



Edge Leader's Manual



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Leader Roles and Responsibilities

CrossVenture |Village—Edge Group Leader Information And Preparation Checklist

Taking on the role of leader for your church or school's CrossVenture group is a commitment of time and energy. We pray the Lord will give you wisdom, patience, and strength for the task before you and we want to support you.

To start with here are some things you will want to address:

1. **“Prep #1 Forms and Roster” email: You have or will receive an email from us with this title. A packet with the paperwork you need from your group is found under Start Here! on our [Resources for Leaders webpage](#). Read the email for more information, and stay tuned for additional emails in the coming weeks.**
2. **How to build your group:**
 - a. **Get the word out.** Announcing the proposed trip whenever and wherever possible. At a school, you might announce it in chapel. If you are a small church/school, connect with other churches/schools in your area. There is greater synergy in groups of 12-18 participants. Take a look at the promotional resources available online by using the same link/QR code that you used to access this manual.
 - b. **Screen your group.** You will be living and learning together so the group needs to be on good terms. The extent to which you screen your team (for example, having interested people fill out an application) is up to your discretion.
 - c. **Recruit leaders.** We recommend an adult:student ratio of 1:3 for middle school and 1:6 for high school . Several activities involve breaking into groups of four; younger students would benefit from an adult leader.
 - d. **Build your roster.** Fill out the online Google roster as soon as you can!! We need to have an idea of how many you are bringing sooner rather than later, so that we can plan accordingly for you.
3. **Things to determine as a group:**
 - a. **Travel Plans:** Decide on how you will travel to and from JAARS. The address for our village site where you will be living for the week/weekend is: 7918 JAARS Rd. Waxhaw, NC 28173.
 - b. **Cabin Assignments:** Once you know how many guys and girls will be coming, determine cabin assignments. Our cabins (called *champas*) *sleep up to 5-6 people. There are 5 champas at the village site.*
 - c. **Leader Roles:** There is a lot that goes into a successful CrossVenture experience. Divide and conquer to make the most of your experience. It's good to assign individuals to be in charge of the following roles : Group Leader; Devotions Leader; First Aid; Meal Coordinator; Music/Worship leader (could be same as devotions leader) (*role descriptions are available in the following material*).

4. Pre-Trip Meetings:

- a. Plan two pre-trip meetings: these will help make it easier to collect forms/payment from all your group members as well as to communicate information and manage expectations. There is more information later in this manual and resources available online. **In general, here are the topics you can expect to cover:**
 - i. **Pre-trip meeting 1: (This can be used as an interest meeting... allow anyone who might be interested in going to CrossVenture to come and ask questions.)**
 - What is JAARS?
 - What is Bible translation?
 - CrossVenture|Village program overview (include a video to introduce the program). Share pictures of the village setting, “Belisi” where CrossVenture takes place. Make sure the group is aware of the rustic nature of the program.
 - ii. **Pre-trip meeting 2: (For this meeting, we suggest having your entire group [including, students, their parents, and leaders] attend the meeting, then dismiss the students and parents and have a leader meeting afterwards.)**
 - The full group meeting will cover:
 - a. Prayer partners
 - b. Packing lists
 - c. Expectations, Site Guidelines and Group Covenant
 - d. Collecting liability and medical release forms and payment
 - The leader meeting will cover:
 - a. Lead team responsibilities (meal coordinator, first aid coordinator, and devotions coordinator, daily “site care” coordinator)
 - b. Expectations for leaders
 - c. Child safety video + signing child safety covenant

5. Filling out Forms

Please use the following checklist to make sure you are getting your roster filled out and forms sent in, in a timely manner. This will also help to keep track of paperwork.

PREPARATION CHECKLIST AND TIME TABLE:

A. Send in as soon as you can:

- Fill out online registration (if not already done) <https://www.jaars.org/crossventure/reservations/>
- \$300 non-refundable registration fee for your group (To pay with credit card, please call JAARS finance dept. at 704-843-6343 and tell them you're paying for CrossVenture)

B. Complete the following no later than **one month before arrival**

- Fill out the roster list of participants**, including all attending adult leaders (link to google roster form sent in email)
- All leaders (18+ yrs.) must complete **child safety training and sign conduct code. *If a student leader under 18 will be in authority over other minors they must also go through this training and sign conduct code***
- Complete and email the following forms back to Jaars: crossventure@jaars.org**
 - Current **church/school certificate of liability insurance**
 - Certification that all adult leaders (18+ years) have had a background check (Complete the **Criminal Background Check Verification form**)
 - Signed **child safety conduct code for each leader**
- Email us **any food allergies** in your group (even if it seems unlikely that they will eat anything with that ingredient!).

C. 14 days before arrival:

- Call JAARS CrossVenture staff with final count on participants (this is your chance for last minute additions or deletions)
- Scan and send completed forms (one for each participant, including adults)
 - medical release form**
 - liability release form**
- Confirm that everyone has recruited a prayer team.
- Confirm that all staff have been adequately screened and given child safety training according to JAARS standards.
- Sign group covenant - be sure all participants sign the covenant
- Collect remaining registration money (To pay with credit card, please call JAARS finance dept. at 704-843-6343 and tell them you're paying for CrossVenture)

D. Upon arrival:

- Upon arrival, bring hard copies of all completed forms
- Your final payment of \$220/person is due upon arrival
- Have your group divided into their activity groups (4 people, can be mixed genders) and champas/cabins (5 people, same gender).

Child Safety Information

JAARS takes protecting children very seriously. In order to comply with our Child Safety Policy, **please make sure you and all adults and all leaders coming with your group have read and filled out the following forms:**

- Child Safety Agreement**
- Verification of Criminal Background Check (CBC Verification) (not for those under 18)**

In order to sign the Child Safety Agreement, you and all leaders (including leaders under 18) coming with your group must **watch our Child Safety Training video**. This is best done as a group allowing time to process the handouts that accompany the video as well as discuss the questions posed by the video.

