

**All Saints Youth Group**  
**Appalachia Service Project Values Statement**

The Appalachia Service Project is a home repair/home building ministry and all activity and energies should be focused to this end. We will be of service to other people – the people I work for, as well as the people I work with. The experience will be that of hard work, great fun, real friendship, growth, awareness of God’s presence, and the feeling of accomplishment that comes with sacrifice.

Therefore, to make this a terrific experience for all involved, I am committed to the following values:

1. As a community, we are Christ’s presence to others. Each person is expected to act responsibly the entire time. We will be obvious outsiders in a small town and your every action will be seen. There will be occasions when you will have to modify your lifestyle or habits so as not to be offensive to the Appalachian culture or tradition. I am therefore willing to be a good example to my peers and the people I work for. As a part of that example, I agree to not partake in the use of alcohol, tobacco products, drugs or foul language. I understand that violation of this rule will result in returning home immediately at my expense.
2. The All Saints Parish chaperones have overall responsibility for all activities. I will respect the authority of the leaders and will follow their directions at the work sites as well as the living quarters. I understand that a true community requires time together. I am willing to participate fully in the retreat. This includes attendance at meals, chores, meetings, evening gatherings, and any special events. In order to keep the center functioning smoothly, volunteers will be asked to aid in center clean up, tools and supplies organization, after meal clean up, loading or unloading of building materials. I will respect and observe quiet times and lights out time.
3. I appreciate the challenges of living and working in a co-ed community during this project. I agree that sexual harassment will not be condoned or tolerated in any form. Females are not permitted in the males’ sleeping area; males are not permitted in the females’ sleeping area, at any time. I agree to use discretion in my clothing at the church and in the community. What we wear is a reflection of our communities – Rossford, All Saints, etc. Halter or tank tops, sports bras worn as an outer garment, shirts with cut-off sleeves, Spandex clothing, or shirts and hats expressing alcohol/beer slogans and obscenities are not acceptable. I agree to spend time with all people and will refrain from forming cliques or spending time with romances.
4. I understand that safety first is a goal in our work. Firearms, air rifles or pistols, BB guns, or replicas of firearms are not permitted. No participant is permitted to ride in the back of a pick-up truck at any point during the retreat. No participant is permitted to bring his/her own power tools or to use power tools without instruction and supervision.
5. Working hours have not been determined, but it is expected that everyone puts in a full days work everyday. We expect lunch to be eaten at the work site. Feel free to bring extra sandwiches to share with family members. We discourage families from preparing meals for us. Kindly say "No" so that the families will not overextend themselves in showing their gratitude. If family members insist on showing their appreciation by preparing lunch, accept their offer if you feel that is the right thing to do. The use of audio equipment (boom boxes, etc.) is not allowed at the work site unless it is authorized by a chaperone. We also request that they not be used at the church for the sensitivity of other volunteers. To ensure sensitivity to the families we serve, taping with video equipment is strictly prohibited. If you have any questions or concerns please check with your adult leader.

I will put forth my best effort to the community, and will accept the conditions of food, work, and living quarters. I will serve the needs of others and live by the values stated.

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Youth Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date