



## Hurricane Ida Relief – Oak Hills Church / DRT Trip Date: Oct. 13 – 17, 2021

The following information is provided to answer questions you might have about participating in any OHC IDA Disaster Relief trips. We thank you in advance for praying about your participation and being the hands and feet of Christ.

### 1. WHAT IS OHC'S COVID PROTOCOL FOR THIS TRIP?

- When riding in the van (to/from), all travelers need to be sensitive to your fellow travelers. You will need to bring and carry a mask with you at all times; you may be asked to wear one in the van.
- All travelers will be required to take a daily COVID temperature self-screening beginning four days prior to departure. OHC will provide you the necessary COVID pre-screening instructions.

### 2. WHEN AND WHERE ARE WE SERVING?

- Jean Lafitte, LA. (500+ miles from OHC to site)
- October 13 - 17 / Depart early, Return late to OHC campus
- 1 day of travel to Louisiana; 3 days of serving; 1 day of travel back to OHC
- Future trips will be determined and scheduled based on opportunity to serve, and need
- OHC Ministry Partner: [Disaster Relief Team / Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team \(churchesofchristdrt.org\)](http://churchesofchristdrt.org)

### 3. WHEN AND FROM WHERE WILL WE LEAVE? GET BACK?

- The team will leave very early and return late due to the distance from Jean Lafitte, LA.
- Please arrive at the Crownridge Campus at 6:30 a.m. on day of departure. Team will depart from Pastoral Care / Student Building parking lot (across from main OHC campus)
- OHC team will depart in 1 – 2 vans (rentals). You can be dropped off, or you may leave your vehicle in the Pastoral Care parking lot. Please make sure to secure your vehicle; OHC is not responsible for any damage during this time.
- The team will return to OHC by 9:30 p.m. on the designated return date.

### 4. WHERE WILL WE STAY? WHERE WILL WE SLEEPING, SHOWER, MEAL ARRANGEMENTS?

- OHC team will stay at the Jean Lafitte Civic Center.
- The hosting organization (DRT) will provide sleeping arrangements (separate for genders), and meals.
- Team members must bring their own bedding & pillow AND twin sized air mattress.
- Partners will provide a shower trailer for showering.
- All volunteers are asked to abide by a 10pm lights-out policy.

### 5. WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

- At this point, most work is demolition and cleanup of private homes.
- Tearing out drywall, flooring, ceilings, insulation, cabinets to prepare homes for repair.
- Removing trash, debris and broken items from the home.
- Our partners will provide our daily working locations and tools.

### 6. IS THERE A COST?

- As this is our first trip to Louisiana to assist with the Hurricane Ida relief, instead of asking for you to pay a designated amount for your trip, we are instead asking you to prayerfully consider making a donation to the [OHC Disaster Recovery fund \(www.oakhillschurch/give\)](http://www.oakhillschurch/give). Cost associated with this trip include van

rental, fuel, materials, food, housing, etc. Once you register for the trip, the Local Outreach trip administrator will provide you the donation instructions (for online or check).

- Please bring cash to purchase personal items and snacks when we stop for fuel.

## 7. HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR TRIP?

- For trip registration, [click here](#). Future trips will be scheduled based on ministry opportunities and needs.

## 8. WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

- [OHC Volunteer Application](#) ([www.oakhillschurch/volunteer](http://www.oakhillschurch/volunteer)). You MUST have an electronic application on file. If you have previously completed your OHC Volunteer Application, this is a good time to review/update it.
- OHC Background Check: *Return the OHC Background Check authorization (sent automatically after you submit volunteer application)*
- OHC Local Outreach Mission's Covenant, OHC Policies & Procedures (these documents are part of your trip registration and will automatically appear).
- Disaster Response Team also requires all travelers to complete the [DRT Volunteer Registration Form](#) ([www.churchesofchristdrt.org/volunteersignup](http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/volunteersignup)). OHC recognizes that this may be a duplicate effort on your behalf, but we must honor our ministry partners request and require all OHC travelers to complete.

## 9. ARE THERE ANY AGE LIMITATIONS?

- Team members must be 14 years of age or older at the time they serve. If 14 or 15 years old, a parent/legal guardian/grandparent MUST travel and work with the child on site (unless they are part of a Youth Group).
- Team members 16 or 17 years of age need either a parent/legal guardian/grandparent present or an assigned adult chaperone who is 21 years of age or older from their team (unless they are part of a Youth Group). Youth volunteers will also need to complete the [OHC Youth Volunteer Application](#) ([www.oakhillschurch/volunteer](http://www.oakhillschurch/volunteer)).

## 10. WHO'S MY MAIN POINT OF CONTACT / COMMUNICATION?

- Communication will come to you via email and from your Trip Leader or the OHC Local Outreach office.
- The Local Outreach office will be your main contact through the signup and documentation process.
- The week of your trip, your Trip Leader will be your point of contact.
- The OHC Local Outreach office contact is Diana Garcia, 210.807.5211 or [dgarcia@oakhillschurch.com](mailto:dgarcia@oakhillschurch.com)

## 11. WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK? WHAT DO I WEAR?

While serving at a project site, volunteers should wear appropriate clothing at the worksite and in the living quarters. Check the weather forecast for the location where you are serving.

The following is recommended for the worksite:

- Long Pants
- Long Sleeve Shirts (as needed)
- Work Boots or Sturdy Tennis Shoes
- Rubber Boots (as needed)
- Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Jacket/ Raincoat

Inappropriate to wear:

- Shorts at Worksite
- Sandals and Flip-Flops at Worksite
- Tight/revealing Shirts or inappropriate language or design
- Tank Tops at Worksite
- Partial clothing when travelling from sleep areas, bathrooms, or showers (you should be fully dressed before exiting any of these areas)

## 12. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I BRING?

Pack light. We encourage a backpack or duffel, with a small backpack to take to the worksite. We discourage you from taking excessive cash or personal valuables due to risk of damage or theft.

- Bible
- Couple changes of clean (non-work) clothes
- Casual shoes for after work
- Pajamas (appropriate for communal sleeping)
- Air Mattress – Twin Size
- Sleeping bag/Pillow
- Small Backpack (to carry to worksite)
- Trash Bag (for contaminated clothing)
- Water Bottle
- Earplugs and/or Sleeping mask
- Bath Towels, soap, shampoo

- Shower Shoes
  - Shower Caddy
  - Toiletries
  - Medications
  - Cell Phone & Charger
  - Insect Repellant - ***Bug spray (Repel brand 40% Deet)***
  - Sunscreen
  - Small Flashlight & Batteries
  - Rubber Boots (if applicable)
- Optional:
- Camera
  - Snacks (for special dietary need)

**13. WHAT WILL OAK HILLS CHURCH BRING?**

- A team medical bag / first aid kit, and mold remediation masks
- Coolers, ice, Gatorade & water

***GBJ: Go Be Jesus***

***When you do disaster relief, you are being Jesus to that family, to that community, to His kingdom.***