Here is the information for accessing the video:

Link: <https://vimeo.com/491466601>

Password: ChildSafety

As you watch, fill out the **video handout** found in your paperwork packet.

Some leaders have found it helpful to have their entire group watch the video. If you do not already have a tool to raise safety awareness for your students, this might be a good starting place.

Meal Coordinator

The Meal Coordinator is responsible for planning the menu for the week as well as devising a plan for meal prep and clean up and assigning food prep and clean-up teams.

What follows on the next three pages is a lot of information to help you with that, including a food list of what will be available for your group when you arrive. In addition, there are some basic menu item suggestions. We recommend that you assign an adult to the job of “Meal Coordinator.” However, we have had a student meal coordinator on occasion who do quite well, especially if there is an adult to mentor.

Meals are actually a program element of CrossVenture and we have the following goals we hope to accomplish through our meal planning. Through CrossVenture meals we hope participants will:

1. move out of their comfort zones and try new foods
2. learn to prepare and eat meals using limited conveniences, supplies, and choices - gaining an appreciation for cooking in less-than-ideal conditions
3. learn how to function as part of a meal-preparation team regardless of experience

These goals have influenced what foods we’ve planned to make available to you. We have planned foods that use simple, basic ingredients with limited convenience foods. There are few fresh meat options and some meatless meals. We expect to have everything you need once you arrive on site, but staff will be available to make one additional trip during the week to secure basic items as needed.

PLANNING THE MENU: It is helpful to plan your menu in advance. We provide a sample menu, but you are not required to follow it and have the freedom to use the food items from the provided list as you like. Also, be flexible in your planning as you may have to make some changes to your menu plan. Check with CrossVenture staff throughout the week. We’ve also included some possible recipes. Please note quantities on these recipes. Plan to make adjustments according to your group size.

OUTDOOR COOKING: Whenever you plan to cook a meal on the mud stoves or open fire, be sure to allow time to get a good fire going **before** the meal (wood is provided). Fires can take 30-45 minutes to get to cooking temperature. Meals, such as “hobo dinners” or potatoes cooked in foil on the fire require good hot coals and 15-30 minutes or more in the fire to cook well. **JAARS provides** cast iron skillets, pots, utensils, and place settings for your use. Please do not bring your own disposable place settings. **NOTE:** please ask for instructions on proper care of cast iron skillets before you begin using them.

CLEAN-UP: It is best to begin clean-up about **30 minutes before** the next scheduled event. We expect the group, including leaders, to be ready to begin 5 minutes before each session begins.

BREAKFAST: Please note that we normally allow two hours for breakfast and personal quiet times each morning. However, the schedule may change during the week. That will shorten your meal time on those days. It would be wise to have 1-2 simple breakfast plans to use if such an abbreviated morning is announced.

LUNCH: To make your lunch break more relaxing, we suggest you keep it simple. Set out the food and have participants make their own lunches. Some preparation can be done the night before or in the morning if you plan ahead.

DINNER: Most evenings you will have 2 hours for dinner meal prep. Note: As you rotate meal crews they will each take a turn working on meal prep while others have free time.

ETHNIC MEAL: During your stay, you will experience an ethnic meal introduced by a missionary couple. The food needed for this meal will be provided by CrossVenture staff. Your meal-prep team for that evening will assist with preparation, so please be prompt at the scheduled time.

ICE CHESTS: We do not have refrigerators for your use, but we provide ice chests and regularly refresh the ice for perishable foods. We freeze meats to ensure food safety – most thaw by the time they need to be cooked. Most produce does not need to be refrigerated.

NON-REFRIGERATED FOODS: We have screened-in cabinets for all non-cold foods. Be sure to keep cabinets closed and locked, especially at night, to deter critters from eating your food.

STAFF MEALS: Since part of your experience at JAARS is to interact with real missionaries, there will often be a staff couple or family eating with you. Please plan your menu to include enough for about 4-6 extra people for evening meals and 2-4 for other meals. We will provide staff place settings. Please make it a point to welcome staff members and encourage participants to sit with them during meal times.

LEFTOVERS: If you have any leftovers at the end of the week (and it is still edible!), you can take it with you or donate it to CrossVenture for use in subsequent weeks as appropriate.

WATER: All our water is potable, but some groups haven't liked the taste of our well water, so if you prefer, bring bottled water.

SAMPLE MENU: Below is a suggested menu. You are welcome to come up with your own menu based on the provided food list. *Please note quantities listed on the recipes. You will need to multiply the recipes according to your group size. If you need assistance in this, please let us know and we can assist.

6 DAY SAMPLE MENU (TYPICAL)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast		Oatmeal Cold Cereal	Bacon & Eggs	Pancakes & Sausages	Sausage Gravy & Biscuits	French Toast	Bagels, Cold Cereal
Lunch		Tuna Salad on Lettuce or in Sandwiches	Cold Cut & Cheese Sandwiches Granola Bars	Chicken Salad on Lettuce or in Sandwiches	Cold Cut & Cheese Sandwiches	Spam Sandwiches Vegetables & Dip	
Dinner	Hot Dogs Coleslaw Potato Salad 3- Bean Salad	Chicken and Vegetables Biscuits	Solidarity Meal of Beans and Rice	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans (canned) Garlic Bread	Ethnic Meal	Tacos Yellow Rice Refried Beans	

5 DAY SAMPLE MENU (special adapted schedules)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast		Oatmeal/Cold Cereal	Bacon & Eggs	Pancakes & Sausages	Bagels & Cold Cereal
Lunch	Pizza, delivered <i>Make arrangements through JAARS Staff</i>	Cold Cut & Cheese Sandwiches Granola Bars	Tuna Salad on Lettuce or in Sandwiches	Cold Cut & Cheese Sandwiches Granola Bars	
Dinner	Hot Dogs Coleslaw Potato Salad 3- Bean Salad	Loaded Potato	Ethnic Meal	Tacos Yellow Rice Refried Beans	

