

Houston Mission Trip: General Information, Packing List, & Forms

We are excited about the Houston mission trip and the opportunity to work with your child. Our mission partner in Houston is **The Restoration Team** (www.therestorationteam.org). We will be meeting in the College Drive Wal-Mart parking lot on **Saturday, February 22nd** at 9:30 AM and depart at **10:00 AM**. The **three required forms** must be turned in by Monday, February 17th (scan or email pictures of the forms to jessica@fpibr.org).

While we are in Houston, we will be staying at **Chapelwood United Methodist (3911 Campbell Rd., Houston, TX 77080)** where we will sleep on cots in converted classrooms (by gender). We will be able to use showers located in the gym. We will split into two groups during the day and serve on the Northside of Houston as part of the rebuilding process. Time will be spent each day having devotions and quiet time. Three meals a day will be prepped and served at Chapelwood United Methodist. Please send **\$20-\$30 cash** for 2 travel meals. Below you will find 2 waivers, our youth policy, a packing list, and a list of adults and leaders who will be attending. We plan to return to First Presbyterian Church on **Wednesday, February 26th** around **9:00 PM**.

Thank you for sharing your child with us! We look forward to getting to know our students better as they come to know Christ in new and meaningful ways. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

Jessica Saffell

Administrative Assistant to Youth Ministry/jessica@fpibr.org/225.921.2175

COST OF TRIP: \$195

(This covers use of facility, transportation, 3 meals a day including a trip to Rudy's Texas Barbecue, and an outing to Speedy's Fast Track: Family Entertainment Center)

FACILITY INFORMATION (Chapelwood United Methodist):

You should bring:

- Clothing that you don't mind ruining
- Clothing appropriate for Sunday church
- Sturdy shoes
- Sleeping bag/pillow
- Work gloves
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Shower shoes
- Toiletries and a bag to carry toiletries to shower room
- A towel
- A reusable water bottle with your name
- Extra money for travel meals (around \$20)

They have:

- Air conditioning and heat
- Kitchen facilities
- A lounge area with a pool table and other games
- Cots

Full-time staff and adults attending:

- Paula Walker 337.370.1760
- Noah Pourciau 225.341.9496
- Howard Tull 225.485.3702
- Anna Katherine Jones 225.250.9288

FPCBR Youth Trip Policy

“Freedom for Healthy Community”

Trips are a vital part of youth ministry. For spiritual formation or mission action, times away bond students and leaders and create openness to hearing God’s voice. Amidst the pressures of students’ daily lives, our trips create peace-giving freedom in a microcosm of healthy Christian community. To that end, we expect all of our students to experience freedom from particular negatives that normally surround them. A healthy youth community grows when these are absent:

Nicotine, alcohol, cannabis, misused prescription drugs, pornography, weapons, intimate sexual contact, illegal activities, and any conduct deemed seriously detrimental to the group.

Every student on our youth trips should feel free from these destructive pressures.

Therefore, use, possession of, or participation in any of the above will result in immediate calls to the student’s parents/guardians and a return home, at the parents’ expense, at the earliest practicable time. Also, during the trip, the church grants the Director of Youth Ministry the authority and discretion to determine if and when this policy has been violated.

Signed agreement to the above philosophy and ensuing policy is a necessary prerequisite for participation in any youth trip.

Further, in order to continue to create healthy, free, Christ-receiving, love-giving community, we continue to enact a no cell-phone policy on youth trips and expect that youth consent to receive direction from youth leaders during the trip. Along with our values of welcome, kindness, and acceptance, we believe this policy creates peaceful freedom for all youth participants.

Parent’s Signature _____ Date _____

Student’s Signature _____ Date _____

First Presbyterian Church – Baton Rouge Liability Release Form

Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

As a participant or parent / guardian of above minor child and participant in the programs or events of First Presbyterian Church of the City of Baton Rouge I do hereby release, forever discharge and hold harmless it, and its agents, employees, officers, directors, pastors, trustees, volunteers and insurers (collectively "FPCBR"), from any and all liability, claims, or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses arising at or out of such events.

This release covers any and all transportation or drivers provided by FPCBR who are properly licensed to drive, whether driving church owned vehicles or privately owned vehicles. This release also covers meetings on the FPCBR property or any other site during programs and activities.

I further consent to emergency medical or dental treatment, including examination, diagnosis, treatment, anesthetic, and surgical treatment, agree to pay all costs and expenses associated therewith.

Check here if you give FPCBR permission to publish and print, electronic, or video format the likeness or image of your child. By checking this box, you release all claims against FPCBR with respect to copyright ownership and publication including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials.

Participant's Insurance Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Known Allergies / Medication / Medical Problems: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian Date -----

Staff Signature: _____



Participant General Liability Release

Please read before signing, as this constitutes the agreement between you and The Restoration Team ("TRT") regarding your working relationship as a volunteer with the TRT disaster recovery team.

I, _____ acknowledge and state the following:

I have chosen to travel to perform clean-up/construction work designed to repair or replace housing affected by natural or manmade disasters. I understand that this work entails a risk of physical injury and often involves hard physical labor, heavy lifting and other strenuous activity, and that some activities may take place on ladders and building framing other than ground level. I certify that I am in good health and physically able to perform this type of work. I agree that if I suspect any conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the affected area or activity and alert a TRT representative.

I understand that I am engaging in this project at my own risk. I assume all risk and responsibility for any damage to my property and any personal injury which I may sustain while involved in this project, ranging from minor to serious and the possibility of permanent disability, paralysis or death which may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activities, the weather and other conditions in which the activities take place, and related medical costs and expenses.

In the event that my supervising organization arranges accommodations, I understand that they are not responsible or liable for my personal effects and property and that they will not provide lock up or security for any items. I will hold them harmless in the event of theft or for loss resulting from any source or cause. I further understand that I am to abide by whatever rules and regulations may be in effect for the accommodations at the time.

By my signature, for myself, my estate and my heirs, I release, discharge, indemnify and forever hold TRT, together with its officers, directors, agents, servants, representatives and employees (the "Releasees"), harmless from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, causes of action, and attorneys' fees arising from my participation in this project, or the travel or lodging associated therewith, including any damages which may be caused by their negligence and regardless of whether such liability arises in tort, contract, strict liability or otherwise. I acknowledge and understand that I have had the opportunity to discuss this Release with an attorney of my choosing. I intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid under the laws of my state of residence or the state in which the activities are conducted, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect. I understand that if, despite this Participant General Liability Release, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless such Releasee from any loss, liability, damage, attorneys' fees or cost which may incur as a result of such claim.

I understand that while conducting this project, TRT may make photographic, video, and/or audio recordings of its activities and participants. I grant and convey to TRT the right to use such recordings, which may include me, in advertising or promotional materials for TRT.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PERSON to CONTACT in CASE of EMERGENCY _____

PHONE _____

ORGANIZATION OR CHURCH NAME _____