



Dear Salkehatchie Servant,

We are pleased that you have chosen to attend the Newberry Salkehatchie Summer Service Camp! Our camp begins on Sunday, July 20, 2025 and ends on Friday evening, July 25, 2025. Please note the change in our schedule from Saturday to Saturday to Sunday to Friday.

Prior to COVID-19, we normally would have well over 100 folks registered for the Newberry camp. As we continue to rebuild since restarting in 2023, we have 30 participants registered this summer. We will be working on two homes in Newberry. We are on Facebook – “Salkehatchie Summer Service (Newberry, SC)” – and we encourage families to follow along as we will post pictures throughout the week. We also have a new website – www.newberrysalkehatchie.org. Please check it out! There is information for campers and adult leaders that you may be helpful, especially if you are a first-time camper.

The Newberry Camp is housed at Central United Methodist Church at 1005 College Street; Newberry, SC 29108. The entrance to the family life center is located at the corner of Friend and College Streets. All living quarters will be housed at Central United Methodist Church. We will not be at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer this year.

On Sunday, July 20, please plan to arrive at the Central UMC Family Life Center between 1:00 PM and 1:30 PM for registration. You may park in the gravel lot on the corner of College and Johnstone Streets. Please stop at the registration table as you arrive. **Please eat lunch before you arrive for check-in as there will be no time to run out after registration.**

Enclosed are some details such as directions to the camp, a list of emergency phone numbers, suggested items to bring with you, and our camp rules. Please be sure that both you and your parents (if applicable) read and understand them. We also ask that you visit the Newberry Salkehatchie website at www.newberrysalkehatchie.org and review the “Safe Sanctuary Policy” and “Safety Policies and Expectations” links under Volunteers > Camp Information.

Salkehatchie is going to be a blessing to you. You’ll have new experiences, make new friends, and learn some things about yourself and your relationship with Jesus that perhaps you didn’t know.

Get ready for an exciting week! Please contact us if you have any questions. 😊

Yours In Christ,

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DIRECTIONS TO THE NEWBERRY CAMP:

From Columbia: take I-26 west to SC Highway 219 (Exit 76). Turn left and go to Newberry. Highway 219 becomes Main Street. Follow Main Street to College Street (downtown Newberry), turn left on College Street and go one block. The church is on the right.

From Greenville: take I-26 east to SC Highway 121 (Exit 72). Turn right toward Newberry. Go to Highway 76 (Wilson Road) and turn left. Go to Highway 34 (Winnsboro Rd) and turn right (at McDonald's). Go to Main Street, turn right. Go to College Street, turn left. Church is one block, on right.

From Rock Hill: Take SC Highway 121 South to Newberry. Go to Highway 76 (Wilson Road) and turn left. Go to Highway 34 (Winnsboro Rd) and turn right (at McDonald's). Go to Main Street, turn right. Go to College Street, turn left. Church is one block, on right.

From Aiken: Take US Highway 25 North to SC Highway 121 and SC Highway 121 North to Newberry. When the SC Highway 21 Bypass turns left, go straight toward Newberry, go to College Street and turn left. The church is one block on the left.

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(Youth: please make sure that your parents make a note of these numbers!)

Gary Graham: 803-924-6114

Samantha Graham: 803-917-7017

Joyce Barrow: 803-940-2658

Steve Barrow: 803-940-2647

Central United Methodist Church Office: (803) 276-3903

(8:30 AM – 12PM and 1PM – 5PM Monday – Wednesday, 8:30AM – Noon on Thursday)

A NOTE REGARDING LIABILITY RULES ...

Because Salkehatchie is continually evolving and depends solely on the support of both youth and adult volunteers, these guidelines have been set to protect everyone. Every Salkehatchie camp must follow and enforce these rules.

- Safe Sanctuary policies must be followed as defined by the SC United Methodist Conference and the Salkehatchie Summer Service Safe Sanctuary Policy.
- Framing nail guns are prohibited for use by anyone under the age of 18.
- All youth volunteers (under age 18) who operate power tools, work on roofs, or swim during a camp function, must receive permission from a parent or guardian. **This is noted on the Liability and Release form that you and your parents signed and returned to the camp. Permissions, specifically any that indicate that a youth may not participate in an activity, will be enforced for the safety of everyone.**



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SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE NEWBERRY CAMP RULES



**PLEASE BE SURE THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARENTS (IF APPLICABLE)
READ AND UNDERSTAND OUR RULES BEFORE YOU COME TO CAMP!**

Salkehatchie is a Christian work camp and a lot is expected of us. Please consider our philosophy to see if you can relate to us and to the project in a positive and creative manner. We will also be living by communal rules. If you have problems with either of these, you may want to re-think your decision about attending the camp. Because we are using and living in someone else's facilities, we must abide by the rules they have already established.