BASIC FOOD LIST

Apples	Cold Cereal	Pancake Mix	Condiments: Bay Leaves Butter Cinnamon Creamer Dill Pickle Slices Dressing, Italian Dressing, ranch Garlic Honey Ketchup Mayonnaise Mustard Pickles, assorted Relish Salsa Salt/Pepper Seasoning, Italian Seasoning, taco Sugar/Syrup
Bacon	Cole Slaw	Peanut Butter	
Bananas	Cucumbers	Potato Salad	
Beans, black	Eggs	Potatoes	
Beans, baked	Fruit, seasonal	Regular Oats	
Beans, green	Granola Bars	Rice, plain	
Biscuit Mix	Green Peppers	Rice, yellow	
Bread, french	Ground Beef	seasoned S'mores	
Bread, sandwich	Hot Chocolate	Fixings	
Bread, bagels	Hot Dog Buns	Salad greens	
Canned Fruit	Hot Dogs	Sausage (Bulk)	
Carrots	Jelly/Jam	Sausage (Links)	
Celery	Juice	Spaghetti noodles	
Cheese, cream	Luncheon Meat	Spam, canned ham	
Cheese, shredded	Milk Powder	Tea	
Cheese, sliced	Milk, 2% (Fresh)	Tomato Paste	
Chicken, canned	Oatmeal	Tomato Sauce	
Chicken, frozen	Oil, cooking	Tomatoes	
Chips/Pretzels	Onion	Tortillas, soft	
Coffee	Oranges, fresh	Trail Mix	
		Tuna Fish	

Note: These food items are provided in standard quantities based on your group size. When you arrive, you may find food items not on the list and possibly some unfamiliar items. Be creative in incorporating these extra items or substituting meals as appropriate.

Alternate Meals from Provided Ingredients:

For Spaghetti: Sloppy Joes and Spaghetti Salad

For Tacos: Taco Salad

A word about Spam: Check out the ingredients, it’s interesting how there is less filler to spam than to hotdogs. Spam can be eaten straight out of the can, cold (ie on sandwiches). Devotees, however, swear that it lends itself to a variety of additional culinary deliciousness. Try it for breakfast, cubed and pan-fried in a hash with potatoes, peppers and onions; for dinner, try a thin, grilled slice on top of your favorite burger. (It’s like a bacon substitute!) Got some left over rice? Dice your Spam and whip up some salty fried rice.

Additional Resources

You will find these additional resources on site: Cast Iron Recipes, Solidarity Meal Devotions, Serving size chart, and more.

Other Menu Possibilities:

<p>Hobo/foil Dinners Meat Cut-up Potatoes Leftover Vegetables</p> <p>Directions: Place ingredients inside two layers of aluminum foil and cook in the hot coals for 15-30 min. Be sure to build a fire at least 30 min. before cooking begins.</p>	<p>All purpose Coffee Cake Jiffy Mix (for biscuits) Dry milk Eggs Sugar Shortening/Vegi Oil Various Toppings</p> <p>Directions: Follow package directions for coffee cake (will be taught on site). Top with berries, cinnamon/sugar mixture, chocolate chips, candy, graham crackers, whatever!</p>	<p>Solidarity Meal Rice and Beans</p> <p>Directions: Introduce the meal as a means of identifying with the majority of the world who lives on rice and beans. If you choose to do this meal please advise JAARS Staff. We have some program material to go with it.</p>
<p>Campfire Calzones Mozzarella Cheese Pepperoni Pizza Sauce White or Wheat Bread</p> <p>Directions: Butter 2 slices of bread. Line pie maker with bread. Fill with pizza toppings or apple pie filling. Cook over a campfire until toasted.</p>	<p>Campfire Pies White/Wheat Bread Cherry/Apple Pie Filling</p> <p>Directions: Same as Campfire Calzones, using pie filling in place of pizza toppings. They can be done without a pie maker, by putting ingredients in the middle, pinching the sides down by hand, loosely cover in tinfoil and cook over fire or in oven.</p>	<p>Walking Taco Salad Individual bags of Tortilla Chips Ground Beef (w/Taco Seasoning) Grated Cheddar Cheese Shredded Lettuce Tomatoes & Salsa</p> <p>Directions: Instead of filling a taco shell, open a small bag of corn chips and spoon in taco ingredients. Variation for family size bags of chips: scoop required amount of chips into a single serving bowl add other ingredients to taste.</p>

BASIC EQUIPMENT JAARS CROSSVENTURE WILL SUPPLY (see first two columns)

<u>Basic Supplies</u>	<u>Basic Equipment</u>	<u>Items you can bring:</u>
Aluminum Foil Clorox Germicidal Bleach* Dish Rags/Sponges Dish Soap Dish Towels Grease Container Hand Soap Hand Towels Heat Resistant Gloves Ice Chests Pot holders Roasting Sticks Sack Lunch Bags Scotch Brites or SOS Pads Storage Containers (limited) Vegetable Oil Zip Lock Bags	Cooking Utensils Wooden Spoons Place Settings Pots & Pans 1 Camp Kettle 2 Cast Iron Skillets 2 Dutch Ovens 2 Large Water Coolers Can Opener (wall) Cutting Boards (crude) Large Trash Cans Trash Bags Wood for fires Shovel for coals 2 Wood Stoves 1 Fire Pit 2 Dish Pans Wash Sink	<p>Matches; lighters Paper Towels Zip Lock Bags Pie Makers (optional) <i>Pie makers can be found in most stores that sell camping equipment. Some are aluminum which heat up fast, but may burn food. Others are cast iron and heat evenly, yet slower. Pie makers can be used to make fruit pies, grilled cheese, pizza, egg McMuffin-like sandwiches and pot pies. Bring enough for about half the group, if possible. The square ones fit the bread better and more food can be put inside. There is no need to wash the pie makers, just flake off any cheese that has overflowed on the makers</i></p> <p>Please do not bring... Coleman Stoves/fuel Outdoor Grills Charcoal Lighter Fluid</p>

Ethnic Meals

During your stay we plan to have one ethnic meal with you. This meal will be introduced by a missionary couple and you will be guided in how to prepare it.

