

**BOUND BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2026 PACKET**

*Love Local New Jersey: Soil, Shore, and Service*

July 5–11, 2026

“Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

1 John 3:18

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**1. MISSION TRIP OVERVIEW**

This summer, Bound Brook Presbyterian Church will participate in a local mission trip across Central and South Jersey. Our theme is: Love Local New Jersey: Soil, Shore, and Service

This mission trip will focus on service to people, land, and water. We will work with farmworker communities, local congregations, coastal restoration partners, and environmental conservation organizations.

This is a service-focused mission experience. It is not a vacation. Participants should come prepared to work, learn, pray, reflect, and serve together. Throughout the week, participants will engage in physical outdoor work, shared meals, devotions, group reflection, and community service.

**2. WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHY**

We are serving because the Lord is good.

We are serving because God’s creation is good.

We are serving because Scripture calls us not only to speak love, but to live love through action and truth.

This mission trip invites us to practice faithful stewardship of the Lord's creation: earth, water, creatures, communities, and neighbors.

During this week, we will:

- Serve migrant and seasonal farmworkers with dignity and care.
- Prepare and distribute hygiene kits, long-sleeved shirts, and other needed items.
- Support ministry with children and families connected to farmworker communities.
- Work with local partners in food pantry, clothing closet, and community support ministries.
- Participate in coastal restoration and shoreline service projects.
- Learn about oyster and shellfish habitat restoration, rain gardens, estuaries, and coastal ecosystems.
- Serve in the Pinelands through ecological education and conservation work.
- Reflect on how Christian faith calls us to care for the earth, the sea, and people.

We walk with Christ when we love the people who tend the earth and harvest the produce we eat. We walk with Christ when we help fill backpacks, organize clothes, prepare hygiene kits, and return dignity to people who are often overlooked by society.

We also walk with Christ when we care for the earth and waters that sustain life. Trees and forests produce oxygen, shelter wildlife, protect water, and nourish ecosystems. Oceans, rivers, wetlands, and estuaries sustain marine life, filter water, and protect communities. Horseshoe crabs, bivalves, shellfish, amphibians, birds, plants, and forests all belong to the web of life God has entrusted to our care.

We are called to be good stewards of the Lord's creation and earth.

This trip is about discipleship. It is about service. It is about learning to love God, neighbor, and creation with our whole lives.

### **3. LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Trip Leadership Team**

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#### **4. COST OF THE TRIP**

##### **Cost: \$400 per participant**

The cost of this mission trip includes:

- Transportation, including van rental and gas
- Lodging, including Hammonton Manse and Airbnb accommodations
- Meals throughout the week
- Materials and supplies for service projects
- Shared ministry and mission expenses

Participants are expected to contribute toward the cost of the trip through registration, fundraising, and participation in group efforts.

A participant's inability to fundraise the entire amount should be discussed with trip leadership. We do not want finances to be the only reason a participant cannot serve, but we do expect all participants to take the fundraising and preparation process seriously.

#### **5. FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

Fundraising is part of the mission experience. It helps participants take ownership of the trip, build community before departure, and invite the wider congregation into the work.

##### **Fundraising Opportunities Include:**

Car Wash Fundraisers - May 9 and June 20

- Saturday, May 9
- Saturday, June 20

Participants are expected to help with these fundraisers unless they have a serious scheduling conflict approved by leadership.

Mission Trip Stock Sale

Participants will have the opportunity to sell mission trip "stock" to members of the congregation, family, friends, and supporters.

This is a way for others to invest in the mission work of the team. Stockholders are not simply giving money; they are becoming prayer partners and supporters of the ministry.

Participants should be prepared to:

- Explain what the mission trip is about.
- Share why they are participating.
- Invite others to support the trip through prayer and financial gifts.
- Thank their supporters after the trip.

Stock sale funds will be credited toward the mission trip fundraising effort.

## Tool Donations

Participants and families may also help by donating or lending tools needed for the week.

Tools should be clearly labeled with the owner's name.

Possible tool donations include:

- Hammers
- Tape measures
- Screwdrivers
- Pliers
- Work gloves
- Safety goggles
- Ear protection
- Buckets
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Gardening tools
- Knee pads
- Marine or shoreline tools such as sifters, nets, or trash grabbers

## Hygiene Kit Sponsorships

Supporters may sponsor hygiene kits for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Possible hygiene kit items may include:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Washcloths
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Bandages
- Hand sanitizer
- Earplugs

## Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive

We will collect long-sleeved shirts for migrant and seasonal farmworkers, especially blueberry workers. Long sleeves help protect workers from sun, insects, scratches, and exposure during long workdays.

## Food Donations

We will request food donations to help feed the team during the week.

