



Project REHAB Volunteer Information

SCOPE OF WORK:

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia has been involved in Biloxi rebuilding efforts since September 2005. Our volunteer crews have been scheduling trips to Biloxi for three-week periods and work on 5-6 houses at one time. The scope of work includes anything from brand new construction to restoring damaged houses to livable conditions. Specific tasks vary and are assigned on an as needed basis.

While all volunteers are welcome, we have critical need for skilled individuals who are willing and able to lead others in rebuilding efforts. Those who are interested in volunteering but are not able to work in construction may be assigned to alternate tasks through our local partners.

While our lead volunteers spend three weeks in Biloxi, others may choose how long they wish to volunteer within the available time periods. Most volunteers spend a week in Biloxi, however, shorter or longer periods of time are acceptable as well.

The next trips have been scheduled as follows*:

January 5 – 27, 2007

March 31 – April 21

May 24 – June 16

July 20 – August 4

September 7 - 29

October 26 - November 17

* Starting date refers to initial travel date from northern Virginia to Biloxi. First work day will be on the day following the departure date (i.e. April 1) and last work day will be on the day prior to the departure date (i.e. April 20).

** For ThriventBuilds Worldwide Trip information, visit <http://www.habitat.org/cd/gv/apply/thrivent/schedule.aspx>.

HOW TO TRAVEL:

Northern Virginia lead volunteers will travel to Biloxi on September 14th—limited spaces are available for those wishing to travel then. Volunteers are responsible for making travel arrangements. The local airport is Gulfport/Biloxi International Airport and round trip tickets are approximately \$300; the drive is 1050 miles one way. While transportation

to/from work site is usually available, we encourage you to rent a vehicle if it's within your means. Lead volunteers will return to northern Virginia on October 6th.

If you fly into Gulfport/Biloxi Int'l Airport, we'll make arrangements to pick you up. If your arrival time is during the early work day, you will be taken directly to the work site, so please dress comfortably on the flight. If your flight gets delayed, please contact us as soon as possible to make the necessary changes.

WHAT TO PACK:

Weather in Biloxi is expected to be in the low to mid 80's during the day, with lows in the high 50's through low 70's. For building and general cleanup shorts and t-shirts and work boots are recommended. Personal toiletries, towels and washcloth should also be packed.

* There is a washing machine available in the facility.

While tools are available for volunteers, personal handtools are always welcome. If you have the ability to transport large power tools you can increase capability of team (these include mitre saws, portable table saws, planers, power drills, plumbing tools, electrician's tools, etc.). Please remember to mark any personal tools to avoid confusion.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS:

Accommodations are provided through Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. The rooms in their retreat center allow for three or four volunteers to sleep in one room in single or bunk beds with mattresses. Sheets, pillows and pillow cases are provided, however, you may also bring your own.

Breakfast and dinner are provided by Bethel Lutheran Church, which is located about a mile away from Our Lady of Fatima. Lunch is provided by the Salvation Army at nearby Yankee Stadium in East Biloxi.

While accommodations and meals are fully covered, we are requesting a donation of \$10/day to Bethel Lutheran Church.

CELL PHONES:

Cell phones and laptops can be brought at your discretion. DSL/WiFi hookup is available at both Fatima and Bethel.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Lodging:
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
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228.388.3887

Administrative Support:

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* Please address all initial questions to Jody

Team Leader:

Bart Tucker, Volunteer

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DONATION OF GOODS/SERVICES

All expenses incurred by individuals during their participation in Project REHAB may be submitted to the IRS as charitable donations for deduction purposes. Volunteers are responsible to determine the value of any donated goods and/or services. As per IRS 2006 Standard Mileage Rate, volunteers who drive to Biloxi receive a 32 cents per mile deduction. For more information, visit <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=151226,00.html>. Please use attached Donation Receipt for tax purposes.

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Donation Receipt

Date: _____

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Quantity	Description	Condition	Estimate of Value

**** Values are determined by the donor, not by Habitat**

This form certifies that Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia is a bona-fide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is recognized as such by the Internal Revenue Service. This gift, for which you received no monetary or other special consideration, will be used for the purpose of fulfilling our mission of providing simple, decent and affordable housing.

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