In addition, we are including a couple simple recipes of other ethnic fare that your group may want to plan to try. Check out the following recipes and if you would like to include any of these in your week, let us know. Or if you'd like to bring your own ethnic recipe, that is fine too. Just remember that you will be limited to the food list we've given you.

ADDITIONAL RECIPE IDEAS

Acoh moh – Tiny Donuts from Togo

Makes about 4 cups of donuts

Mix:

¾ cup sugar

1 egg

1 tsp. salt

½ cup water

Cinnamon or anise

Add:

2 ½ cups flour

Knead into a pliable, soft dough, add flour as needed. Roll out into “snakes” about as thick as asparagus. Cut at a slight angle, all uniform, about the size of grapes. Chilling dough on a warm day helps to keep the pieces apart, but even if they do stick, they will separate as they are fried. While the first batch is frying, you can work on the next, but you must keep a close eye on those frying.

Put into hot oil (around 300-350) about 1” deep. Stir occasionally to separate pieces and turn over. This takes about 3-4 minutes. Drain and cool on paper towels.

These need to be eaten within 2 days or they get too hard and stale. Keeping them in the freezer keeps them fresh.

Carol Brinneman
February 1999

West African Groundnut Stew

(Peanut Stew) (This sometimes our ethnic meal)

Ingredients

½ cup peanut butter (smooth or chunky style) 4 cups chicken broth

1-2 teaspoons chili powder, or to taste

2 onions chopped

¾ cup tomato paste

2 t chili powder

1-2 cups cooked, boned chicken, chopped into small pieces (At home, you may want more chicken) (Canned chicken can also be used. A 10 oz. can is approximately 1 cup.)

In a large saucepan put peanut butter and broth. Mix well and bring to boil. Add chili powder, onions and tomato paste. Stir well and cook for 20 minutes. Add chicken pieces and heat through.

*****Please check with us before planning on this meal. We have a couple people who like to plan on West African ground nut as the planned ethnic meal.***

Devotions Coordinator

The Devotions Coordinator is responsible for coordinating **daily morning quiet times and evening worship/group devotion time** as provided for each day. The devotional leader should be someone who can tune in to how the group is doing spiritually.

The following are some of the areas the devotional leader may consider incorporating into your overall experience.

Morning Quiet Times

Each participant (including leaders!) will receive a handbook that includes a short devotion for each day. We ask that everyone takes at least 15 minutes on their own each morning to complete the devotion before our program starts at 8:45am. Our program will begin each day with a group devotion time (we call this a “daystarter”) that will carry on the themes of the individual devotion. Let us know in advance if you would like to know the daily themes and we will send them to you.

Evening Debrief & Devotions

Each evening, CrossVenture staff will lead a short debrief of the day. We try to wrap up each evening by 8:30pm or before. How you spend the rest of the evening is up to you!

Some have found that just after the staff debrief is a good time to have a little worship and your own group devotion. Others have chosen to give a little break for night games and evening free time, then gather everyone for a short group devo before bed.

If you choose to do your own group devotions in the evening, make sure you come prepared with something to share. Alternatively, you can use this evening time to lead another, perhaps deeper, debrief with your group. If you would like to incorporate worship through music during this time, appoint a song leader or worship team to lead the group in a few songs around the campfire. ***The devotional leader of your group should be someone who can tune in to how the group is doing spiritually.***

First Aid Coordinator

Every group is responsible for their own first aid. Therefore it is important to assign a **First Aid Coordinator** as the point person responsible for the **basic first aid needs** of the group. It's important that this person or at least someone in the group has some basic first aid knowledge and CPR certification.

We have a fully stocked first kit on site, but it is helpful for each group to bring their own as well. We also have emergency information on hand with maps and directions to medical facilities.

Common first aid issues you may encounter at CrossVenture include:

- Insect bites
- Burns, including sunburn
- Dehydration, heat exhaustion
- Cuts
- Sprains
- Allergies

Of course, be prepared for other needs as well.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of an emergency call 911 immediately and give them the location information below. Next, contact the CrossVenture Director, Tracy Tooley [704-238-7701].

Physical Address for Emergency Vehicles:

7918 Jaars Rd. Waxhaw, NC

(Heading SW on JAARS road, we are the first driveway on the right after the Olive Branch sign. Driveway is marked with a blue sign labeled "Belisi".)

