

## EXERCISE – TEEN TRIP

Congratulations, teen group leaders! The church has approved your plan to take the teen group on a missions trip to an impoverished community in the Appalachians. There you'll be distributing donated clothing and food items to some truly needy families. You've also coordinated with a church in the community to do a number of other service projects: conduct a one-day VBS program, perform a puppet show at an orphanage, help some elderly people with home repairs, and pass out flyers on a street corner.

The trip isn't all work, though. The teens at the host church have invited your group to a picnic and softball game one evening. On another day, the group will go whitewater rafting. And some of the girls are talking about stopping on the way home at that huge mall for a few hours.

To help save money, you'll be sleeping on cots (and on the floor!) of the host church. Transportation there and back will be by carpool – a six-hour drive each way. You've already recruited a couple of people so that you will have one adult driver per car.

You are really excited about this adventure. Not only will your teens learn important lessons about Christian service, but the trip will help forge bonds between them – especially important in light of the rapid growth (and age spread) that the teen group has experienced lately. And the teens are so excited about the trip, some of them are even inviting their friends to go.

The pastor has been supportive, but he does have one request: "Before you finalize your plans, make sure you do a child protection risk analysis."