



Pocahontas, VA

The Area

The locals call the town the "Pokie"! When you consider the commonwealth of Virginia, you might think of the Washington DC metro area, or perhaps the beautiful coastline, or the rolling hills that contain the majority of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail. Pocahontas is none of these. It is a small community that sits near the state line between Virginia and West Virginia in the far southwest of the state. Pocahontas has a rich history and past impact on America that few people will ever hear about.

The town is our smallest in all of Workcamps, just 0.6 square miles with 441 people. We'll be doing work throughout the wider community, but your group will experience a small town, Appalachian Workcamp while here. Close to the lowest per-capita income of any part of the nation, this hard-working community struggles to make ends meet. They need to remember they are not forgotten.

Our Partner

Since 1986, in order to help low-income families with food, clothing, medical assistance, fuel assistance, and education, our partners there have served this region of Tazewell County with amazing pride. Their influence reaches up the road to Boissevain and Abbs Valley.



Lodging Information

Participants will stay in a facility that has partial* air-conditioning, so plan on bringing fans. This facility does have indoor showers! There will be 10 open showers for females and 8 open showers for males. If you're worried about modesty, bring your swimsuit. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender-separate, so bring your air mattresses. *Subject to change.

The Need

When the coal industry left the area, many residents felt as if they were abandoned and their homes are in dire need of just about everything. You'll repair porches, patch roofs, shore up existing structures, and serve where it's needed most. Many homes are in the surrounding areas of the county and may require a drive. Once you arrive at your site, you will be greeted by the residents of Tazewell County, the most welcoming folks you can imagine!

Area Activities

Enjoy the beauty of West Virginia in this small town or find some unique dining options in nearby Bluefield, VA/WV.

In the surrounding areas, you can relish in some sunshine or swim at the Harmony Acres outdoor pool. Spend the evening catching a movie at the local theater or try tubing and rafting down the New River.

