



Tifton River Of Life

Schedule: July 10th-14th, 2024

Wednesday:

Time: Activity:

1:00pm-4:00pm	Check-In @ ABAC and room set-up (We will assign churches arrival times to help with check-in)
5:30pm	Depart from ABAC to TFUMC Activities Center
6:00pm	Supper (Social Hall)
6:00pm	Leader's Meeting (Activities Center)
7:00pm	Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30pm	Small Groups (Church Specific)
9:00pm	Depart for ABAC Place Dormitory
11:00pm	Lights Out

Thursday-Saturday:

Time: Activity:

7:30am	Breakfast at the ABAC Dining Hall
8:00am	Great Send off
8:30am	Teams head to worksites
12:00-12:30pm	Lunch/Group Devotions
4:00pm	Return to ABAC for showers
5:00pm-6:30pm	Free time in TFUMC Activities Center
6:30pm	Supper (Social Hall)
6:30pm	Leader's Meeting (Activities Center)
7:30pm	Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30pm	Small Groups (Church Specific)
9:00pm	Depart for ABAC Place Dormitory
11:00pm	Lights Out

Sunday:

Time: Activity

7:00am	Wake up/Clean up/Pack up
7:45am	Breakfast
9:00am	Closing Worship (TFUMC Sanctuary)
10:00am	Group Photo & conclusion of ROL



What to Bring

Please bring all items listed below

- Bible (That you can open)
- Work Clothes (That will get dirty)
- Work Shoes (NO OPEN TOED SHOES)
- Hat or Visor
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Water Bottle
- Any Prescription Medications (Inhaler, Allergy Meds, etc)
- Change of clothes for Supper and Worship
- Dirty Clothes Bag
- Reusable Wet rag for heat
- **Attitude of Gratitude**



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Registration

Information

Dates: July 10th-14th, 2024

Location: Tifton First United Methodist Church.

Cost: Students \$175, Adult Leaders \$100

Church Registration:

To confirm your registration, please click the registration link below to register your church with a **\$100 deposit due April 15th**. Payment can be done at the Registration PayPal link or by check if your church prefers to send a check.

Initial Registration Limits:

After receiving initial church attendees estimates, we are asking that you limit your church registration to 40. We are asking that you keep a **1:7 Adult to student ratio**. I will email each church a safe sanctuaries form to bring with you signing off that each adult leader with you is safe sanctuary certified. Additional slots will be made available beginning May 1st after other church registrations have been received. Requests for additional numbers will be received on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lodging:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College is 1.8 miles from Tifton First United Methodist Church and we are so gracious to have been able to work out housing for our students there. Every student will be housed at Lakeside Dormitory. This is a typical college dormitory with 4 students staying in each dorm room. Each student will share a bedroom with another student. The dorm room is connected with a mini kitchen, and two showers. Students are allowed to bring snacks with them for their rooms.

Worship:

We are providing a worship experience each night of the mission trip. Each night we will worship in the sanctuary of Tifton First United Methodist Church. We have been praying over this time since the conclusion of last year's River of Life and are looking forward to what God is going to do during these nightly gatherings.

June 10th: All final payments are due. We must have final payment a month out due to the nature of our projects this year. We have been independently vetting and buying supplies needed for this summer and will need to collect payment to help us finalize everything needed for our worksites.

Forms Due by April 15th:

- Church Deposit (\$100 for Church). This locks-in your church's spot for the summer.

Forms/Payment due by June 10th:

- Online Participant Registration Forms (one for each student and adult) • Adult leaders list with cell phone numbers - Email the list to Derek. My email address is youthdirector@tiftonfumc.org

July 1st: This is the final day to make additions/reductions to your numbers (if slots are available, on first-come, first served basis.) Requests must be made by 4:00pm to Derek Harrison at youthdirector@tiftonfumc.org or by phone @ 912-618-0365

Payment Options:

Online payment is available. Proceed to this link <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/roltifton/100USD> to pay your church deposit online. Type the name of your church in the "What is this payment for line" before processing payment.

Checks should be made payable to Tifton First United Methodist Church.

Send them to:

Tifton First United Methodist Church
Attn: River of Life/Derek Harrison
107 West 12th Street
Tifton, Ga 31794

To assist with the registration process, the following documents are included in this packet:

