

MERGE

PROJECT SELECTION GUIDE

STEP ONE: GROUP INFORMATION

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Contact Cell Phone: _____

(NEEDED FOR CONTACT PURPOSES WHILE AT MERGE)

STEP TWO: LEADER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The MERGE staff will work with you in every possible manner to make this an effective missions experience for your students. However, due to the nature of project assignments at MERGE, it is important for your group to bring preparation, motivation, and flexibility to the table. Please sign below to acknowledge your understanding of this commitment:

MERGE is a customizable mission experience for my church group. I understand that the MERGE experience will require both physical and spiritual preparation. I also understand there is an urgency to complete our ministry assignments during the week. I commit to leading my group to fulfill these responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Leader's Signature: _____

STEP THREE: GROUP EXPERIENCE/SKILLS

Please use the lines below to make us aware of any relevant experience your group has with missions work or any specific skills that might be useful during MERGE. Also, if you are bringing any skilled chaperones, please let us know that as well.

STEP FOUR: PROJECT PAIRING

The following list includes various ministry projects that are available in Toccoa for your group to serve while at Merge. Please select and rank your top five choices from 1 to 5 with 1 being what you would most like to do and 5 being the least. Some ministry sites have an Entry, Level II, or Level III description based on the varying amounts of preparation, investment, and creativity required for ensuring successful ministry. When choosing these, please select the level that allows your group to be most effective. Remember that the schedule is flexible and your students could participate in more than one project during the week.

CONSTRUCTION

MERGE is working alongside the City of Toccoa in a neighborhood restoration project. Each resident has been interviewed and qualified by the MERGE staff and has consented to the work on their home. Some materials may be provided by the city, but when selecting construction, please expect to have some cost. A supply list will be sent to you after you've been assigned a project.

- Entry**
Includes cleaning, painting, landscaping.
- Level II**
General maintenance of a home or ministry facility. May require a crew chief with general construction experience to direct students.
- Level III**
Significant restoration or construction of a home or ministry facility. Requires a crew chief to manage the work crew.

CHILDREN'S HOME MINISTRY

Takes place at a local children's home or other ministry area for children. The assignment varies from clean-up and organization of facilities to visitation and recreation with the children.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Takes place at various assisted-living facilities in Toccoa. Typically groups visit with the patients or sing, but any other creative ideas are welcome.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MINISTRY

Assisting the local schools with various needs that they have. Tasks may include helping teachers move classrooms, organizing books, facility clean-up, etc.

PRAYER WALKING

Walking through a community, specifically asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen local churches and redeem the people, schools, government, businesses, etc.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OR SPORTS CAMP

Assisting a local church with their community ministry through a VBS, Sports Camp, or a similar outreach program.

BLOCK PARTY

A block party is a casual gathering in a specific community in Toccoa. They provide exposure for local ministries, positive entertainment for the community, and an informal setting for witnessing and ministry. Each group provides all equipment and materials necessary.

Entry

Provides entertainment/program, recreation, and snacks. Usually held at a local church, residential area, or housing development.

Level II

Provides entertainment, recreation, snacks, face painting, music, balloons, puppets, etc. Provides food such as hot dogs, BBQ, watermelon, cookies, drinks, etc. Inflatable games are also sometimes provided. Usually held at a local church, residential area, or housing development.

OTHER

If you have a vision for ministry that is not listed above, please describe it below in detail, noting your needs and desires.

STEP FIVE: SUBMIT YOUR FORM

Congratulations! You have completed your project assessment package. Please make a copy for yourself, and then return the original to the MERGE Office using the information below. After we have processed your information, our Project Coordinator will be in touch to finalize your trip details. Let us know if you have any questions!

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