

***River of Life***  
***Youth Mission Advance***  
***Host Manual***

***The only thing that counts is faith expressing  
itself in love.***

***Galatians 5:6***

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## **I. Statement of Mission and Vision**

In Galatians 5:6, the apostle Paul writes, *the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself in love*. The *River of Life Youth Mission Advance (River of Life)* ministry is built upon that basic truth. *River of Life* is a series of events held each summer aimed at enabling youth and adults, from many different churches, to come together to express the love of Jesus Christ by ministering to the people of a particular community through home repairs and improvements. Additionally, each event has the basic purpose of converting and discipling each participant into a passionate devotion to Jesus Christ and the understanding that Christianity is a life of ministry to others, especially to those in need. *River of Life* events are open to all youth and adults age 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above.

Our vision is that each year the Lord will increase the number of *River of Life* events, and the churches and people who participate in those events. Our prayer is that one day there will be *River of Life* events held each summer in communities throughout the southeast. Our burden is that 1) the love of Christ be expressed beyond the walls of the local church to the people who need to be convinced of it most, 2) young people and adults alike converted and strengthened in their Christian walk, and 3) racial and economic barriers, dividing the church from many within the community, be removed.

## **II. Organization and Coordination of Different *River of Life* Events**

*River of Life* is a ministry of *The Foundation for Kingdom Ministry, Inc.* It is a series of local youth mission events hosted and offered by local churches, or groups of local churches, as extensions of their ministries to the people of their particular communities. The foundation serves as a facilitator and resource to the host church. Each local event is asked to follow the basic ministry model outlined in this manual. But beyond a common name, model of ministry, some shared resources, and coordination between events, each local *River of Life* event is entirely the ministry of the local host church. The specific arrangements and plans for each event are the responsibility of the host church. The intent is that there will be a great deal of consistency between events, all the while allowing each *River of Life* event to take on its own “flavor.”

## **III. History of *River of Life* Youth Mission Advances**

*River of Life* was first conceived in the spring of 1991 when plans were made to create a very modest sized event allowing the youth from a handful of churches to come together to minister to the people of Lincoln County, Georgia. The Lincolnton UMC hosted the first *River of Life* in July of 1991 with about 45 people from four churches participating. Each year the number of churches and people participating in *River of Life* has slowly, but steadily grown. By 1995, *River of Life* had grown to two events involving 225 people from 15 churches. Today, there are typically ten or more events held each year throughout Georgia and Florida involving over about 1500 youth and adults from dozens of local churches. Our hope is that each year the Lord will add new events, as participating churches desire to bring this ministry to their communities and offer themselves to become host churches.

#### **IV. Overview of a Local *River of Life* Event**

Each *River of Life* event is scheduled to take place from a Wednesday evening through a noon meal following the Sunday worship service of the host church. With adequate preparation, this schedule allows for a significant amount of work to be accomplished over a four-day period that minimizes cost and work missed by counselors.

A typical schedule is included below:

##### ***Wednesday***

5:00 PM	Registration
6:00 PM	Supper
7:30 PM	Group Singing, Team Assignments
9:00 PM	Devotion
10:30 PM	Snack
11:30 PM	Lights Out

##### ***Thursday, Friday, Saturday***

7:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Workday
6:00 PM	Supper
7:00 PM	Group Singing, Devotion
10:30 PM	Snack
11:30 PM	Lights Out

##### ***Sunday***

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Pack up and clean up
11:00 PM	Closing Worship Service
12:00 PM	Lunch and Good-byes

It's important to decide up front, what size of an event to plan for. *River of Life* events have been held with as few as 45 and as many as 200. The optimal size for an event seems to be on the order of magnitude of 125 - 150. This allows for there to be a great deal of energy in the singing time each night and the feeling of being a part of something much bigger than yourself, or even your local youth group. And yet it also allows for an event that should not be overly difficult to manage. It may be advisable for new events to start small and allow God to build the event year to year, as the host church and directors gain a feel for what is really required of them.

#### **V. Local Leadership Team**

It is recommended that each host church, or coalition of churches, name a person to be

the *Local Director* of the *River of Life* event. In addition to the Local Director, each event is to name to its leadership team a *Work Site and Materials Coordinator*, a *Kitchen Coordinator*, an *Arrangements Coordinator*, and a *Retreat Coordinator*.