Union County

JAARS Safety & Security (704) 843-6041

Sheriff (704) 283-3789

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR FIRST AID LEADER

DIRECTIONS TO: CVS Minute Clinic in Waxhaw

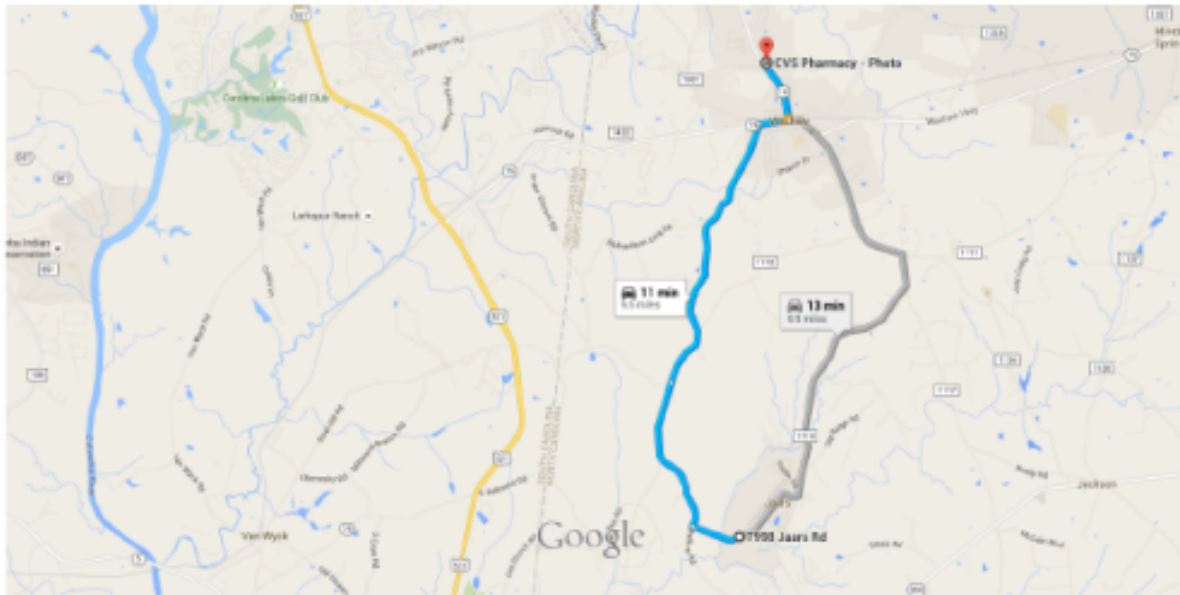


Google

7998 Jaars Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173 to CVS Pharmacy - Photo

Drive 6.5 miles, 11 min

Direction to Nearest CVS Pharmacy



○ 7998 Jaars Rd

Waxhaw, NC 28173

- ↑ 1. Head west on Jaars Rd toward Aerowood Cir 0.5 mi
 - ↘ 2. Turn right onto Walkup Rd 1.8 mi
 - ↘ 3. Merge onto Rehobeth Rd 3.2 mi
 - ↘ 4. Turn right onto W South Main St 0.3 mi
 - ↙ 5. Turn left onto N Broome St 0.7 mi
- i** Destination will be on the right

⊙ CVS Pharmacy - Photo

1142 North Broom Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173

These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction

DIRECTIONS TO: Emergency Services at CMC-Waxhaw

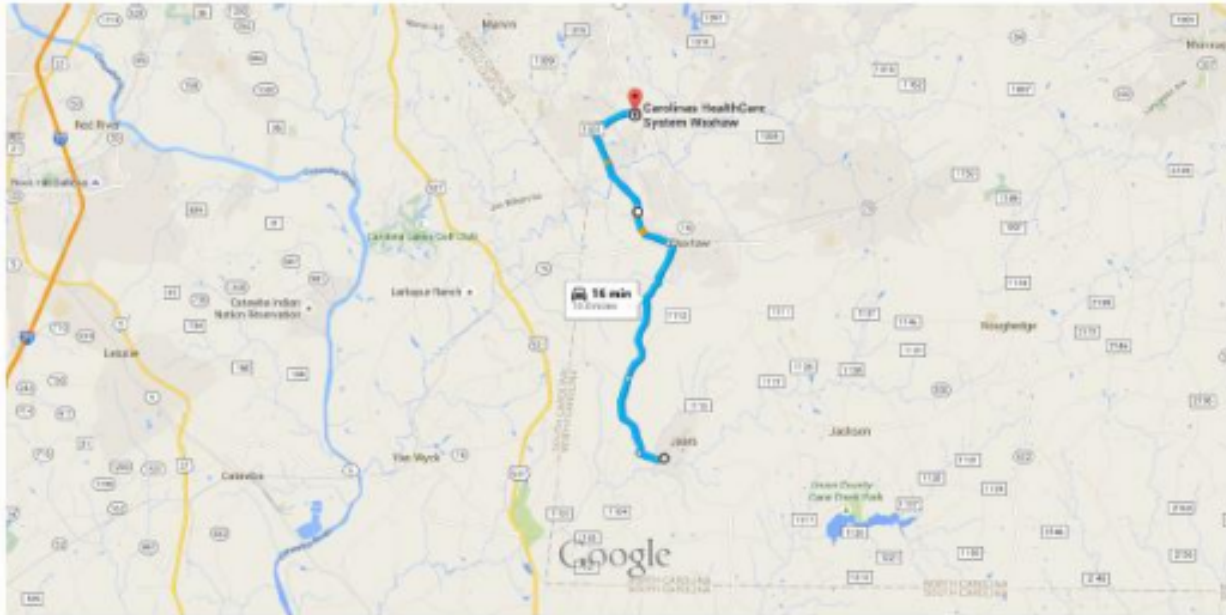


Google

7800-7998 Jaars Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173 to
Carolinas HealthCare System Waxhaw

Drive 10.0 miles, 16 min

Quickest Route to Carolinas Health Care Center in Waxhaw



○ 7800-7998 Jaars Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

- ↑ 1. Head west on Jaars Rd toward Aerowood Cir
0.6 mi
- ↘ 2. Turn right onto Walkup Rd
1.8 mi
- ↘ 3. Merge onto Rehobeth Rd
3.2 mi
- ↙ 4. Turn left onto W North Main St
0.1 mi
- ↑ 5. Continue onto Waxhaw-Marvin Rd
3.2 mi
- ↘ 6. Turn right onto Gray Byrum Rd
1.0 mi
- ↘ 7. Turn right onto NC-16 S
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i Destination will be on the right

Emergency Services at CMC-Waxhaw

Carolinas HealthCare System Waxhaw features a freestanding Emergency Department, operated as a department of [Carolinas HealthCare System Union](#), with advanced diagnostic imaging, board-certified emergency physicians and a helicopter pad for high-level trauma patients. The first of its kind in Union County, the emergency department brings hospital-level emergency care to families of the Waxhaw area.

From broken bones and severe cuts to heart attacks and strokes, we will be staffed and prepared to bring patients of all ages the highest level of emergency care quickly and efficiently. Backed by the breadth and depth of Carolinas Medical Center, the region's only Level I Trauma Center, you and your family will have immediate access to unrivaled technology and expertise.

