures work wonders! Likewise, find someone or several people, depending on the size of your camp, who own front end loaders. Their only job is to put shingles on the roof, so they don't have to be carried up a ladder! This can be done at the end of the day – when the roof is papered.

Most local businesses – hardware stores, Lowes, Home Depot, grocery stores, etc. are willing to donate, or give discounts – all you need to do is ask – AND – take those 'before and after' pictures wherever you go!

Call me – Jo Hood – at 864-85-45-6537 or 864-525-8154 or Bill Brown at 803-754-2156 or 803-518-9317 – if we can help in any way.

PIEDMONT SALKEHATCHIE – JUNE 19 – 26, 2010

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Saturday – June 19	None	None	<u>Piedmont UMC</u> – Shirley Elrod – 269-4444 – Lasagna
Sunday – June 20	<u>Bethesda UMC</u> – 8am – Josh Enloe – Josh.Enloe@primelineusa.com	<u>Shiloh UMC</u> – Covered Dish	<u>Trinity UMC</u> – Crystal Lewis - 231-6603 or 356-9961 – candlewis@bellsouth.net
Monday – June 21	John & Lisa Sherard, Rita Fowler, Martha & Chris Junkins, Betty Burdett, Suzy Bailey	<u>Corner Stone Com. Church</u> – Hope Johnson – 617-1191 – Johnson9995@att.net	<u>Easley First UMC</u> – Pat Martin – 859-2501 – Chicken
Tuesday – June 22	“	<u>Bethesda UMC</u> – Peggy Dulaney – 859-8445 – pdulaney@bellsouth.net	<u>Bell's UMC</u> – Stephanie Carwile – 446-8334 – Pizza – Stephanie.Carwile@acsd.k12.sc.us
Wednesday – June 23	“	<u>AT Shiloh</u> – Latimer UMC – Bobbie Davis – 934-0233	<u>Augusta Road UMC</u> – Hank of Ronna Brooks – Loaded Potatoes and Nachos – 243-9583 or 270-3947
Thursday – June 24	“	<u>Grace UMC</u> – Dianne Looper – 847-9606	<u>St. Andrews UMC</u> – Amy Jenkins – 845-7822 – Ham, Green Beans, Mac. And Cheese
Friday – June 25	“	<u>Mt. Springs Baptist Church</u> – Gwen Cooper – 630-0346	<u>Celebration!</u> – Betty and Ed Burdett, Jimmy & Renea Davis, Bobby Long

SAMPLE



May 12, 2010

Dear

Welcome and thank you for wanting to be a part of the 2010 Piedmont Salkehatchie Camp. This letter is confirming your place among the others who share your commitment. We will be staying at Wren High School. *See camp address, directions, and emergency numbers on the reverse side.* We will have a full week together. Registration will be at Wren High School and will begin at 1 pm on June 19th. The first session begins at 2 pm so arrive early. Dismissal is Saturday, June 26th at approximately 11:30 am. Listed below is a checklist for you as you make your plans.

- Get used to the HEAT. Spend some time outside away from air conditioning!
- READ the information packet sent to you from the Conference. Note the philosophy of our mission and the commitment we make. Don't forget your Bible!
- Bring: pillow, sleeping bag (air mattress or cot will make the floor softer), towels, flip flops for showers, toiletries, etc. work clothes, casual clothes, swim suit and towel for Sunday
- Tools to bring: hammer, work gloves, paint brushes, pencils, protective goggles, tape measure, nail apron and other small tools. (a Stanley Wonderbar-Walmart-is helpful!)
- Insect repellent, sunscreen and any musical instrument you can play, i.e. guitar, harmonica, etc. No personal cell phones on sites, during worship or after lights out.
- We will be going to Church on Sunday as an entire group. We will wear our camp T-shirts. Please bring nice jeans, khakis or a skirt. **NO SHORTS – PLEASE!**
- Pray God will make us into people who love, care, share and serve in the Spirit of Christ.
- Seek donations for our mission.
- If you have not already done so, send your **registration/medical release form, picture, and insurance form to:** Jo Hood, P. O. Box 221, Piedmont, SC 29673
- READ over all enclosed information and bring your signed covenant with you June 19th.
- Do not bring valuables and leave them at school during the day.

Wren High School is air conditioned (no fans are needed) and clean. We will keep it in good shape. We will meet in the library for devotions and fellowship, and will sleep in classrooms.