### **V.1 The Local Director of the *River of Life* Event**

The Local Director is to work with the rest of the leadership team to coordinate plans and preparations for the entire event. He or she is also to dialogue with the ministry director in coordinating with other events. The Local Director is to ensure that the various required preparations are made by the specified dates. Churches will apply to attend each event through the ministry director, with each church being allowed to request the event in which they would like to participate.

### **V.2 The Work Site and Materials Coordinator**

The Work Site and Materials Coordinator is to line up the various homes to be worked on, estimate the materials needed, and assess what preparatory work is required. It is this person's responsibility to ensure that every team has everything they need to accomplish their project at the beginning of the workday on Thursday morning.

Every event needs its own niche. *River of Life's* niche is that it re-roofs, paints, and builds wheelchair ramps and porches. Focusing primarily on these three types of work greatly simplifies the preparation process and helps participants grow in their skill level from year to year. A sample overall work site listing is included in Appendix 1 as an example of how projects can be organized.

It is asked that the work site coordinator have all work sites lined up no later than June 1. This enables youth groups to be assigned to a particular local event with the confidence that an adequate number of projects are lined up. The work site coordinator will need to work closely with the local director to ensure that adequate work is planned for the number of participants that are expected.

### **Roofs**

It is important to only plan to re-roof single story roofs with an adequately low pitch to help ensure the safety of participants. A team of 10 volunteers, in three tiring days, can generally strip off the old roof, make repairs to the sub-roof, put down a new roof and clean up the site. Additional workers can usually be brought in on Saturday, if needed. Roofing materials are best purchased from a local building supply company, unless contacts are available to get these somewhere else at a reduced rate. Supplies to be purchased include shingles, felt, roofing nails, and green tab felt nails. The total cost generally runs about \$20/square. These can be delivered directly to the work site to reduce handling. It's also advisable to arrange for a construction dumpster to be brought to each roofing site. This allows for the easiest disposal of the old roof, which is to be removed. The cost usually runs about \$150/dumpster. A local building contractor can generally provide this contact.

Teams need to be sent out to the site on Thursday with a flat edge shovel for each participant, felt and green tab felt nails. A good days work will be to strip the entire roof and

leave it papered. Never leave a roof uncovered over the night. Tremendous damage to the house can occur if the roof is uncovered and an unexpected thunderstorm moves in.

The work site coordinator needs to insist that every roof be chalked, both horizontally and vertically, prior to putting down shingles. Part of the blessing we give is in good quality work.

It is important to remember not to plan for more roofs than are experienced roofing team leaders and older youths and adults available.

### **Porches and Wheelchair Ramps**

Porches and wheelchair ramps have historically been an important part of the River of Life Ministry. This year, however, each local event will be responsible for procuring its own pressure treated lumber. Typical porch and wheelchair ramp projects will only occupy about 1 adult and 4 youths. Putting more than five on the team will detract from their sense of satisfaction, as it will leave some with far too little to do.

### **Painting**

*River of Life* paints only the exterior of houses. At times we get requests to paint interiors, but never accept. Paint spilled on grass can be cut away next month. Indoor spills are not so easily corrected.

Different event have had success in getting a reasonably good quality exterior paint at about \$8.00/gallon. Contact the ministry director if help is needed in this area. In the past, to keep things manageable, we have often painted exteriors only in white or grey. Individual gallons of white paint can often be colored at a local hardware store to provide different trim colors.

It is important to have plenty of ladders and buckets available for every team, to enable the work to progress and each team member to keep busy.

It is always helpful to have at least two or three houses needing painting to be lined up as back-ups in case there are more participants than expected, or other projects don't take as long as planned. Lining up plenty of houses to paint is a safe way to ensure that age appropriate work is available to every participant. The experience of a young person at *River of Life* will be greatly affected by his or her own sense of accomplishment. The work site coordinator is to ensure that each youth has a worthwhile project to work on each day. Any back up projects that are not done provide a head start towards lining up work for the next year

### **Materials and Tools Preparation**

It is the work site coordinator's job to lay out the materials and tools that are needed by each team *prior* to the start of work on Thursday. A separate palette, labeled with the team number, should be prepared for each team. The goal is for each team, generally 10 - 20 in number, to be able to back up their vehicle to their skid, load the tools and materials assigned to them, and very quickly proceed to the work site with everything needed for their assigned project. A map and basic work description should be given to each team leader on Wednesday night. Tool requirements will be covered in a subsequent section.