Our Carolinas HealthCare System Waxhaw emergency department provides:

- A 25,000 square foot facility with eight private treatment rooms, including one designated as a trauma/resuscitation room
- Private observation rooms for monitoring
- Physicians board-certified in emergency medicine
- Emergency-trained staff to treat urgent and emergency situations
- On-call medical specialists available for consultation
- A full range of laboratory services
- An array of advanced diagnostic imaging services, including the most up-to-date CT scanner, digital X-ray and ultrasound
- Rapid triage
- Bedside registration for convenience and privacy
- Emergency transportation by ambulance or helicopter for critically ill or injured patients

Emergency Patient Transfers at Carolinas HealthCare System Waxhaw

Should a patient require hospitalization, they will be transported in an emergency vehicle to a hospital for further care. Our emergency department physicians communicate electronically with area hospitals to transmit patient data and test results, so physicians at the hospital will have information about your condition when you arrive.



Daily Schedule



Team Meeting 1

Pre-Trip Meeting 1

The purpose of this meeting is to...

- Give a better understanding of what CrossVenture|Village is about.
- Provide background information about what JAARS is and why Bible translation is so important to us.

We suggest that this meeting be used as an “interest meeting”. Anyone who is interested in learning more about your upcoming CrossVenture trip is welcome to come and ask questions before they sign up.

If you already have a good idea of who will be coming, feel free to use this meeting as an orientation to what they’ve signed up for!

Meeting agenda:

1. Details
 - a. Dates of your group’s trip
 - b. Cost
 - c. Why is your church/school doing *this* trip?
2. What is CrossVenture?
 - a. Watch [CrossVenture promo video](#)
 - b. Browse website (jaars.org/crossventure)
 - i. Explore testimonials of past CrossVenture participants (jaars.org/crossventure/testimonials)
3. What is JAARS?
 - a. Watch [JAARS: We Help Make Bible Translation Possible](#) video
 - b. Share JAARS Mission and Vision (document included in google folder)
4. Why Bible translation?
 - a. Browse infographics for stats on Bible translation (included in google folder), or share: **More than 600 million people speaking roughly 5,100 languages have less than a full New Testament in the language they value most.**
 - b. Watch [What Do You Take For Granted?](#) video (from JAARS’ partner organization, Wycliffe Bible Translators) and/or [Bible Dedication Ceremony](#) video (from JAARS’ partner organization, Seed Company)
5. How to sign up!
 - a. Have a sign up sheet or a QR code to an online application available for people to sign up for the trip at the end of the meeting (this will vary depending on how you decide to have people sign up).



HOW WE SERVE

We deliver God's Word.

1.45 billion people, using 5,509 languages, do not have a full Bible in their first language. Many of these people live in the most remote parts of the world, where JAARS is uniquely called and equipped to reach. We work tirelessly to get there—so *every* person on earth can learn the truth of God's love, follow Jesus Christ, and make disciples in their own communities.

Practical, day-to-day support can make Bible translation possible. We've seen that for over 70 years. That's why we help our 70+ global partners get the support they need most, whether that's a laptop and Internet access, a lifejacket and water safety training, or a flight to a remote island or mountaintop village. In the words of Cameron Townsend, founder of JAARS, SIL and Wycliffe Bible Translators, "...we've got a job to do! And whatever it takes to do the job, that's what our needs are going to be."

WHO WE ARE

JAARS is a multidisciplinary team of problem-solvers who are committed to the belief—and the vision—that people's lives and communities are transformed as they experience God's Word in their own language. We are a community of full-time missionaries, dedicated volunteers and a handful of employees who work together to accomplish the Great Commission goal of providing Scripture to every people group on earth in the language they understand best – their heart language. We do that by supporting Bible translation and language development partners globally, and by working with prayer and financial partners in the United States to help make a range of unique on-the-field solutions possible.

JAARS MISSION (why we exist)

We reduce barriers, ease burdens and deliver God's Word. We do that by **training, equipping, deploying** and **sustaining** individuals, teams and stations to aid in the work of proclaiming the gospel to the whole creation.

JAARS VISION (our dream for the future)

Our vision is that people's lives and communities are transformed as they experience God's Word in their own languages.

TRAIN

We train Christian workers to operate safely in both diverse and challenging conditions and cultures in the air, on land, and at sea.

EQUIP

We equip the global Church with the tools and infrastructure needed to reduce the barriers in their path, ease burdens they should not have to bear alone, and deliver God's Word.

DEPLOY

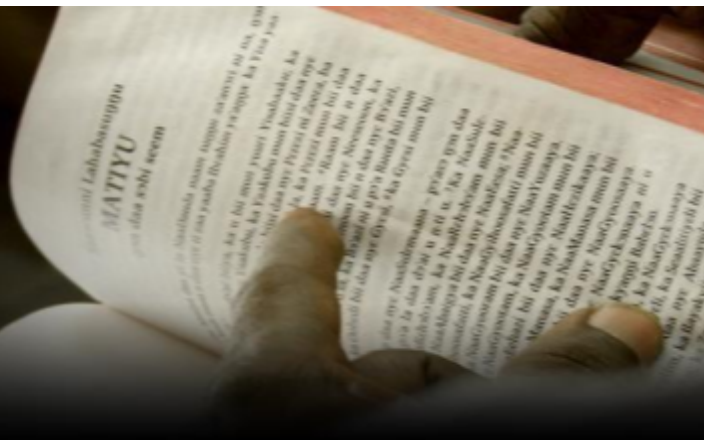
We deploy personnel and operational assets to sustain air, land, and sea operations in the most remote locations on the planet.

SUSTAIN

We sustain the challenging work of proclaiming the gospel by preempting and providing for the needs of our Bible translation partners worldwide so that they can continue effective ministry.

The Bible matters.

It's the whole story. From Genesis to Revelation, we see the full picture of God's love, holiness, and redemption of humanity. We can't possibly understand its depths by reading short excerpts, or by relying on someone else to tell us about it.