Adults, please let me know if you can provide a bus, van or truck. Those bringing these vehicles to be used during the week of camp should fill-up at your expense before coming to camp. We will cover the gas expenses once the vehicles are in use for the camp. You must be at least 21 years of age to operate a truck or van at camp.

Salkehatchie is a week long experience. It is vital that you plan to be a part of the whole program, for your sense of involvement and out of respect for the other participants. If there is some reason that you will not be present for the entire week, please call me in advance so that we can discuss a solution. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

In His Service,

Jo K. Hood, Camp Director of Piedmont Salkehatchie
 P.O. Box 221, Piedmont, SC 29673
 (864) 845-6537 e-mail: jhood125@charter.net

Camp address for June 19 - 26, 2010

<Your Name>
c/o Jo K. Hood
P.O. Box 221
Piedmont, SC 29673

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Emergency Phone Numbers:
[REDACTED], Jo's Cell Phone
[REDACTED], Sandy's Cell Phone
[REDACTED], Jo's Home Phone
[REDACTED], Wren High School

Directions to Piedmont Salkehatchie at Wren High School

From Anderson area take Highway I-85 North – take Exit # 35 (highway 86) – go left over bridge. Turn left at first light onto state highway # 17. Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Wren School Road. Go approximately 2.5 miles and Wren High School will be on the left. **Park in front of the school.**

From Greenville area take Highway I-85 South – take Exit # 35 (hwy 86) – turn right, then left at traffic light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Wren School Road. Go approximately 2.5 miles and Wren High School will be on the left. See above.

From Columbia/ Charleston area – take I-26 East to I-85. Take I-85 south. Follow directions above (from Greenville area.)

The school address is 905 Wren School Road, Piedmont, SC 29673. (If you have Internet access, consult www.expedia.com or www.mapquest.com for maps and directions.

Covenant for Piedmont Salkehatchie Summer Service

We want to make this a wonderful experience for everyone involved. I understand that everything I do with Piedmont Salkehatchie Summer Service represents my church and myself. I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner. I agree to enter a covenant by doing the following:

1. No eating in the sleeping quarters (food attracts BUGS!!).
2. No females in male quarters, and no males in female quarters. Violation of this rule will result in parents being asked at their expense to come pick up the youth for him/her to go home.
3. No fireworks, alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, drugs (including non-prescription) or weapons will be allowed. Immediately upon detection of any of these items, the parents will be notified and parents will be asked at their expense to come pick up the youth for him/her to go home.
4. Do not leave Wren High School for any reason without the consent of one of the directors. No one will be allowed to leave alone.
5. Stay within the boundaries set up at Wren High School by the directors. This is for your protection and the protection of the school property.
6. Be on-time for all events. Remember there are 90 other people waiting on you.
7. Respect the homes and people that we will be working at and with.
8. All meals are provided (all of the meals are prepared by volunteers, and most of the food is donated), therefore, only take what you plan to eat, and remember to say, "Thank you."
9. There has been a lot of work put into making this a wonderful experience for everyone involved. It takes cooperation and willingness to follow the guidelines to make everything go well.
10. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY THE ENTIRE WEEK.
11. Any additional covenants not covered within these guidelines will be left to the discretion of the directors.

I have read and understand all guidelines and enter into this covenant.

Youth Signature

Date

I have also read the above guidelines and understand my responsibility as a parent.

Parent Signature

Date



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Piedmont Salkehatchie Summer Service
June 19-26, 2010
Tentative Schedule