### **V.3 The Kitchen Coordinator**

The Kitchen Coordinator is to coordinate providing all meals for the event. A great deal

of flexibility is available here. The necessary meals are Wednesday night supper through Sunday morning breakfast. The host church is to provide a covered dish dinner after the Sunday morning worship service for the *River of Life* participants and the other worshipers.

Some events have had various churches each provide an evening meal. Others have prepared every meal themselves. It is important not to cut corners on the meals and to offer meals that are geared towards teenagers. Simple pasta dishes, hamburgers, and the like, meals that filling and acceptable to the teenage palate, are advised.

Basic breakfasts of eggs, grits, biscuits, juice, coffee, cereal, work well. On Friday and Saturday, roofing teams will often need to have their breakfast and leave by 6:30 AM if they are to get enough finished that day before the worst afternoon heat sets in.

Lunches are generally best kept to make your own meat and cheese sandwiches, chips, and drinks. Usually, food is laid out on a table during breakfast so that teams that work far away can make their lunches and then take them with them. It is helpful to also have food laid out from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM in an air-conditioned fellowship hall to give groups working nearby a chance to take a break from the heat.

Normally the heat index is an issue for work teams, especially those on roofs. It is recommended that each work site be equipped with a cooler of powdered Gatorade, a cooler of water, and ample plastic cups, each day. A bag of ice/cooler will be required each morning.

The Kitchen Coordinator will need to put together a team who will provide the meals. Church members who have worked on Emmaus Walk kitchen teams make excellent Kitchen Coordinators and team members.

#### **V.4 The Arrangements Coordinator**

The Arrangements Coordinator is to provide for all accommodations required for the event. This includes places to sleep, shower, prepare and eat meals, fellowship and worship. It is not recommended that church members be asked to host participants, except in the case of an emergency where more youth arrive than were planned. Youth going in different directions each night presents difficulties in bringing the youth together for the evening activities and the morning start up. Some events have also tried to line up local pools where individual teams can go to swim in the afternoon after their work is completed for the day. It is strongly encouraged that local youth be required to stay with the rest of the group throughout the event. No youth are to be permitted to have vehicles available to them at the event.

The Arrangements Coordinator is to work closely with the local event director to ensure that the cost for needed facilities fits in with the overall event budget. Local middle school gymnasiums, that have shower facilities available and are generally free from football and cheerleading activities, have been the lowest cost way of providing accommodations. Local camps and retreat facilities cost more, but when available they have provided a better atmosphere for the event.

#### **V.5 The Retreat Coordinator**

The retreat coordinator is responsible for all activities following supper each evening. This includes group singing, devotions, and group games and activities such as scavenger hunts or bowling. It is recommended that a youth pastor be named as retreat coordinator. It is very important to have worship and activities that will be enjoyable and effective for the teenagers.

*River of Life* is a purposefully evangelical event. It is the agenda of every event to strengthen each participant's commitment to Jesus Christ. Devotions, though directed towards topics such as service and building bridges to others, should be evangelical in nature. They should be limited to 10 -15 minutes in length. These are times to inspire and offer reflection, not to do extensive preaching or teaching. Suggested topics are listed below:

Wednesday night: *Defining Servanthood*

Thursday night: *Who Are We Really Serving? (God)*

Friday night: *Why Do We Need To Serve? (To draw closer to God.)*

The Saturday night communion service message is to be directed toward leading each participant to make a first time commitment or recommitment of the their life to Jesus Christ. It is highly recommended that a very effective minister to youth give the Saturday night message. It has become a *River of Life* tradition to work into the Saturday night message an invitation to approach the altar and nail to a large wooden cross a piece of paper on which they have written the one thing, above all others, standing between them and the life God would have them live. It has been an effective ministry tool, thus far. New events are encouraged to include this in their Saturday night service. Yet, it is also recognized that like all traditions, some day this may well become rote and lose its effectiveness.