People can understand and relate to God more deeply.

You don't *need* a Bible to be a Christian, of course. But without one, it's a lot harder to grasp certain concepts—or to hang onto your faith during tough times. Scriptures let people study and reflect for *themselves*, truly owning and growing in their relationship with God.

Grace, Not Works

A former shaman in Vanuatu was sent out as a missionary—before he really understood the gospel. What did he tell people? “You have to work hard to get into heaven.” Then he joined a Bible translation team. After working on Galatians, he finally understood: “There’s nothing we can do to be saved. [We’re saved through] the blood of Jesus.”

“I wondered if they weren’t just preaching their own ideas. But as soon as I learned to read in Lama and could then read God’s Word myself, I was convinced they were teaching the truth. When I read and meditate on God’s Word, I understand it just like they do.”

Angèle Akonda –Woman who attended a literacy class in Togo



Lives are transformed.

The Bible is the best tool we have for becoming more like Christ. First, it’s an incredible guide—a lamp for our feet ([Ps 119:105](#)). And second, the Holy Spirit can speak through it to change our hearts and minds ([Rom 12:2](#)).

With God’s Word, entire communities can find freedom from sin, fear, selfishness, and destructive behaviors.

Peace

Sivini was a ruthless killer. His village was in an all-out war with the Kamano-Kafe, a neighboring group in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. By chance, he wound up at a Bible translation workshop—right alongside his enemies. As they studied Cain and Abel, he saw the faces of people *he* had killed. Sivini repented on the spot, and later told his people *not* to retaliate when they were attacked.

Lasting Marriages

"Today married, tomorrow divorced" was the mindset for most Koti people in Mozambique. But the Bible is teaching people to commit to their marriages instead.

Caring for Others

After hearing what the Bible says about caring for widows, a Cameroonian couple gave back the land they’d taken from a brother’s widow and children.

The local church is strengthened.

The Bible gives leaders *and* laypeople a strong foundation. With it, they can learn how to live as a community of believers—and watch out for false teachings. The Bible can also give new life to every aspect of a church: preaching, worship, evangelization, and discipleship.

“A lot of people who thought they understood the Bible in Swahili are now realizing they don’t. They’re hearing it in Malila and getting it for the first time. ... In Bible studies and church groups, people who never used to say anything are participating now because they feel free to use Malila to discuss things. ... It’s like the people in the churches are waking up.”

People can make sense of suffering.

Many people have faced war, famine, oppression, natural disasters, and epidemic diseases like AIDS. They may get *physical* help, but have no way to work through the deep emotional scars. God’s Word can speak into their pain. “It was written by and for people who [have suffered],” says [Eddie Arthur](#), past director of Wycliffe UK. “It isn’t a book about nice, comfortable suburban living.”





Team Meeting 2

Pre-Trip Meeting 2

The purpose of this meeting is to...

- Go over and collect forms and payment from your students (and leaders!)
- Distribute packing lists
- Share expectations and guidelines for the trip (including having everyone sign the Group Covenant)
- Allow leaders to watch the child safety training video together and sign the appropriate forms
- Assign responsibilities to leaders

For this meeting, we suggest having your entire group (including students, their parents, and leaders) attend the meeting, then dismiss the students and parents and have a leader meeting afterwards.

Group Meeting agenda:

1. Details
 - a. Dates and departure/arrival times for your trip
 - b. Fill out/turn in paperwork (required for every person on the trip!)
 - i. Liability Release form
 - ii. Medical Release form
 - c. Collect payment (\$199/person)
2. Distribute packing lists (included in google folder)
3. Prayer partners
 - a. Hand out prayer partner cards (we encourage leaders to do this as well!) (included in google folder)
 - b. Explain the reason for asking people to pray over a trip like this and how to use the prayer cards (instructions included in google folder)
4. Read Site Guidelines and Group Covenant (both included in google folder)
 - a. Have everyone sign a copy of the group covenant, and bring it with you to CrossVenture as a reminder

Leader Meeting agenda:

1. Delegate Lead Team responsibilities (additional information about each position is included in google folder)
 - a. **Meal coordinator:** Responsible for **planning the menu for the week** (based on the provided food list) and **assigning and scheduling meal prep/clean-up teams**. The Meal Coordinator is NOT responsible for overseeing meal prep for every single meal.
 - b. **First aid coordinator:** Responsible for being the “point person” for **basic first aid needs**. It helps if this person has some basic first aid knowledge and CPR certification.
 - c. **Devotions coordinator:** Responsible for **ensuring everyone does their daily morning quiet times** and goes through the provided devotionals. This person is also responsible for any **additional (optional) worship/devotional time in the evenings** after the program has ended for the day.

2. Expectations for Leaders

- a. As a reminder, leaders are expected to participate with the students in the entire program. You will be helping to facilitate discussion in your small group and modeling a Christ-like attitude for your students!
- b. Expect to grow! You are joining this trip to serve, but often the leaders walk away from CrossVenture even more changed than the students. Begin praying now that God will open your heart to what He wants to teach you during your week of camp.

3. Child Safety Training

- a. Watch the [JAARS Child Safety Training video](#) as a group. (The password for viewing the video is ChildSafety) *(Note that this is also required for any student leaders who will be in a position of authority over other minors)*
 - i. As the group leader, please be prepared to pause the video where directed so you can lead everyone through the material with discussion. There is a handout provided for you to use as needed.
 - ii. After watching the training video, have each leader agree to and sign the Child Safety Agreement. Submit those signed covenants by scanning and emailing them to crossventure@jaars.org.
- b. Ensure your church/school has filled out and returned the Criminal Background Check Verification form. *(All leaders over 18 need to have had a criminal background check. Most churches already do this with their adult leaders. This form is a verification that your church/school has indeed done due diligence and has a CBC on record for all your adult leaders 18+)*

Prayer Partner Cards

In the “Additional Resources” on our [Resources for Leaders webpage](#) are some prayer partner cards. Please print out enough for each person participating in CrossVenture (both teens and adults). It is best to print these on cardstock.

