

How A.T. Servants Supports Trail Chaplains

We are excited that you are applying to be a Trail Chaplain with A.T. Servants!

In order to make your transition to the trail as easy as possible, this information sheet may answer many of your questions.

A.T. Servants assists your hike in six ways. We provide: (1) a place to raise financial support; (2) optional pre-trip training; (3) prayer support and encouragement; (4) on the trail support, (5) access to our trail network (6) a digital camera and a Pocketmail email device.



Below, we will describe how we achieve each of these:

1. We provide a place to raise your financial support

Rather than having to pay an estimated \$5,000 for your 6-month hike, we provide a place where friends and family can provide a tax-deductible donation and help defer the cost of your hike.

1.1 Does A.T. Servants help in raising funds?

We will help you raise your funds by providing training and accountability during your fund raising. By God's grace, Craig and Suzy have successfully raised all of their funds for 3 years and have experience that, coupled with God's grace and your hard work, will help you get all of the funding you need.

*Donations are given with the understanding that Appalachian Trail Servants has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. However it is our intent and desire to provide for Trail Chaplains to hike in keeping with preferences of ministry partners.

1.2 Does A.T. Servants charge anything?

A.T. Servants procures 9 percent of the funds that you raise as program service revenue. This fee covers the accounting, administration, advertising, equipment, and other operating costs of the organization.

1.3 How does A.T. Servants promote Trail Chaplains?

A.T. Servants features Trail Chaplains on www.atservants.org, in newsletters, and at speaking engagements.

1.3 How is the funding accounted for on taxes?

All A.T. Servants Trail Chaplains are issued a 1099-MISC as self-employed independent contractors. Each Trail Chaplain is responsible for paying taxes on what

they receive. Each Trail Chaplain should keep his or her trail-related receipts and talk to his or her accountant about contractor expenses.

2. A.T. Servants Helps to Provide Pre-Trip Training

With about 10,000 miles of hiking experience, A.T. Servants provides optional training both in the physical preparations of the trip and in the spiritual aspect as well

Upon approval of your application, you will be scheduled for a mandatory orientation. After that, we will offer custom training that fits your physical and spiritual needs.

3. A.T. Servants Provides Prayer Support.

One of the best ways that we can help is to provide prayer support. In addition to praying for you ourselves, we promote you on our website and help you to establish a support team made up of your friends and family to pray for you.

4. A.T. Servants Provides On-Trail Support.

There will be times on the trail when you will have logistic questions, spiritual questions, or you will need simple encouragement. A.T. Servants pledges to have someone available to answer your question and offer help via phone or email (whichever is most convenient for you).

5. A.T. Servants Provides Access to Our Trail Network

Since A.T. Servants has amassed thousands of miles of hiking experience, we have compiled a list of helpful Christian individuals throughout the trail that will be happy to help our Trail Chaplains when in their area. This is helpful during the unfortunate time of an emergency and even if the hiker just wants an evening away from the trail.

6. A.T. Servants loans a digital camera and a Pocketmail email device to each group of hikers for the duration of their hike.

A.T. Servants requires each Trail Chaplain group to post daily journals with pictures on www.trailjournals.com. In addition to this helping the Trail Chaplain to stay in contact with his/her support team, this journal is available for viewing to the general public. Thus it is a great place to provide a soft Christian witness.

In order to facilitate a better journal and better communication, A.T. Servants provides each group of hikers with an on-loan digital camera and Pocketmail email device and service subscription. All other gear is the responsibility of the hiker.