



Mission to Hammond, LA

Frequently Asked Questions

As you know the COVID-19 situation is very fluid, so the information below is subject to change as we make every effort to make your volunteer experience as safe as possible. And, of course, we also want to protect the homeowners we serve. We are asking you to be vaccinated or to have contracted COVID-19 in the past 90 days. We are also asking you to sign certification upon arrival regarding your potential exposure (see downloadable document file). We will give you a detailed COVID-19 rules of the road upon arrival.

Q: What is a good source of information on Hurricane Ida?

A: Hurricane Ida:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Ida

Q: Who are our hosts and partners in Hammond?

First Presbyterian Church
411 W Charles St.
Hammond, LA
Phone: 985.345.1543
<https://fpchammond.org>

Q: Describe the volunteer **housing**?

A: You'll be staying in the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond La. The church sustained some damage during Hurricane Ida, but they are enthusiastic supporters of our recovery efforts. The physical address above is not for mailing. Please use the following for mailing:

Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders
955 S. Morrison Blvd
Hammond, LA 70403

B: We have capacity for 20 volunteers at First Presbyterian Church. Please check with Lyn Wilson for availability.

C: TBD. Eventually we plan to have a kitchen and dining area set up in the volunteer housing.

Q: How much is the **registration fee**?

A: The registration fee (\$125) is used to cover room & board and miscellaneous volunteer expenses as well as limited construction expenses. Checks should be written to:

**Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders
201 West NASA Pkwy
Webster, TX 77598**

Q: What are the requirements for volunteers?

A: You must be at least 16 years old to volunteer with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. Volunteers under 18 years old are permitted to work on the construction site, but must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian at all times. You must also complete our "Minor Permission Consent Form."

B: Background checks are required on all volunteers. Team leaders will be required to certify on behalf of their sponsoring organization (church, etc.) that all team members have successfully completed a "Sex Offender Registry Check."

Q: Which **meals** are provided? **NONE at this time. Other non-profits in the area may be providing meals for volunteers.**

A: **TBD** Dinner will be provided on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We look at Wednesday and Friday night as your opportunity to sample the local cuisine. Each weekday, we also provide breakfast and bag lunch.

B: Volunteers may be asked to support the hospitality host with meal preparation, serving and clean-up.

Q: What is the daily **schedule**?

A: The schedule is as follows:

6:30-7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:00-7:30 AM	Brief devotions/morning announcements
7:30-7:45 AM	Leave for worksite
12:00ish	Lunch at worksite
4:30ish	Depart worksite
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Evening presentations/Face of God (varies)

Q: Will there be an **orientation** on Sunday night?

A: Yes, the mandatory Sunday night orientation is accomplished in conjunction with the 6:00 PM dinner.

Q: Will we still be doing Face of God?

A: Absolutely, the daily devotions and sharing our stories from the day is an important part of our ministry.

Q: What is the closest **airport**? Is airport pick-up available?

A: The closest airport is Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, which is 45 miles from our volunteer camp. There is also Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport, which is 54 miles from our volunteer housing. We do not provide airport pick-ups.

Q: Are there **vehicles** available to get to the worksite?

A: No, you'll have to provide your own transportation.

Q: Is **WiFi** available?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you provide **bedding, linens and towels**?

A: Plan to sleep on a cot or inflatable mattress, so bring a sleeping bag or linens. Bring your own towel.

Q: Is there a **washing machine and dryer** available?

A: Yes

Q: What type of **construction** will we be doing?

A. Initially, we will be mucking out damaged homes. We will be doing rehabs very soon— primarily repairing wind and flood damage. However, many homes suffered roof damage resulting in limited interior water damage. On the exterior, you'll be painting, repairing/replacing, siding, windows and doors. For interior damage, you'll be insulating, drywalling, floors and doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, painting, etc.

Q: Should we bring **tools**?

A. It is always a good idea to bring your own work gloves and safety glasses. We now have two stocked tool trailers at this location, but for those of you who prefer to use your own, feel free to bring what you'd like.

Q: Are there **volunteer opportunities** other than construction?

A: Volunteer teams may help with meal preparation, serving and clean up.

Q: Are there nearby **hotels**?

A. There are several hotels in the area if you're more comfortable there. Be sure to check their availability for your planned travel dates.

Q: Are there **restaurants** nearby? Are there local **attractions** we should consider visiting?

A: We can provide you a list of local restaurants and attractions upon your arrival.

Q: Do you have **t-shirts** for this mission?

A: Yes. Your registration fee includes one t- shirt; additional t-shirts will be \$15 per shirt.

Q: Are there parking locations for **RVs**?

A. There are also several campgrounds in the area, which are currently closed due to damages sustained during Ida.

Q: How do I register and pay the registration fee?

A. Please register online at:

<http://fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilders/>

B. If you prefer a group registration to individual registrations, contact Lyn below for appropriate forms.

Q. Whom do I **contact for additional information**?

Lyn Wilson, Volunteer Scheduler

Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders

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