



BOUND BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2026 GUIDE

**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 centered around our theme: *Love Local New Jersey: Soil, Shore, and Service*. This week of service invites us into faithful stewardship of God’s creation: earth, water, creatures, communities, and neighbors. Together, we will partner with local congregations, farmworker communities, environmental organizations, and coastal restoration groups to serve both people and the land that sustains life.

Throughout the week, participants will support migrant and seasonal farmworkers, assist with food and clothing ministries, prepare and distribute essential supplies, participate in shoreline and ecological restoration projects, and learn alongside organizations caring for New Jersey’s forests, waterways, wetlands, and coastal ecosystems. This is a service-focused mission experience, not a vacation. Participants should come prepared to work, learn, pray, reflect, and serve together through physical outdoor work, shared meals, devotions, and community engagement.

As followers of Christ, we walk in love when we care for the people who harvest the food we eat, when we restore dignity to those often overlooked, and when we tend the earth and waters entrusted to our care. Forests, oceans, estuaries, wetlands, wildlife, and human communities are all interconnected within God’s good creation. This trip is an opportunity for discipleship through service, inviting us to love God, neighbor, and creation with our whole lives.

3. LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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4. COST OF THE TRIP

Cost: \$400 per participant, Registration Fee \$100

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 30 and June 20

- Saturday, May 30
- 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.

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 FOR MISSION TRIP

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 substances, 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
- 11:00 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
- 11:00 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
- 11:00 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
- 11:00 PM — Lights out

Thursday, July 9 — Pinelands Formation

Pinelands Area, 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

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- 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
- 11:00 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.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided throughout the week via 15-passenger vans driven by approved adult leaders and volunteers. Participants are expected to follow all transportation safety guidelines, including wearing seatbelts at all times and respecting drivers and fellow passengers during travel.

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 long sleeves
- T-shirts
- Bathing suit for beach
- Beach towel
- Closed-toe shoes or work boots
- Water shoes for costal work
- Sleepwear
- Comfortable shoes for evenings
- Rain gear
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Hat or cap
- Reusable water bottle

- Sunscreen
- Strong Insect/Tick repellent (ECO FRIENDLY)
- 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

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 (stinking gnats, mosquitos,
- 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.

Word of Encouragement

Scripture reminds us that whatever we do, we should do it as though we are doing it for Christ. We carry that same spirit into this mission experience. Even when the days are hot and the work is tiring, we remember that we are participating in the stewardship work God has called us to do: loving God, loving one another, and caring for creation with faithfulness, compassion, and joy.