



**Eight Days of Hope XX – Amory, MS
March 9 to March 16
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is EDOH XX all about?

EDOH XX is coming to Amory, MS, to help rebuild homes after a deadly tornado outbreak hit the area on March 24, 2023. The EF-3 tornado damaged an estimated 1,500 homes in the community. Our Rapid Response team served 193 families with the help of over 1,000 volunteers immediately after the tornado.

We are humbled to return to help those in Amory continue on their road to recovery! We will be working with the Monroe Strong Long Term Recovery Committee to love and serve those in need.

What is the cost to attend?

It is free! We provide the food and lodging. We just ask that you show up ready to love and serve the Amory community.

We rely on churches, businesses, individuals, and our volunteers for donations. A typical budget for an Eight Days of Hope outreach can be anywhere between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Please consider donating to help these families rebuild! You can donate online at www.eightdaysofhope.com by clicking on the “Donate” button or mail a check to P.O. Box 3208, Tupelo, MS, 38803.

Where is the headquarters for EDOH XX?

Our headquarters for this event is Meadowood Baptist Church, located at 1512 Hatley Rd, Amory, MS 38821. Lodging locations will vary, and all will be within 5 to 10 minutes of Meadowood Baptist Church.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

Volunteers will be assigned lodging after they arrive at our Headquarters. Similar to our previous trips, we will segregate by gender. You will have the space to set up your own air mattresses, cots or foam pads that you bring from home. You may also bring a tent and camp outside if you prefer. There will be gender segregated showers and restrooms available. Men's and Women's lodging will be at separate locations, about 5 to 10 miles apart from one another. We do not provide transportation, but many volunteers are happy to offer rides to and from the lodging sites to our headquarters!

If you are coming as a family and desire to be housed together, we suggest you bring a tent, RV or pursue hotel accommodations. We have tent spots available for free, location to be determined.

If we want to book a hotel does Eight Days of Hope recommend any hotels in the area?

At this time, Eight Days of Hope has two hotel options offering discounts to EDOH volunteers – a 2-star hotel in Amory and a 4-star hotel in Tupelo. Please following the instructions below to ensure you book the discounted rate:

Amory Hotel Details:

Heritage Inn & Suites (801 HWY 278W, Amory, MS 38821)

P: 662-256-7760

E: heritageinnamory@gmail.com

Price \$84/night

To ensure you secure this rate, you need to call or email AND specifically state you are booking with EDOH. You cannot book online if you want our rate.

Tupelo Hotel Details (30 miles away):

Holiday Inn and Suites (923 N Gloster St, Tupelo, MS 38804)

P: 662-269-0096

Price: \$124/night

If the price is cheaper online to book than \$124/night, please book online without indicating EDOH. If the price is more than \$124/night online, please call the hotel directly and say you are booking under the Eight Days of Hope rate. They will ensure you get the rate.

Can I bring my RV?

At this time, EDOH RV spaces are FULL. We suggest the following RV parks, if you want to bring your RV.

1. Blue Bluff Campground - 20051 Blue Bluff Road, Aberdeen, MS 39730 - 18 miles from Headquarters
2. Natchez Trace RV Park - 189 County Road 506, Shannon, MS 38868 - 27 miles from Headquarters
3. Over Yonder RV Park - 1091 County Road 811, Saltillo, MS 38866 - 33 miles from Headquarters
4. 1794 Camper and RV Park - 150 Drive 1794, Saltillo, MS 38866 - 35 miles from Headquarters

Can I bring my pet?

No. We are sorry, but bringing pets is not allowed for health and safety reasons. Please respect this rule. Our host facilities have strict rules regarding pets.

Do I have to bring my own food?

No. We will provide all meals. **We are looking for churches and businesses willing to underwrite this cost.** With a donation of \$3,000, a church or a business can supply the food necessary for one meal. Please email us at info@eightdaysofhope.com for more information. You can also elect to sponsor food for one entire day. Please consider doing either of these as the food costs for 1,000 to 1,500 volunteers will exceed \$80,000!

What kind of work will we be doing?

The primary work will be the rebuilding of damaged homes due to wind damage, fallen trees, and houses impacted by a tornado. This includes roofing, electrical wiring, insulation, flooring, drywall, carpentry, and painting. We are also in need of people who have mechanical and plumbing skills. Beyond home restoration there are many support jobs which include data entry, transportation, laundry, cleaning, and lunch delivery service. There is something for everyone's skill set!

Should we bring tools?

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using. Be sure to label them before you arrive. Air compressors, ladders, drills, drywall tools, paintbrushes, etc. are all needed. Eight Days of Hope has outfitted multiple tool trailers and will be bringing them to Amory to supplement any tools you may not own or bring.