Possible donations include:

- Breakfast items
- Lunch supplies

- Dinner ingredients
- Snacks
- Water and drinks
- Fruit
- Paper goods
- Cooler supplies

### **Congregational Support**

The congregation is invited to support this mission through:

- Prayer
- Financial donations
- Donated supplies
- Food donations
- Encouragement cards
- Stock sale support
- Participation in fundraising events

## **6. DONATION DRIVES AND NEEDED ITEMS**

### **Hygiene Kit Drive**

We will collect and prepare hygiene kits for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

Needed items may include:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Washcloths
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Bandages
- Hand sanitizer
- Earplugs
- Reusable bags

### **Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive**

We are collecting clean, usable long-sleeved shirts for farmworkers.

Preferred items:

- Lightweight long-sleeved shirts
- Work shirts
- Sun-protective shirts
- Men's and women's sizes
- Clean and gently used or new

### **Tool and Equipment Drive**

Needed tools may include:

- Work gloves
- Safety goggles
- Ear protection
- Hammers
- Tape measures
- Screwdrivers
- Pliers
- Buckets
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Garden tools
- Knee pads
- Marine sifters
- Small nets
- Trash grabbers

All donated or loaned tools must be clearly labeled.

## **7. EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

By committing to this trip, participants agree to:

- Fully participate in all scheduled activities.
- Engage respectfully with all people we encounter.
- Honor the dignity of farmworkers, children, families, community partners, and fellow participants.
- Contribute to shared responsibilities such as cooking, cleaning, loading, organizing, and cleanup.
- Follow all safety guidelines and leader instructions.
- Participate in daily devotions and group reflection.
- Remain flexible when schedules change.
- Serve with humility.
- Represent Christ, BBPC, and the mission team with integrity.

### **Behavior Policy**

The following are not permitted:

- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Vaping or tobacco use by minors
- Weapons
- Inappropriate behavior
- Harassment, bullying, or disrespectful language
- Leaving the group without permission
- Misuse of phones or social media

Participants are expected to respect shared living spaces, vehicles, worksites, partner organizations, and one another.

## **8. TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

All schedules are subject to change based on weather, partner organization needs, farmworker schedules, worksite conditions, and leadership discretion.

### **Sunday, July 5 — Sent from Home**

Bound Brook → Hammonton

- 8:00 AM — Arrive at BBPC
- Food Pantry Volunteer Work
- Sanctuary + Seed Giving Garden maintenance
- 2:00 PM — Giving Garden work at Sanctuary + Seed
- 4:00 PM — Depart for Hammonton
- Settle into Hammonton Manse
- Prepare and share dinner
- Possible communion service with farmworkers at a local farm
- 10:00 PM — Lights out

### **Monday, July 6 — Dignity in the Fields**

Hammonton, NJ

- 8:00 AM — Breakfast
- Prepare bag lunches
- Morning prayer and daily overview
- Hygiene kit preparation
- Book bag assembly
- Support migrant summer school / children's ministry
- Clothing closet organization
- 12:00 PM — Lunch
- Continue service work
- Dinner and devotions
- 8:00 PM — Farm visits with Rev. Rachel Sutphin
  - DiMeo Farms
  - Merlino Bros
- Distribute hygiene kits, long-sleeved shirts, and earplugs
- 10:00 PM — Lights out

Note: Farm visits can only happen during evening hours.

### **Tuesday, July 7 — From Field to Shore**

Hammonton → Buena/Vineland → Fortescue → Woodbine

- 7:00 AM — Breakfast and pack bag lunches
- Morning prayer and daily overview
- 8:00 AM — Depart for Ploch Farms, Buena/Vineland area
- Morning work at Ploch Farms, pending confirmation

- 11:00 AM — Depart for American Littoral Society / Millville area
- Meet with Michelle from the American Littoral Society
- Lunch
- Travel to Fortescue / lower Cumberland County
- Coastal education and site tour
- Leader check-in to Airbnb as needed
- 6:00 PM — Arrive in Woodbine
- Dinner
- Devotions
- 10:00 PM — Lights out

### **Wednesday, July 8 — Healing the Shore**

#### Fortescue Coastal Work Day

- 7:00 AM — Breakfast and pack lunches
- Morning prayer and daily overview
- 8:00 AM — Depart for worksite
- 9:00 AM–12:30 PM — Shoreline service work
  - Oyster and shellfish habitat restoration
  - Shell bagging
  - Rain garden or shoreline work, as assigned
- 12:30 PM — Lunch
- 1:00–5:00 PM — Continue work
- 5:00 PM — Return to Airbnb
- 6:00 PM — Dinner duty
- 7:00 PM — Dinner
- 8:00 PM — Devotions
- 10:00 PM — Lights out

### **Thursday, July 9 — Pinelands Formation**

#### Southampton, NJ

- 8:00 AM — Breakfast and pack lunches
- Morning prayer and daily overview
- Travel to Pinelands Preservation Alliance
- 10:00 AM — Report to Pinelands Alliance Education Center