- **Our camp runs from Sunday to Friday and you are expected to stay the entire week.** Everything we do is important to the Salkehatchie experience, and we do not want you to miss out on anything. Few exceptions are made to this rule and those must be approved by the directors **in advance** of your attending camp.
- No one, including adults, may leave the camp after we have come in for the evening unless cleared with a director. This is for safety reasons. Safe Sanctuary rules apply to all travel.
- **Lights out is at 11PM!** We work hard and we need our rest. The hours between 11PM and 6AM are for rest. Everyone will be in their own sleeping area by 10:45PM. Tired workers create hazardous working conditions. No one is to leave the premises of their respective churches after lights out.
- **No alcohol or other drugs are allowed at or are to be consumed while at camp.** Possession of any such items will constitute immediate dismissal from the camp.
- We are a smoke-free, tobacco-free camp. Regardless of age, electronic cigarettes in any form, name, or brand are not permitted.
- Food and supplies from the dining room must not be taken into the sleeping areas. Food items must be consumed in the designated dining area or outside. Food attracts bugs!

A NOTE REGARDING VISITORS ...

- **All visits to camp by anyone who is not a paid participant or who are not associated with a group scheduled to provide meals to the camp must be cleared through the directors prior to the visit.** We realize that it is impossible for all visits to the camp to be planned, but please inform the directors ahead of time if you are expecting company.
- **Guests must visit in the camp "commons area" of the Central Family Life Center.** (Participants are not allowed to meet visitors outside, in the parking lot, etc.)
- Many groups graciously volunteer to provide meals to the participants of our camp and therefore prepare food for a limited number of people. As a courtesy to them, **we ask that visitors to the camp during meal times eat prior to their arrival.**

Technology, especially cell phones, has become part of our daily lives and must be used in a responsible and respectful matter while at camp. If you bring a phone or other electronic device, you must be responsible for it. You are expected to use it appropriately with good sense and judgement.

- Devices are the sole responsibility of the owner.
- Devices are not to be used “actively” on the work site, during mealtimes, or nightly programs.
- If youth are “glued” to a device at camp, it’ll be confiscated and locked up after one warning.
- Please do not use cell phones after lights out. It’s a busy week and rest is important.
- Please ensure devices are set to silent or vibrate at appropriate times.
- A limited number of electrical outlets are available, so charging may be a problem.

Please note: The camp is not responsible for theft or damage to any electronic devices.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING? We’re glad you asked! When packing your bags, think of a week of dirt, sweat, and paint. Don't pack your favorite shirt or best clothes. Please remember that this is a church camp and that halter tops, low-cut tanks and tees, ‘short shorts’, and some logoed t-shirts are inappropriate dress. Please use discretion. Leave expensive clothing and jewelry at home. We mostly serve elderly and economically distressed folks, so please be considerate.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sleeping bag and/or an air mattress or cot. NOTE: Floor space is limited. Plan for “twin-sized” sleeping unless you are sharing a bed with a friend. There is not room for everyone to have large air mattresses. ○ Pillow and bed linens to suit your bed ○ Spending money (You may want to purchase snacks or other small items you may have forgotten or need during the week.) ○ Flashlight ○ Washcloths, soap, shampoo, towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, other personal toiletry/hygiene items ○ Socks and Underwear | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bible and/or Devotional Book (Please put your name in them.) ○ Flip flops or shower shoes ○ Work shoes (such as boots or sneakers) ○ Work clothes to last five days (There are no laundry facilities available.) ○ Casual clothes for the evenings after returning from your work site ○ Swimsuit and towel for the pool ○ Insect repellent and sunscreen ○ Small, personal first aid kit ○ After sun gel, body powder, or Bengay may be useful ○ Something to put your dirty work clothes in to carry them home ○ Go-Jo or other hand cleaner |
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It is essential that you bring: your own hammer, paintbrush, work gloves, tape measure, and safety glasses for your use on your work site. *Please mark these items with your name or initials.*

**Space is limited, so please try to pack as lightly as possible.
Bring what you need, but no excess baggage, please!**

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