

Johns Island 2024



The trip we call “Johns Island” is actually to two islands – Johns Island and Wadmalaw Island. These are two of the five “Sea Islands of Charleston County”, known as the Low Country of South Carolina.

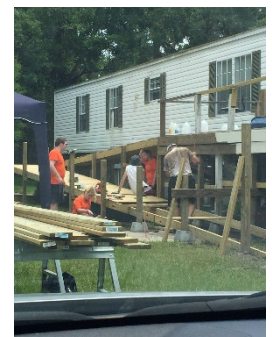
HB has been leading youth mission trips to Johns Island since 1991, not long after Hurricane Hugo blew the place away. Over the years, the islands have changed, becoming less agricultural and much more developed. And although the damage from Hugo is long gone, **the poverty that has always been a part of life on the islands is very much still there.**

That’s why we go. One of the main purposes of our Johns Island Mission Trip is to do home repairs. As we put it, we “build the kingdom” by building houses. Essentially, we work to give the residents of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands a decent place to live. **But that’s only one of the reasons we go.**

The other reason we go to Johns Island is to **provide the opportunity for teenagers to have a life-changing experience with Jesus Christ**, one that will deepen their faith and impact them for years to come. There is no better way to grow your faith and grow your relationship with Jesus than by participating in a mission trip, and **Johns Island is the perfect place!**

This summer, why don’t you consider being part of the JI ’24 team?

I promise – it will change your life!!



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The Johns Island Youth Mission Trip is a special, Spirit-filled week that has the very real possibility of changing your life forever. While you are on this mission trip, you will literally come face-to-face with Christ – you'll encounter Christ in the people we work for, the people we worship with, and especially in your fellow team members and counselors. Indeed, you will encounter Jesus Christ in many wonderful and exciting ways, and no one can come away from an encounter with Christ and not be changed! It is our prayer that Johns Island 2024 will be a trip that you will never forget!

For that to happen, it is important that you commit now to a couple of very important guidelines and principles.

First, be open-minded and open-hearted! Expect the unexpected! God will do amazing things in your life during this week, but you have to let him! Be willing to “step out of your comfort zone” and allow Christ to change you. You will see Christ in some unexpected ways, you'll experience things you have never experienced before, and you will have the time of your life! Expect this trip to be an opportunity to “step out of the boat”, and be willing to do that, because that's the only way you'll get to walk on the water. A week at Johns Island has the potential to be the best week of your life!

Second, have respect for your teammates! You will be traveling, eating, sleeping, worshipping, and working in close proximity to approximately 75 other people. These teammates are your fellow travelers on this faith journey. Support them, help them, encourage them – for they will be supporting, helping and encouraging you! Your promptness, patience, gentleness, kindness and self-control in all situations is called for. Make sure others can see Christ in you! Be flexible and allow yourself to be led by the spirit.

Don't forget – the goal of this mission trip is to spread the Good News and love of Jesus Christ to the residents of Johns Island SC, and to everyone we will encounter on the trip. We do this by providing the people of Johns Island with a decent place to live. But building is just the means to the end. Remember...

**“We're not here just to build houses –
we're here to build the Kingdom of God!”**



Packing List

What to bring to Johns Island

- A servant's heart - A selfless attitude – Flexibility
- An excited expectation that you WILL see and experience Christ!
- Money (card or cash)
 - Money for 4 meals, \$80-100 suggested (Saturday traveling down lunch, Wednesday supper; Saturday traveling home, breakfast and lunch)
 - Money for shopping / souvenirs. You will have Wednesday afternoon in Charleston to shop.
 - **Cash** for the offering in church on Sunday
- Your Bible, journal, etc.
- Clothes –
 - Church clothes for Sunday
 - Casual clothes (shorts, t-shirts, sweats, jeans, etc.) for evenings and for Wednesday afternoon in Charleston
 - Work clothes (you WILL get filthy!!). We'll be working 5 days.
 - Sturdy work shoes (tennis shoes are ok) and/or boots. Absolutely NO open-toed shoes or flip-flops on the work sites
 - Swimsuit and beach towel
 - Tennis shoes / flip flops / crocs for hanging out in the evenings, going to the beach, etc.
 - Hat or visor (something to keep the sun off your head!)
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, sunglasses
- Sleeping bag or sheets/blanket, pillow
- Bathroom items, **towels**, personal toiletries, etc. (soap and **DEODORANT!!**)
- Tools – everyone will need...
 - Hammer
 - Safety glasses (get these at Wal-Mart or Lowes)
 - Work gloves – either leather or cloth



