

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Groups are limited to 24 participants, ages 14 years and older. Adult chaperones must accompany groups with members 18 years old and younger. Groups serve for three to seven days.

HOUSING + FACILITIES

There are two housing facilities on our 10-acre site. The main building has multiple rooms with bunks to separate chaperones, students and the "mountain managers" who operate the program. There are two and half bathrooms, a kitchen, and an area for reflection and prayer. There are also five tiny houses on the site. Each house has a main living area, toilet, and shower. All living quarters have central heating and cooling.

WEEKLY FEE PER VOLUNTEER

This cost covers room and board as well as accident insurance for each volunteer.



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Resources

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Serving with Glenmary's Group Volunteer Program is truly a "mountain-top" experience you won't forget.

Contact Joe Grosek, Glenmary's Volunteer Coordinator, to learn more about East Tennessee, the Joppa Mountain community or Glenmary's mission and ministry.

It's our honor and joy to serve with you!

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What We Do

OUR MISSION



This week will change your life! Our Group Volunteer Program on Joppa Mountain, in Appalachian Tennessee, is a retreat-like, mission-immersion program for high school, college and adult volunteers. During this week serving with us, you will experience Glenmary's mission and ministry.

Glenmary's program gives participants a firsthand experience in missionary service. Each weeklong session blends service, prayer, reflection and sharing in an environment of simple living. The goal is to connect young people with God, to help them find Christ in others and to teach them to serve others first.

Volunteers also learn about the rich culture and traditions of the Appalachian region. Our goal is to broaden volunteers' understanding of the causes of poverty, oppression and injustice, and how their life choices can make a difference. Volunteers will be inspired well beyond their weeklong stay on Joppa Mountain.

Who We Are

GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS

Glenmary is a Catholic society of priests and brothers who serve primarily in Appalachia and the deep South.

We were founded in 1939 by Father William Howard Bishop, who had a dream that the Catholic Church would be present everywhere in the United States. We follow in his footsteps.

Glenmary has established over 140 Catholic churches over the years, in counties where less than 1% of the population is Catholic, and poverty is often twice the national average.

In our Group Volunteer Program, volunteers have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ. Each day we reflect together on what that means in the volunteers' lives.



HOME REPAIR + RENOVATIONS

We perform home repairs that fit the skills and abilities of our volunteers. Anyone with an open heart to serve can join us in this ministry, though construction skills are always welcome!



NURSING HOMES + FOOD PANTRIES

There are a number of nursing homes in our community, where residents welcome our visits. Our volunteers also provide labor by packing boxes for distribution at food pantries.



PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Each day on Joppa Mountain begins and ends with prayer. We attend Mass at a Glenmary mission and visit other Christian denominations as well, a great introduction to the local culture.



KINGSWOOD HOME FOR CHILDREN

We help at Kingswood, a non-profit group home for displaced children. The home provides an environment where children can develop a personal relationship with God.



SUMMER EDUCATIONAL CAMP

Each summer, we run a day-camp for local children at a nearby mobile-home park. Their families are primarily agricultural workers, Latinos, who put in long hours during this season.



EVENING ACTIVITIES

We tour the county to get a taste of Appalachian heritage. We end each evening reflecting on how we've experienced God that day in the faces of the poor and in the places we visited.