



## **IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE FAQs**

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO PACK?**

If you are staying with us, then you should pack your Bible, bedding (cot or air mattress) along with the appropriate linens and pillow, work clothes and casual clothes, ear plugs (people snore), rain gear, muck boots or similar, electrolytes (i.e. Skratch Labs or Liquid IV), prescription medicine, and most importantly a servant's heart.

*\*Please begin to hydrate ahead of deployment by taking in water and electrolytes.*

### **ARE PETS ALLOWED?**

No, we do not have accommodations for pets. Please plan to keep them at home.

### **ARE CHILDREN ALLOWED?**

Given the dangers present after a natural disaster (i.e. debris, downed power lines, etc.), we permit volunteers starting at the age of 16-and-up. Parents must accompany their children or sign a release form for another responsible adult to oversee them.

### **CAN WE SIGN UP AS A GROUP?**

We need each person in your group to sign up separately. We use these registrations to best estimate: space for everyone to sleep, food for every person coming, and organization of work to keep everyone engaged and productive.

### **SHOULD I BRING MY OWN TOOLS?**

We provide the materials and tooling required to accomplish the tasks assigned. You may bring your own tooling, if you'd like, please know that maintenance, repairs, and security of your tooling would be your responsibility.

### **WHAT HOOKUPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY RV / CAMPER?**

We normally have a way to connect you to power, either through our generator or wiring directly to our host site's power supply. We recommend that you have a generator just in case. Also, sewage hook up is limited or sometimes not available, so please plan to self-contain. Sometimes we can arrange for a pump truck to come and service all the RVs and Campers, but again, depending on location or severity of damage in the area, this service is not always guaranteed. You may need to plan to go to a dumping station when necessary while deployed.

### **CAN OUR FAMILY / GROUP ALL STAY TOGETHER?**

As far as sleeping accommodations, we have separate men's and women's areas. If you would like to stay together as a group or as a family, then you could consider bringing tents, a camper or check into local hotel/Air BNB availability.

### **HOW CAN I GET TO THE HOST CHURCH IF ARRIVING BY PLANE / TRAIN?**

Our immediate response office team will help coordinate drop off and pick up from plane or train stations.

### **WHAT ACCOMODATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE?**

**Food:** We serve three meals a day to all of our volunteers. Breakfast and dinner are hot meals, and we provide bagged lunch to take with you to your jobsite.

**Lodging:** As described above, if you plan to stay with us. Plus, we generally have a few spots available for campers.

**Shower / Laundry:** We have a multi-unit shower trailer which is stocked with soap, shampoo and conditioner, as well as towels. Additionally, we have volunteers who help wash clothes so you can stay fresh each day.

### **IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO / FROM EVENT?**

Yes / No. We provide transportation from God's Pit Crew Headquarters in Danville, Virginia. If you want to park your car in our fenced in area and ride in one of our trucks, then we have a spot for you. You must leave the first day of our announced date for the trip. Our trucks leave at 6:30 AM, so please be there by 6:00 AM. If you ride with us, then you can return with us on the last date of our deployment. We cannot guarantee a ride back, if needed, before the last day of our trip.

### **DOES GPC REIMBURSE EXPENSES IF I TRAVEL ON MY OWN?**

No, we do not reimburse expenses for your transportation costs to and from event.

### **WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT EACH DAY SERVING?**

We usually start around 7:00 AM with breakfast and shortly following our meal, we prepare for our day. You will receive important announcements; we assign all volunteers to working groups and provide assignments for the day. We also start our day in worship and devotion to the Lord. After dinner, we have a time of fellowship, praise and worship and a devotional is shared then, too.

We strongly encourage you to not miss morning and evening worship and devotionals. This is a time where you can be renewed and refreshed in God's Word and in fellowship with others. It truly is a time of regaining strength for the next day.

### **HELPFUL VIDEO:**

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