



## Dispelling 5 Myths for Our 55<sup>th</sup> Year

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*2024 is ASP's 55<sup>th</sup> year providing critical home repair to families in Central Appalachia. While a few things have remained the same over the years, much has changed as well! Let's dispel some **myths** that you may have heard as you are preparing to engage in service trips this summer:*

**MYTH #1:** *To serve with ASP, you must be part of a church group.*

**TRUTH:** ASP is for ALL people - not just churches! We welcome family groups, neighborhood groups, schools, sports teams, college student groups, corporate service teams, etc. All groups of at least 5 volunteers (including at least 2 adults age 19+) are welcome to serve!

**MYTH #2:** *There is a "cap" on how many volunteers you can bring to ASP.*

**TRUTH:** We can accommodate groups of 5 to 120 volunteers in one center. If you bring more than 120 volunteers, we are happy to host your group in more than one center. We encourage you to recruit and bring as many volunteers as you can on your next trip. The more volunteers we have, the more families we can serve!

**MYTH #3:** *You must have the exact ratio of 5 youth to 2 adults on each work crew to register your group with ASP.*

**TRUTH:** Minimum group size is 5 people, including at least 2 adults. If you have more adults that want to come on the trip, bring them! We welcome all-adult work crews, intergenerational crews, and any work crew make-up (as long as each work crew has at least 2 adults age 19+).

**MYTH #4:** *You must travel in 12 or 15-passenger vans to come to ASP.*

**TRUTH:** ASP requires each work crew to have their own vehicle, but it doesn't matter what vehicles you use to travel to Central Appalachia. While large passenger vans make sense to carry a lot of people and luggage, many groups are moving toward renting a large cargo van, box truck, trailer, or pick-up truck to haul supplies, tools and luggage, and then traveling in mini vans or SUVs. With any size group, it is ideal to bring a Floating Volunteer with their own vehicle to assist with material deliveries throughout the week. *Don't forget the new incentive ASP is offering this year for Floating Volunteers to come for FREE! (Example: 1-4 work crews = 1 Free Floater; 5-10 work crews = 2 Free Floaters.)*

**MYTH #5:** *Our group doesn't have the money we need to bring all the volunteers who want to come, so we should just register a smaller group that we can afford.*

**TRUTH:** Scholarships and incentives are available! Please do not let money be a limiting factor for participation with ASP. If you are willing and able, we need you to serve with us to meet the growing need of families in Central Appalachia. Contact Sarah Hunnicutt to learn more: [sarah.hunnicutt@asphome.org](mailto:sarah.hunnicutt@asphome.org).