The United Methodist Church entrusts its pulpits to the church pastor. Who preaches what message at the Sunday morning closing service is ultimately up to the pastor, if the closing service is incorporated into the 11:00 AM worship service. The host pastor is encouraged to preach a message geared towards youth, challenging them to commit to a life of Christian service, with a corresponding altar call. If he or she is uncomfortable with this, it is wise to suggest that they allow someone else to give this message.

During the Sunday morning worship service, it has become a *River of Life* tradition for all participants, wearing their *River of Life* T-Shirts, to be a mass choir offering to the host congregation both a call to worship and special music during the service. Generally, three or four youth, who have especially embodied the spirit of *River of Life*, are selected in advance by the adult leaders to give short testimonies during the service as to what their experience that week has meant to them.

## **V.6 The Prayer Coordinator**

A prayer coordinator is responsible for organizing a prayer vigil prior to the event and for encouraging each participating church to keep the *River of Life* events in their prayers throughout the months preceding the event. Each *River of Life* event is wholly dependent upon the Lord to bring things together, work in the lives of participants, and witness His love to those for whom work is done and the community as a whole. Prayers should be regularly offered up for:

- Safety of all involved.
- Good weather.
- Good work.
- God to raise up participants.

- God to give direction as to who to do work for.
- God's blessing on those for whom work is done.
- Each participant to be impacted for Jesus Christ.
- The witness of God's love and salvation to go forth to the community.
- Bridges to be built between the church and those we are to be in ministry to.

**Of all preparation activities, prayer is the most essential.** Remember the words of John Wesley, *God does nothing except through prayer.*

## VI. Work Sites

The selection of work sites is one of the most essential elements in planning a *River of Life* event. Work site selection needs to be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Youth will be assigned to a local event only in numbers corresponding to the work lined up by this date.

In finding the work sites it is recommended to work with the local Department of Family and Children's Services to provide a sign up sheet to all of their clients. A sample sign up sheet is included in Appendix 2. It is also recommended that the host church, and any other local churches participating in the event, be asked to submit projects of people either in the vicinity of their church or else in some way connected to their church family. Other local agencies can also be used. Often times, if leadership team members will simply drive through the area with an eye on finding houses in need of repair, more than enough work will present itself.

The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 6:9-10, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.* With this in mind, each local event is to provide for a variety of people to whom it ministers. There should be single, unwed mothers living on welfare, as well as, elderly who have worked all of their lives but are now living in poverty. There should also be those who give no evidence as to being Christian, as well as, those who are affiliated with a local church. Often times, there will be teams who will go out and minister to the unchurched who are living in deplorable conditions, while other teams will minister to church members, or their families, who are not destitute, but nonetheless, have real needs that are well beyond their means.

The church should not overlook its own, as it ministers to the community. *River of Life* is intended to teach participants to minister to both the destitute and the elderly, to those within the family of believers, and beyond.

It is recommended to work primarily on houses that are owned by the resident. Occasionally, as in the case where an elderly couple paid only \$50 a month rent and had a roof in bad repair, it is reasonable to do work on a rented house. But always, the approval of the owner must be obtained, preferably in writing. There have been times when the local director worked out with the landlord to forgive several months rent in exchange for a new roof. This arrangement blessed all parties concerned.

Care should be given to providing a work environment that will be beneficial for the youth. If it is sensed that a particular individual would not be appreciative, or that the environment may involve open drinking, or other undesirable behavior, while the youth are present, find another family to do work for. We are here to help, but we are also concerned with enabling our youth to have an experience that leaves them excited them about ministering to

others in the future.

## **VII. Assignment of Work Teams**

Prior to and/or upon arrival, the local director and the work site coordinator are to assign each youth and adult to a work team. It is desirable to have at least two adults on most teams, with at least one having adequate experience in the assigned task. This will require a youth to adult ratio of no more than 5 to 1. This should be the stated goal for each church as they prepare to bring their groups. Typically, *River of Life* events have focused on porch and wheelchair ramp construction, home exterior painting, and re-shingling single story homes. It's advisable that the host church line up local people with considerable experience who can help run the roofing teams. It works well to assign 8 - 10 people to painting teams, 10 or more people to roofing teams, and no more than 5 people to porch and wheelchair ramp teams, unless it is an especially large project.