#### Pinelands Preservation Alliance

17 Pemberton Road

Southampton, NJ 08088

Contact: Jennifer Krumins, Ph.D., Science Director

Phone: 609-859-8860 ext. 143

Email: [jennkrumins@pinelandsalliance.org](mailto:jennkrumins@pinelandsalliance.org)

- Educational tour
- Ecological learning

- Conservation work
- 1:00 PM — Bag lunch
- 2:00–5:00 PM — Hands-on conservation work
- 7:00 PM — Dinner
- Devotions
- 10:00 PM — Lights out

**Friday, July 10 — Deepening the Work**

- 8:00 AM — Breakfast and pack lunches
- Morning prayer and daily overview
- 10:00 AM–1:00 PM — Continue Pinelands service work
- 1:00 PM — Lunch
- 2:00–5:00 PM — Final work session
- 7:00 PM — Dinner
- Devotions and closing group reflection
- 10:00 PM — Lights out

**Saturday, July 11 — Sabbath and Joy**

**Wildwood, NJ → Bound Brook**

- 7:30 AM — Breakfast
- Morning prayer and daily overview
- Pack lunches
- Clean Airbnb
- Take out trash and reset space
- 10:30 AM — Depart for Wildwood
- Beach and Boardwalk Day
  - Free beach, no tags required
  - Boardwalk food, games, tramcar, and optional attractions
- 6:00 PM — Depart for home
- 9:00 PM — Arrive at BBPC

This day is intentional. Rest, joy, laughter, and community are part of the rhythm of faithful service.

**9. LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, AND MEALS**

**Lodging**

Hammonton Manse

We plan to stay at the Hammonton Manse during the Hammonton portion of the trip.

Airbnb — Woodbine, New Jersey

A temporary reservation has been made for an Airbnb in Woodbine.

Details:

- Reserved on 4/10/26
- Dates: 7/4–7/11/26
- Total cost: \$1,308.43

- Capacity: 11 guests
- 4 bedrooms
- 6 beds
- 1 bathroom

Final lodging will depend on participant count and availability.

### **Possible Alternate Lodging**

#### **Cape May Point Arts and Science Center**

**101 Lehigh Ave**

**Cape May Point, NJ**

**Email: [info@cmpscience.org](mailto:info@cmpscience.org)**

### **Transportation**

Van rental is planned through Enterprise in Edison, NJ.

Participants must remain with assigned vehicles and follow all transportation guidelines.

### **Meals**

Meals will be prepared by the team. Participants will be assigned to cooking and cleanup teams.

Participants should expect to help with:

- Breakfast preparation
- Packing lunches
- Dinner preparation
- Dishwashing
- Cleaning kitchen areas
- Cooler and food organization

Food preparation will depend on lodging setup and kitchen access.

## **10. PACKING LIST**

### **Must-Have Items**

- Work clothes that can get dirty, sweaty, muddy, wet, or stained
- Long pants for workdays
- Shirts with sleeves
- Closed-toe shoes or work boots
- Comfortable shoes for evenings
- Rain gear
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Hat or cap
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Work gloves
- Towel and washcloth
- Toiletries

- Shower shoes
- Sleeping bag or bedding
- Pillow
- Bible, devotional, or journal
- Pen or pencil
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Personal medications in original containers
- Insurance card copy
- Spending money for travel snacks, boardwalk, or optional items

**Strongly Recommended**

- Safety glasses
- Ear protection
- Knee pads for gardening
- Extra socks
- Clothesline or laundry bag
- Small backpack or day bag
- Plastic bags for wet or dirty clothing
- Reusable lunch container
- Cooling towel

**Optional Items**

- Musical instrument
- Camera
- Book
- Card game
- Small fan, if appropriate for lodging
- Bathing suit for beach day
- Beach towel

**Do Not Bring**

- Expensive jewelry
- Large amounts of cash
- Irreplaceable items
- Valuables
- Laptops or unnecessary electronics
- Anything inappropriate for a church mission trip

Participants bring personal electronics at their own risk.

**11. WORKSITE AND SAFETY GUIDELINES**

**Participants should be prepared for:**

- Heat
- Humidity
- Rain

- Mud
- Insects
- Outdoor labor
- Long days
- Early mornings
- Changing plans

**Participants must:**

- Wear appropriate clothing for each worksite.
- Use closed-toe shoes at all worksites.
- Follow instructions from trip leaders and partner organizations.
- Stay hydrated.
- Wear sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Use gloves and safety equipment when needed.
- Tell a leader immediately if they are hurt, overheated, dizzy, sick, anxious, or unsafe.
- Stay with the group.
- Respect all wildlife, habitats, crops, tools, and equipment.

**FINAL WORD**

This week will stretch us physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We will work hard. We will learn from people and places across New Jersey. We will serve farmworkers, tend gardens, restore shorelines, learn from forests, prepare meals, pray together, and grow as a team.

Come ready to serve.

Come ready to learn.

Come ready to live your faith.

The Lord is good, and we are called to be good stewards of the Lord's creation and earth.