

CHCA Intercession 2022

January 3-14, 2022

Course Name: **Mountain T.O.P. Service Immersion**

Instructor(s): **Karen Hordinski, Megan Parcell, KC Woods, 1 additional male chaperone**

Course Type: **Domestic US Overnight**

Service Hours: **30-40 hours**

Maximum enrollment: **24**

Minimum enrollment: **20**

Length of trip (if applicable): **6 days**

5 nights

Cost: \$700

Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian ministry affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist church, dedicated to alleviating rural poverty in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. www.mountain-top.org

Overview: During intercession, our group will work with families on major or minor home repair projects in the community and possibly helping to renovate and build in-camp facilities. This intercession will include days of learning and serving in Cincinnati during the first week and traveling to Coalmont, TN during the second week.

Course Goals:

- Students will learn about the history, heritage and challenges of Appalachian communities.
- Students will participate in camp-wide morning devotionals led by student volunteers.
- Volunteer in the Cumberland mountain community in groups of 7-8.
- In the evening, groups participate in sharing, devotions, and worship.
- Last day will include a day of fun in Chattanooga, TN

Reading Component: TBD

Writing Component: TBD

Description:

Week one will include some days at school learning about the community that we will be serving at Mountain T.O.P. We will also do some serving with a local agency. During week two, we will be serving in Coalmont, TN. A template of our daily agenda is listed below.

Location/Lodging: Mountain TOP, Old State Highway 56, Coalmont, Tennessee 37313

Week 1: Our first week of intercession:

Monday 1/3: Introduction day at the high school

Tuesday 1/4 – Thursday 1/6: As a group, we will serve at local agencies to help us prepare for our time at Mountain T.O.P.

Friday 1/7: Pack and Prep day

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Week 2: A typical day at Mountain T.O.P. will be like...

7:00 am wake up/ breakfast
8:00 am devotions as a group
8:30- 9:00 travel to the house/location where we will be serving
9:00 am begin first service project of the day
12:00 pm lunch
12:30-4:00 continue with project of the day
4:00 pm depart serving site
4:30 -6:00pm Free time for students to shower and clean up from the day
6:00-7:00 dinner
7:00-8:00 pm evening activity
8:00-10:00 free time for students / prepare for bed
10:00 pm light out

This course is well suited to:

Students who are willing to learn from a diverse experience, and have the flexibility to adapt to the group, organization & community needs. This intercession opportunity includes physical work. Volunteers will be working on construction projects of various types. You must understand the physical, mental and emotional requirements of this trip and believe that you are a good fit for the experience.

Cost: \$700

Additional costs: Students will need additional money for quick meals during our travel days. Students may also want money for souvenirs during our day trip to Chattanooga.

Other Information:

Students will be using hand tools and yard tools during our time at Mountain T.O.P.