1. **River of Life Policy & What to Bring Checklist** - This document outlines the rules and procedures for participants attending a ROL Project. Please read this document, initial each item on behalf of your group, and sign the bottom. Also we provide a basic set of what to bring items that will be used for the week.
2. **Church Participant Spreadsheet** - This is a spreadsheet that can be used to organize data for the event. Use it to assimilate the necessary information from the attendees at your church. Please provide all information on participants (both adults and students). It is important to fill out ALL the columns. It should exactly match the information given on their signup sheets. This sign up sheet should be used to help with the online church registration form due on June 10th with the deposits and other forms due at that time.
3. **Tentative Schedule for the Week:** Please note that this schedule is considered tentative but static. For the most part the schedule is set and if any changes occur you will be notified as soon as possible to help in your planning for the week as well.
4. **Adult Leader Information:** We try and provide as much as we can for the River of Life projects. We know that all churches have separate but consistent Safe-Sanctuary policies. As above we require that all **ADULT** Leaders (18 and older) have a background check on file with us prior to the first day of onsite work. These forms should be completed at the Adult Leader Registration link before July 10th. We would also like to have names and cell phone numbers for your leaders in case of emergencies during the week.
5. **Transportation List:** For this year's ROL project, we have a mandatory 1 van per 15 students policy. We are not splitting up churches for worksites unless it is a small enough group that they will need to be combined with another church. We will need a list of these vehicles to give to ABAC for parking for the duration of the event.

Sincerely, Derek Harrison

Director of Youth Ministries Tifton FUMC.

Cell: 912-618-0365

Email: youthdirector@tiftonfumc.org

River of Life Policy Checklist

Purpose:

_____ River of Life enables youth and adults, from many different churches, to come together to express the love of Jesus Christ by ministering to people through exterior home repairs and improvements. Each event seeks to disciple each participant in a passionate devotion to Jesus Christ and the understanding that the Christian life reveals itself when spent in ministry to others, especially to those in need.

_____ The focus of this event is youth. Worship experiences and work site projects are focused on youth involvement. Youth should understand that they are responsible for completing Crew assignments, not their adult leaders.

_____ Adult leaders should understand that their role is to lead *and* train the students on their Crew. Allow students to do as much of the work as possible. Adults are to be patient and encouraging at all times.

Registration:

_____ Each church group will have an adult to student ratio of 1:7. An Adult Chaperone is defined as age 18 years of age and above. Students must have completed sixth grade to participate.

_____ Team assignments and sleeping arrangements are made prior to the event.

_____ Students should not bring duct tape or electrical tape. If it is needed on job sites, it will be provided.

_____ Please see the earlier information about registration and for deadlines.

Transportation:

_____ Churches will bring no vehicles larger than 15-passengers.

_____ Volunteers must be 21 years old or older to drive students to and from work sites.



Work Site Clothing and Dress Code:

To be followed by students and adult volunteers. NOTE THIS DRESS CODE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.

**Please communicate this to your students and adult volunteers.*

_____ Work boots or tennis shoes must be worn on the worksite. No open-toed shoes: flip-flops, sandals, etc.

_____ Work pants or shorts must reach mid-thigh (boys and girls). No wide leg shorts.

_____ T-shirts or sleeved tops only. No tank tops, spaghetti straps, sleeveless, etc.

*I have read the above policies and agree to abide by them.

Participating Church Date

River of Life Emergency Permission & Health Form

*All participants must have a completed form on file before participating in ROL activities.

FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

I hereby give my permission for River of Life counselors to seek medical help for my child, _____, in any situation they deem merits such help. I also give permission for medical and emergency response personnel, in my absence, to administer any treatment, including surgery, that they deem to be necessary during the time my child is en-route to and from, and participating in, the River of Life event to be held at Tifton First United Methodist Church.

My child has my permission to be assigned to a work team that will paint, build and repair porches, and do other home repairs and improvements. (Any type of work I have not approved has already been noted on my child's Registration Form.) I will not hold River of Life, its Directors, Coordinators, Host Church, Participating Churches, or Counselors responsible for any injuries incurred by my child. I WILL NOT allow my child to drive during the event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

FOR ADULT PARTICIPANTS:

I hereby give my permission for River of Life counselors to seek medical help for me, _____, if there is any situation they deem merits such help and I am unable to participate in that decision. I also give permission, if necessary, for medical and emergency response personnel, to administer any treatment, including surgery, they deem to be necessary during the time I am en-route to and from and participating in, the River of Life event to be held at Tifton First United Methodist Church.

Signature of Adult Participant _____

Date _____

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:

1. Is the participant named above covered under hospitalization insurance? YES NO. (If no, go to line 5)

2. Does the participant have an insurance card? YES NO
IF YES, ATTACH A COPY OF THE CARD UNDER WHICH THE PARTICIPANT IS COVERED. THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED REGISTERED UNTIL THIS CARD IS SUBMITTED.

3. Name of insurance company

Policy Number _____

Group Number _____

4. Name of Person in which Insurance is carried:

5. Family Physician : _____

Physician's Office Telephone: _____

6. Primary Emergency Contact: _____ Number: _____

* Secondary Emergency Contact : _____ Number: _____

7. Please list any allergies to medications, foods, insect stings, etc.

8. List of regular medication and schedule:

9. Are there any medical conditions that are relevant to the participant's work and involvement at ROL?