Give at least one card to each group member several months before your planned departure. Instruct your group members to give the card to someone at the church (other than a family member), who will be willing to pray for him/her **each day** while the group is here at JAARS CrossVenture

We feel prayer is a vital part of the program. So please, don't leave home without it!



Rules and Guidelines

JAARS *Belisi* Site Guidelines

The group needs to read this BEFORE their arrival!

GROUP SUPERVISION: Adult leaders are responsible for the conduct and supervision of all participants in your group. All leaders must complete our online Child Safeguarding course and sign our Behavioral Agreement.

Note: We require at least one adult leader for every six youth (minors) (1:6). **Note:** Middle school groups require more leadership, so be sure to plan a 1:3 leader:student ratio (high school and college students make good extra leaders for the younger groups)

DRESS CODE: Please plan to dress modestly. In order to limit distractions and allow attention to stay focused on the Lord, we ask that all participants avoid immodest clothing such as extremely short shorts or cut offs as well as cami's and low cut tanks. **Bathing suits should be modest as well**, preferably one piece. Avoid bringing clothing with inappropriate or controversial pictures or messages.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONICS: Only one cell phone is allowed per vehicle (for emergency use only) for your group leaders. All other electronics will need to be left in a secure place in your vehicles or turned into JAARS staff.

FACILITY: There is no electricity at the site for the group's use (with the exception of one outlet for recharging leaders' cell phones/cameras. Each of the two *Belisi* sites has the following.

- One *Maloka* (meeting shelter) with three picnic tables, two wood stoves, food storage cabinets, a cooking pit, and a wash area for doing dishes. Perishables will be kept in large coolers. Keep cabinet doors closed.
- Five *champas* (sleeping huts) are available. They are raised up to 4-6 feet off the ground with hardwood floors. Sleeping hammocks will be provided. Please leave all hammock ropes in place.
- Two *choo* (outhouses) with two holes each. There are also two *mandi* (shower rooms) with four stalls each. A fire may be needed in the wood burning water heater to take the chill off the wash water.

Conserve water when taking a shower, especially if your group is large. Wet, soap, and rinse.

Make sure faucets are turned off and that the tank has been refilled when leaving the washing area.

Do not leave personal valuables lying around. Keep them put away. **Respect all property**, including the facility.

FIRES: Please conserve wood. A little will go a long way when correctly used. Keep fires for cooking and campfire time only. There is a difference in types of firewood. Use the wood as directed by the JAARS staff. In dry seasons, please respect the fire bans. Let living trees live and remain unmarked.

Keep all fires inside the stoves, water heaters, and campfire pits. Put trash or garbage into provided bins **not** in the campfire pits, water heaters, outhouses, or on the ground. Use the trash cans that are provided.

GROUNDS: Remain within the fence lines of the property. Please stay within the CrossVenture living area after dark unless you have special permission from an adult leader. An adult should accompany minors if it is necessary to leave the facility. This is very important, for your safety and benefit.

When preparing to leave for home, **please clean the entire area** of paper, trash, etc. Make sure all personal items are removed from the *champas*, *choo*, *mandi*, and *Maloka*. Replenish the wood supply in *Maloka* and *Mandi* wood bins. Thank you for your help.

God has provided the facility for your use. We want to glorify him by keeping it clean and taking good care of it. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Packing Lists

What to Bring For the Group

- Guitar (Optional)
- Song Sheets (Optional)
- Clothesline and clothespins (Optional: Helpful for drying towels)
- First Aid Kit or First Aid supplies
- American Red Cross First Aid certification card for at least one leader
- Folding chairs for adults (Optional: If you bring chairs for adults, please establish the rule that it truly is for adults only)
- Flashlights/ Lanterns
- Something to hang in doorways (Optional: Our champas [cabins] do not have doors. We have found that sheets work well.)
- Bug Spray/sunscreen (Optional: In case individual participants forget)

JAARS Will Supply:

Toilet Paper

Firewood

Lighters

Food and cooking equipment (*See "Meal Coordinator" section*)

Outlet for recharging leader's phones

Handbooks (for taking notes)

Individual Packing List

- Bible, pen or pencil and paper
- Name and address of your prayer partners from home
- Casual clothes (limit any printed logos or saying to positive language and images);
 - Sleepwear (keep it modest, covering main body–there are no doors on cabins)
 - Warm sweatshirt / jacket (it **can** get chilly at night, though rare in summer)
 - Swimsuit (modest, please) and beach towel (summer May-Sept only)
 - Clothes (ones you don't mind getting messy; outdoor living is tough on clothes)
 - Work gloves (optional –we have gloves)
 - Rain Poncho
 - Hat
- Shoes
 - Close-toed shoes (for some light hiking and to protect your feet from mosquitos... something that's okay to get wet and/or muddy)
 - Sandals/flipflops (for showers and in gathering space)
- Personal grooming supplies
- Bath towel, wash cloth, soap, shampoo...
- Pillow, sleeping bag and a sheet (we provide hammocks for you to sleep in, but if you'd rather sleep on a floor, bring a sleeping pad/mat!)
- Insect repellent and sunscreen (very important!)
- Flashlight/ head lamp
- Camera (we will allow phones to function as cameras, but with guidelines)
- Water bottle (reusable)
- Personal medications/vitamins
- Cash for travel spending (there is a JAARS gift shop that may or may not be open... ask your leader for guidelines about other travel expenses)

What not to bring:

- Anything electronic (*consider this week a fast from electronics and other outside influences*)
- Prank paraphernalia
- Fireworks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco
- Drugs
- Firearms

JUST AS IMPORTANT

- Bring a positive, learning attitude
- Come willing to be flexible
- Be open to the LORD as He works in and through your mind, heart, and life during your time with us.