The goal is to assign people to a team where they will not know the majority of the people. Though they may complain about this Wednesday evening, by Sunday morning they will have made several new friends. In past events, younger boys have typically been assigned to porch and wheelchair ramp teams, younger girls to painting teams, and then older youth to roofing teams and then to other teams, as needed.

## **VIII. Tools**

A great number of tools are required for 10 - 25 projects to take place simultaneously. It is recommended that each host church have a storage building where tools and materials can be stored from year to year. A 16' x 20' building can be built by church members for \$1,500 - \$2,000 (plans are available from the ministry director). Each event will need to have 10 - 12 extension ladders, 15 flat edge shovels, 2 five-gallon coolers/work site, and a pressure washer available prior to the event. An investment of about \$1,500 - \$2,000 can provide this.

To supplement these tools, a tool list is sent to each participating church instructing them as to what tools to bring. A sample tool list is included as Appendix 3. Each church is assigned a color and is to spray paint a dot on each tool. All tools are pooled Wednesday evening, and then distributed to each team, as needed, early Thursday morning. Saturday night, all tools are again pooled and each church takes home those marked with their color.

It is recommended that the local director appoint someone to receive all tools on Wednesday, keep all power tools under shelter, work with the work site and materials coordinator to distribute tools to teams Thursday morning, and help tools to be returned to the proper church groups Saturday prior to the evening meal.

Each event needs to purchase the tools listed above because otherwise these invariably are in short supply. There are only three working days. Lost time due to a shortage of roofing shovels, ladders, etc. will prevent jobs from being completed and will detract greatly from the youth's experience.

If tools or materials are needed throughout the week, it is recommended that teams be allowed to purchase them at local stores and be reimbursed that week. Also, host churches need to make allowance, usually under \$200, for tools that are damaged or lost. Tools that are not returned should be replaced from the local *River of Life* event funds.

## **IX. Safety**

Providing for the safety of each participant at a local event is the responsibility of the Host church or churches. It is strongly encouraged that insurance carriers be notified to verify coverage for each type of activity. Additional riders can often be purchased for the roofing projects. Safety precautions that have been practiced at prior events are listed below. This is by no means an exhaustive list and the local directors should think through their entire event and examine each site to ensure the safety of the proposed work.

- 1) Only single story, low pitch, roofs are to be re-shingled.
- 2) If two story homes are to be painted, only adults are allowed on extension ladders.
- 3) Only adults are allowed to operate power equipment, especially saws and drills.
- 4) An adult familiar with the type of work to be accomplished is assigned to oversee the work at each site.
- 5) Only older youth and adults are allowed to work on roofs.
- 6) Only licensed drivers, 21 years of age or older, are allowed to transport youth.
- 7) Youth are not allowed to ride on trailers or in the back of pick up trucks.

## **X. Finances**

Each local *River of Life* event is to be financially independent of every other event. Each event should have its own checking account. Tax-deductible contributions can be made through local churches. A treasurer may be appointed, although this can also be the local director or one of the coordinators. An accounting of all funds should be made with 30 days of the conclusion of each event. A copy is to be forwarded to the ministry director, along with a total attendance record by individual church.

A sample budget is included as Appendix 4. Note that this will vary considerably from event to event based on the housing accommodations used. It helps to have on the order of \$1500 available prior to the event.

At the close of summer, each event is encouraged to make available any funds in excess of \$2,000 to be used as seed money to help with start up costs for new events the next year. Many churches interested in hosting an event would have difficulty raising the \$3,000 - \$4,000 needed in up front costs for a storage building and tools, in addition to the cost of sending their own youth to the event.

The registration form includes a standard cost of \$70/youth, \$30/counselor (high school graduate and above), and \$20/participant to help provide materials. Each host has the freedom to notify participating churches if they wish to reduce fees. But, only one fee will be advertised, the same for every event. And remember that excess funds can be used to start up additional events.

