



About Elk Garden

Ever since Brooke Atchley and community members transformed a 100-year-old school into a ministry center, it's become widely known in northern Russell County that people can go to there to get some of their basic needs met.

However, the ministry center is more than just a place to get food, clothes, furniture, utility assistance or education. They get to know the folks

They reach a segment of the population that's hidden and forgotten," she says. One of the things they battle there is isolation, so they do anything they can to connect people.

What We'll Do

Teams will be working at the thrift store, making repairs to the building, and working in the community gardens and pantry doing a wide variety of tasks.

We'll depart the church on Thursday, August 5 at 10 am and return Saturday, August 7 at 5 pm. You can ride in the provided transportation or drive yourself. Individual adults and families including children age 5 & older are invited to participate. Parent will need to supervise their children.



In 2019, Concord United Missions helped stock the shelves at the Elk Garden Food Pantry.

Cost of the Trip

We will be spending the night at a local Holiday Inn Express. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel and lunch and dinner will be provided at Elk Garden. Missions wants to make this trip affordable for families and individuals so they will help offset the cost with missions funds. We ask each person going to pay as follows:

Two Night - 2 persons/rm - \$100 Each

Two Night - 4 persons/rm - \$50 Each

One Night - 2 persons/rm - \$50 Each

One Night - 4 persons/rm - \$25 Each

Bring your swimsuit. The hotel has a pool!

Register by July 29

at concordumc.com/events

Contact Marilyn Giles, Missions Assistant
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COMING...SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE**

Elk Garden School Community Ministry is totally supported by church and individual donations (75 percent) and grants (25 percent).

In the meantime, Elk Garden is growing and offering a multitude of ministries. In addition to a community garden and a nursing-home ministry, Elk Garden partners with county agencies to offer diabetes classes, drug-prevention “game nights,” and cooking classes.

The pantry is now up to serving 220 families per month, leaving the pantry shelves bare. They also share a meal with those families when they come to pick up food.



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COVID Restrictions

COVID restrictions may still be in effect during this trip. Please be prepared to wear a face mask and maintain social distancing.

We want to keep everyone safe!



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Opportunity to Serve at

Elk Garden 2021



Thursday, August 5 Thru Saturday, August 7