Important Dates

- **Wednesday, March 20** – **Johns Island “general interest” meeting** – *if you’re planning on going, or thinking about going, or just want more information, plan on attending this meeting. 6 PM in the Youth Room (downstairs) at church*
- **Sunday, April 14** – Initial deposit of \$100 is due
- **Sunday, May 12** – Final payment is due
- **Sunday, June 2** – **Johns Island Participants Meeting** – *6 PM at church. All money and forms are due by today*
- **Saturday, June 15 thru Saturday, June 22** – **JOHNS ISLAND!!!!!!**

Housing and Contact Information

We are working through

CHIP – Community Home Improvement Project
chipministry@jipc.org
(843) 203-6592

And

Johns Island Presbyterian Church
2550 Bohicket Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

Michael Orris – (843) 513-0743

We are staying at

Sea Island Retreat Center
3429 Camp Care Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

Additional housing at

St. James United Methodist Church
1139 Main Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

Group leaders

Hunter Bradley, Pleasant View UMC (423) 292-9911
Bobby Watlington, Harvest Community Church (423) 502-2057

Johns Island Cost and Payment Schedule

During the Johns Island mission trip, our group will be performing some substantial home repairs and renovations on approximately eight jobsites. **Each year, we spend approximately \$15,000 just on building materials alone.** In addition to these costs, we also have food and lodging expenses, bus use and other transportation costs, and many other costs as well. As you know, EVERYTHING has gone up!!

It is our goal to raise as much of the money we need for the trip as possible. We have had and will continue to have many fundraisers. **You can help by doing your part!** Spread the word about our fundraisers, show up and participate in the fundraisers, ask for donations. Only by working together can we raise enough money to do the work that God calls us to do at Johns Island.

In addition to the funds we raise, which primarily go toward building materials, there is a **participant fee of \$350.00**. This fee covers most of your expenses for the week – meals (only 4 meals are not covered – see “What to Bring” page), transportation, and lodging.

You have the opportunity to reduce the amount of your participant fee by participating in certain fundraisers – your individual fee amount will be given to you by HB. Additionally, **this fee is very easy to cover by asking for donations** – HB has the forms. Don't pass up the opportunity to raise your fee by seeking donations. Many people who cannot attend the trip themselves are more than willing to help out, but they have to be asked!

You may pay your participant fee at anytime, or you may pay using the following payment schedule...

Initial deposit of \$100

On or before Sunday, April 14

Final payment, \$250

On or before Sunday, May 12

Johns Island is open to rising 8th graders and up (those students who have completed the 7th grade). Exceptions are made for those who may have an older sibling going on the trip and for those whose parent(s) are going on the trip.

Parents – are you interested in going too? That's awesome! There's always a need for adults on the trip! If you'd like to help in one of the following ways, see HB!!

- **Skilled help** – carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing
- **Runners** – picking up supplies from Lowes, Walmart, the hardware store, and more
- **Hydration Engineers** – bringing water and ice (and maybe popsicles!) to the jobs
- **Cooks** – it takes a lot of food to feed this army!
- **Photographers** – gotta document the trip!
- **Van and Bus Drivers** – CDL and non-CDL drivers always appreciated!

Sign up today for Johns Island 2024!