Can we bring our youth group or our children?

Yes, Eight Days of Hope is family-friendly! Every youth volunteer (under the age of 18) that comes with an adult that is not their parent **MUST** bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents. This form can be found on the EDOH XX event page on the website. *For every four youth, please bring one adult chaperone.* There are unique sleeping arrangements separated by gender. Please have one adult of each gender present to monitor your youth group in the sleeping areas.

Families bringing their children will work side-by-side at the jobsites. For families wishing to lodge together, please consider a hotel or utilize our tent spaces.

Do we have to stay for all eight days?

No. For this outreach, we are asking each volunteer to come for at least three full days. Please honor this request.

Is transportation provided from the area airport?

Yes, we will provide transportation to and from the Tupelo Regional Airport (TUP) only. This airport utilizes Contour Airlines as it is a smaller, regional airport. Please fill out the transportation portion of the registration form when you register online if you need to be picked up and dropped off at the airport. At this time, we do not provide any additional transportation to and from lodging sites and headquarters, but there are many volunteers who happily assist. If you plan to fly in, please arrive during check-in hours of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, or from 6:30 am to 8:00 p.m. on all remaining days.

If we are coming with a group or as a family, can we fill out one volunteer form?

No, each volunteer needs to fill out a volunteer form at www.eightdaysofhope.com and include an email address. In the organization section of the volunteer form please make note that you are coming with a group and include the name of the group. All of the members of this group can use one email address for communication purposes.

Every member of a family needs to register separately unless they are under the age of 18. **A parent that volunteers can register his/her children under the age of 18 on their volunteer form.** If you use one email address to register multiple volunteers, you will get a single confirmation to that email address.

What will be a typical day serving with Eight Days of Hope?

Breakfast will start around 5:45 am and conclude around 7:00 am. We will spend 30 minutes together with a special time of worship and devotion before we head out to the work sites. Lunch will be provided at the jobsites. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7:00 pm. We invite the families we are serving to dinner, and they get to share their stories. It is a very special time! Sunday is the only day where we deviate from this schedule. We will not begin work until 11:00 am or after depending on local church service times.

Will there be any special events during Eight Days of Hope XX?

Yes, We Are Messengers, Ben Fuller, and Jonathan Traylor are joining us during the *Where The JOY Is* tour on March 14 in Tupelo, MS. This concert will bring together our volunteers and the local community to raise support for the Amory tornado victims! Eight Days of Hope volunteers gain early entry to the concert as well as a special meet-and-greet with the artists.

Will there be any medical support at Eight Days of Hope XX?

Yes. We will have at least one Registered Nurse onsite. If you are a medical professional and would like to be added to our list of medical resources, please make a note in the comments section of your registration form. We will need additional support in this area.

If we volunteer for the first day, Saturday, March 9th, when should we arrive?

The volunteer check-in area will open at 3:00 pm on Friday, March 8th at Meadowood Baptist Church, located at 1512 Hatley Rd, Amory, MS 38821. The first meal we will provide will be dinner on March 8th. The last meal provided will be lunch on March 16th. Remember that we ask that you serve for a minimum of three days. Please honor that request.

What times can we arrive to “check-in” to Eight Days of Hope?

On Friday, March 8th, the check-in area will be open from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. On all other days, the check-in area will be open from 6:30 am to 8:00 pm. Please plan to arrive between these times. The last day to check in is Thursday, March 14th. **If you arrive after 8:00 pm on any day, you will need to find a hotel for the night and check-in the next morning.**

Is there a cut-off date to volunteer for Eight Days of Hope XX?

Yes. To serve in Amory, you must volunteer by Sunday, February 25.

Is Eight Days of Hope on social media?

Yes, Facebook – Eight Days of Hope; Instagram – eightdaysofhope; YouTube – Eight Days of Hope. Please use the hashtag #EDOH when you use social media.

What should I bring?

Please bring the following items:

- Clothes you can work in (We will provide you with event t-shirts to wear while you are serving with us)
- Work Gloves
- Work Boots
- Bedding (linens, pillow, blanket, air mattress, cot, etc.)
- Towel and Toiletries
- Bible
- 1 Case of Water per person

What else can we do to prepare for Eight Days of Hope XX?

Please pray that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety both while we work and for travel mercies for the volunteers. Pray that God sends the people He wants to be a part of this outreach. Pray that God will not only allow us to restore homes, but that He opens many doors for us to encourage people in the name of Jesus Christ!

We cannot wait to love and serve those in need with you soon!