

**The Who:**

In the fall of 2005, two teens that were involved in the youth ministry program at Ascension Church began to form the first Hurricane Relief Trip out of a desire to help those in desperate need. This year, a group of five teens including Spencer Strouse, Miriam Brown, Amanda Moen, Anna Morell, and Pauline Lazzaretti have been working to prepare the trip. We are looking for people to join us...

**The Why:**

Our first year, we traveled to Abbeville, LA and cleaned up homes for Hurricane Rita victims. Last year we traveled to Pass Christian, MS and continued cleanup and rebuilding in a small town on the coast that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. This year, we will be traveling to the same region in Bay St. Louis, MS to build new homes for families.

**The Trip:**

We will be leaving Saturday, July 26th and returning on Sunday, August 3rd. We will be traveling in 12 passenger vans with 8 teens and 2 adult drivers per vehicle. Both Saturday nights, we will be staying at a youth hostel in Memphis, TN. There will be a short excursion to New Orleans on Saturday, August 2nd on the return trip.

**The Organization:**

We will be working with Lagniappe Presbyterian Church as we help to build new homes for families that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. For the past few years, this group has been helping to repair and restore damaged homes. Recently, they changed their focus to only new home construction. For more information about this group, check out...

<http://www.lagniappechurch.com>  
<http://lagniappechurch.blogspot.com/>

**The Application:**

The application must be turned in by **Sunday, May 4th**. Applications will be reviewed according to criteria such as age, skill level, previous experience, and application submission date. Please return the completed application to the address below attention Dan Lawler. You will be notified by Tuesday, May 6th of your acceptance.

**The Cost:**

We ask that each person pay a non-refundable \$50 deposit to ensure your participation. This should be turned in separately from the application at the first meeting. We are estimating that the total cost of the trip will be \$300 with the possibility of several fundraising options.

**The First Meeting:**

We ask that everyone who is accepted be available for a mandatory informational meeting on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Ascension Pine Room at 601 Van Buren.

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Where did you hear about this trip and why did you decide to apply?

Are you involved in any extra curricular activities at school? If so what?

What type of music do you listen to?

Please describe your previous service experiences:

What skills do you have that would be useful for this trip? (i.e. painting, carpentry, cooking, etc.)

What's your favorite food?



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## Hurricane Relief Trip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list here any pertinent information about allergies or health problems, present medication and dosage which your child may be taking and any other information that will enable the adult leaders to obtain safe medical treatment for your teen:

**Please include a photocopy of your insurance card.**

I request that my daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to participate in the Hurricane Relief Trip from Oak Park, IL to Bay St. Louis, MS from 7/26/2008 to 8/3/2008. This includes any preparation activities that will take place at Ascension Church. I understand adults will adequately supervise the teens and transport them on the trip. I accept full responsibility for any property damage or bodily injury which results from the failure of my daughter/son to follow instructions of the adults supervising. I give permission for any video or photos taken of my son/daughter to be used for promotional purposes for Ascension Youth Ministry. I hereby release and indemnify Ascension Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago, staff and volunteers, and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, A Corporation Sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this program. In the event that the undersigned, or my authorized physician cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the designated supervisor of the activity or other responsible person accompanying the group, there is necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, I hereby authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for my child such medical service as are deemed necessary.

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian) (date)