Saturday, June 19	1:00 – 2:00 PM	Registration
	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Orientation/Games
	3:00 – 5:30 PM	Visit Homes
	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Dinner at Wren High
	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Choose sites
	8:00 – 9:30 PM	Devotion, Music, Shirt Presentation
	9:30 – 10:30 PM	Free Time/Adult Meeting
	11:30	LIGHTS OUT
Sunday, June 20	7:15 AM	Wake up!
	8:00 AM	Breakfast & Worship at Bethesda UMC (NO SHORTS!)
	10:15-10:45 AM	Gather for group picture
	11:00-12:00 AM	Worship at Shiloh
	12:00 PM	Lunch at Shiloh
	2:00 – 4:30 PM	Safety Session & Time w/Site Families
	5:00 – 8:00 PM	Leave for Pelzer Community Pool
	8:00 – 10:00 PM	Free Time/ Adult Meeting
11:00 PM	LIGHTS OUT	
Monday – Friday June 21-25	6:00 AM	Wake up!!
	6:30 AM	Breakfast
	7:00 AM	Leave for sites
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch at Local Churches
	5:00 PM	Leave sites
	6:30 PM	Dinner
	8:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening Worship
	9:00 – 10:00 PM	Free Time/Adult Meeting
10:30 PM	LIGHTS OUT	
Friday Evening, June 25	8:00 PM	Dinner (Please invite site families) at Shiloh
	9:00 PM	Communion/Symbol Presentation at Shiloh
	10:30 PM	Adult Meeting/Free Time
	12:00 Midnight	LIGHTS OUT
Saturday, June 26	7:30 AM	Wake up!!
	8:00 AM	Breakfast/clean up!
	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Tour sites (Parents are encouraged to tour with us!)
	11:30 AM	Closing Prayer/Parent(s) Pick-up

SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE

HOMEOWNER AGREEMENT

Home Owner: _____

Home Address _____

I _____ am the owner of the home listed above. I agree to allow the Salkehatchie Summer Service to make repairs as needed on my home and premises.

I understand that there is no charge for the repairs. All materials and labor are provided free of charge by the South Carolina United Methodist Conference through the Salkehatchie Summer Service program. I understand that the volunteers assigned to work on my home will repair as much as they are able to do within the allotted week's time. There is no contractual agreement either written or verbal between me and Salkehatchie Summer Service or its representatives which specifies tasks to be accomplished or repairs to be made.

I understand that there will be pictures of my home on the web site of Shiloh United Methodist church, in order that the parents of the Salkehatchie participants may see the work being done throughout the week. (www.growwithshiloh.com)

I hereby release Salkehatchie Summer Service, its representatives and workers from any and all liability resulting from the work done on my house and premises identified about under "Home Address".

Homeowner's Signature: _____

Salkehatchie Representative: _____

Date: _____

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SCHEDULE FOR SALKEHATCHIE VISITS/WORK PIEDMONT SALKEHATCHIE - JUNE 19-26

Saturday, May 8 – we'll visit (15-20 adults) for about 15 minutes sometime between 10:30 and 1:30. This visit will allow us to get an idea of the work that needs to be done and let the adult leaders see all 7 of the homes we'll be working on this summer.

Saturday, June 19th – we'll visit (with about 90 youth and adults) for about 15 minutes again – sometime in the afternoon after 2 pm. Everyone in the camp will get a chance to visit each site. Only about 10-12 people will actually work on each home.

Sunday, June 20th – the 10-12 people that will be working on your home will come by for a visit in the afternoon – just to talk with you, get acquainted, and see what work they will be doing.

Monday – Friday, June 21-25 – these are our actual working days. We will be at your home from about 7 am – 5 pm each day, with an hour break for lunch. (We go to local churches for lunch.) Each morning when we arrive - the group will have a short devotion and prayer led by one of the youth before we begin work. You are welcome and encouraged to take part in this devotion time.

Friday – June 25 – We will have a celebration – our evening meal will be at Shiloh United Methodist Church around 8:00 pm and we invite the homeowners to join us for this celebration.

Saturday – June 26 – The entire group will once again tour all sites, so that everyone may see the work accomplished during the week. Some parents may join us.

If you have any questions at all, please call Jo Hood – 845-6537. If I'm not at home, please leave a message with a phone number where you can be reached, and I will return your call.

Please have the 'contract' signed and give it to Jo when we tour on June 19th.

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Piedmont Camp – 2010

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Church _____ This is my _____ year at Salkehatchie

Friday night for the celebration meal, I'd like:

_____ Chicken _____ Steak

RANK THE HOMES IN ORDER ACCORDING TO YOUR PREFERENCE. PUT A '1' FOR YOUR FIRST CHOICE. IF YOU HAVE NO PREFERENCE, CHECK HERE _____.

_____ **SITE 1**- Jerry Brown – foundation, bathroom

_____ **SITE 2** – Grace Cruell – roofing, interior

_____ **SITE 3** – Edward Dixon – roofing, siding

_____ **SITE 4** - Ken & Lynne Holcombe - roofing

_____ **SITE 5** – Eldora Leaphart – roofing

_____ **SITE 6** - Dick & Loretta Rolins – roofing, siding

_____ **SITE 7** – Kelly Townsend – floors, roofing