



BATON ROUGE ALTERNATIVE FALL BREAK SERVICE TRIP

November 18TH-23RD, 2016

Background:

The state of Louisiana continues to deal with a significant level of flooding and one of the worst natural disasters in recent years. At least 13 have died, thousands have been forced from their homes into shelters, and an estimated 40,000 homes have been destroyed. President Obama has declared major disaster across the state of Louisiana in 20 parishes. We will be working in Denham Springs, which is located in the Livingston Parish, where 90% of houses and businesses were badly damaged or destroyed. High-water levels averaged from 2-4 feet.

Our mission:

Our goal is to provide support for the All Hands project, which is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to empowering disaster relief volunteers all around the world.

Our schedule:

We will be leaving Indianapolis on Friday, November 18th and returning Wednesday, November 23rd in time to celebrate Thanksgiving the following day. We will be renting vans and driving to Baton Rouge, which helps cut our overall cost down for this trip. Below is a rough itinerary of the trip. You will receive a detailed itinerary along with more trip information during our pre-trip meeting (more information on meeting date/time TBA).

- Friday, November 18th – Depart **Indianapolis** and drive to Baton Rouge
- Saturday, November 19th – Volunteer with All Hands
- Sunday, November 20th– Volunteer with All Hands
- Monday, November 21st – Free Day in NOLA (meals are on your own on this day)
- Tuesday, November 22nd – Volunteer with All Hands
- Wednesday, November 23rd – Depart Baton Rouge and drive back to **Indianapolis**

Accommodations:

We will be staying at the All Hands Base which is at the New Covenant Baptist Church. All meals will be provided, however, if you have food allergies please make the leader aware so we can work on additional accommodations. Bedding IS NOT PROVIDED so you will have to bring a sleeping bag, air mattress, or cot of sorts along with sheets as we will be sleeping on the floor and space will be tight so try and pack light (ha). There are shower trailers available on base as well.

Cost:

The cost is \$500 per person and that covers: travel, room and board, most meals and supplies for projects. A deposit of \$100 is due by October 21st and the final payment will be due by November 11th. You will also need to provide your own meals on our free day in the city, which will be on Monday. More information will be included in your trip packet.

Questions: Please contact Ashleigh Coster, Program Director for the Intercollegiate YMCA, for questions:

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