## **XI. Registration**

Registration forms will be available from the ministry director by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Deposits of \$25/participant are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Every youth must have the *River of Life* brochure filled out and signed by a parent or guardian before being assigned to a work team. No other permission slip is acceptable.**

Churches that register will automatically be returned to the location they attended the previous year, unless they request otherwise. New churches recruited by a local event, will of course be assigned to that event. Any other churches will be assigned to events as space is

available.

From its inception, it has been the policy of *River of Life* to allow every person wanting to attend the event to do so, regardless of their ability to pay the registration fees. We would encourage each local event to continue this policy. If needed, special love offerings can be taken and local events can share resources to ensure that everyone wanting to attend *River of Life* can do so.

***Appendix 1***  
***Sample Work Site Listing***  
***From Douglas County River of Life >97***

<u>Team #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Work Description</u>	<u># of Workers</u>
1	Whilamena Harris	6496 Bowden St. Lithia Springs	New Roof, 15 squares	9
2	Whilamena Harris	6496 Bowden St. Lithia Springs	Paint house, Replace some siding	7
3	Annie Watkins	526 Bagley Lane SW, Austell	Build Porch, Paint Trim	7
4	Mr. Copeland	Gordon Street (Behind LSUMC)	Paint house, build handrails	7
5	Ruth Slay	6878 Marsh Ave, Lithia Springs	Paint house grey, Screen Porch	13
6	Lillie Mae McCoy	7990 Smith Road, Winston	Paint house, porch (grey)	7
7	Lillie Mae McCoy	7990 Smith Road, Winston	Roof (12 squares)	9
9	Lillyma McLendon	8178 Colquitt St, Douglasville	Paint white, screen windows	9
10	Lillyma McLendon	8178 Colquitt St, Douglasville	Roof, repair back corner w/plywood	12
11	Ira Crawford	8053 Crystal Lane	Paint	10
12	Jack & Hazel Phillips	6729 Old Beulah Road	Paint Wood Siding	6
13	Claudia Pilgrim	3519 Brightstar Road	Paint Porch	
14	Mama Turpin	Cedar Terrace Road	Paint	8
15	John Gravett	3500 Cooper Road	Paint	8
16	Suzanne Davis	485 Midway Road Lot G12	Porch	5

**Totals = 125**

## ***Appendix 2*** ***Application to become a River of Life Work Site***

The \_\_\_\_\_ Church will be hosting an event called *River of Life* this coming summer. Youth and adults from several different churches will be coming to our area to paint the exterior of homes, build/repair wooden porches and wheelchair ramps, and re-roof homes. There is no charge for their work. If you would like to be considered for work to be done at your home, please fill out the information below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you own your home: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please check type of Work Requested: Re-roofing \_\_\_\_\_ Painting \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair Ramp \_\_\_\_\_ Porch \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why this work is needed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe why this work is needed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## ***Appendix 3*** ***River of Life Sample Tool List***

Each church group will be providing the tools we will use during the *River of Life* event. Each group will be assigned a color. Before leaving for *River of Life*, each tool should have a color-coded dot spray painted on it. This will help all tools be returned to their proper owners at the end of the advance.

**SPRINGFIELD UMC: ORANGE**  
**BRIGHTSTAR UMC: YELLOW**  
**NEW COVENANT UMC: GREEN**  
**THOMASTON UMC: PURPLE**

**DOUGLASVILLE 1ST UMC: WHITE**  
**LITHIA SPRINGS UMC: RED**  
**CEDARTOWN UMC: BROWN**  
**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS: BLUE**

<b><u>Tool</u></b>	<b><u>Number Needed</u></b>	<b><u>Per # People</u></b>
Pick-up truck	1	5
Other vehicle	1	7
Step Ladders	1	5
Extension Ladders	1	5
Paint Scrapers	2	group
Flat Edge Shovels	1	5
Nail Aprons	several	group
Plastic Paint Buckets	several	group
Circular Power Saws	2-3	group
Drills (with phillips/flat bits)	2	group
Tape Measures	2	group
Bubble Balance	1	group
Extension Cord	200 ft	group
Paint Brushes	1	person
Hammers	1	person

Notes:

1. Everyone should bring a pair of good work gloves.
2. Everyone should bring his or her own paintbrush and hammer.
3. Please try to bring as many of the listed tools as possible.
4. Especially work on those items that are highlighted.