



Greetings in the name of the Lord!

We are less than a week away from Eight Days of Hope XIII in Lafayette, Louisiana. We hope that you are as excited as we are to see how God moves during these eight days that we are together. You are one of about 2,000 volunteers from 40 states and 2 countries who will be a part of this unique mission trip! WOW! Isn't God good?

Here are some last minute items for you to view before we serve together:

1. If you have tools for roofing, electrical, carpentry, plumbing, painting and/or framing, please bring them. We have many tools that you can use, yet with the number of people coming, we think it's wise to ask everyone to bring what they can. We have about 24 roofs that we will be working on. (In case you want to bring nail guns!) We also are planning on installing roughly 20 sets of kitchen cabinets! There is plenty of painting too!
2. Many people ask...."what should I bring"? Here is a short list of what we suggest:
 - Bible
 - Sleeping Bag/Air Mattress – We suggest air mattresses (please don't bring one larger than a queen size!)
 - Sheets, pillows and blankets, Toiletries – Towels
 - Sunscreen
 - Flashlights
 - Ear Plugs (people snore!)
 - Rain Gear, Work Boots, leather gloves
 - Camera
 - Tools
 - Bug spray
 - Flip flops for the shower trailers
 - One case of water and/or Gatorade per volunteer.

Most importantly, we ask that you bring a Servant's Heart!

3. Donations: We are still seeking churches and businesses to help sponsor a meal during the event.
 - a. Each meal costs about \$3,000. Our food bill alone will be around \$75,000!
 - b. We will gladly accept any donation to Eight Days of Hope. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

- c. As of today, we are about \$75,000 short of what we will need to pay for this event. The budget for this event was over \$600,000! We know God will provide! Please pray about making a donation.
4. **Registration starts after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3rd at the Cajundome. The address for the Cajundome is 444 Cajundome Blvd. Lafayette, LA 70506.** You will be assigned lodging there. Look for the 8DOH signs as you get closer.
- a. Please do not call the Cajundome for anything. If you need to contact us, please call 662.844.6934.
 - b. The first meal we will eat as a group is breakfast on Sunday starting at 7:00 am. If you are planning on working Sunday morning, June 4th, and don't arrive on Saturday night, please arrive no later than 6:30 am on Sunday to check in. This will be a very busy morning for us. It is much better to check in the night before, if possible. We will have our first orientation on Saturday night at 7:45 pm.
 - c. Announcements and orientation will start promptly at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday. We will give you a daily schedule when you arrive. If you arrive after 7:00 am please know the next orientation will be at 9:00 am and every two hours after that throughout Sunday. You must attend orientation before you can visit the job area to sign up for your duties.
 - d. The last meal scheduled is lunch on Sunday, June 11th. We will end the mission at 3:00 pm on the 11th.
 - e. **You can arrive and "check in" each day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. If you will be arriving later than 8:00 p.m. on any night, (other than the 3rd) then please make other lodging plans for that evening until you can "check-in" the following morning. There will be no one at our Headquarters to welcome you and the facility will be secured.**
 - f. On the day of your departure, please "check-out" like you would at a hotel with the people working in the registration area. This way they will know that they can assign another person to your sleeping area.
5. Please remember that all children under the age of 18 that are not legally your dependent require a parental consent form. This form is online. This needs to be notarized! **Please bring the notarized form with you!**
- a. Also, if you are part of a youth group, we ask that there is one adult chaperone per four youth.
6. If you need transportation from/to the Lafayette or Baton Rouge airports, please let Wayne Vanlandingham know via email prior to Monday, May 29th, at waynev@eightdaysofhope.com.
- a. Please make sure you have contacted him prior to the date of your scheduled arrival and that you have received a confirmation reply from him. If your flight is canceled or delayed, you can reach him at 662.316.1813. **This number is only for transportation needs.**

7. We are now on Facebook. Please "like" our page, and you will get the latest happenings with Eight Days of Hope. We will be posting pictures and videos during the event!
 - a. You can also follow us on twitter *@eightdaysofhope*. We are on Instagram at *eightdaysofhope*.
 - b. When using social media, please use the hashtag #8DOH.
8. Just a reminder, we ask all of our volunteers to be here for **at least two full days**. Please honor this request.
 - a. If you or anyone in your group needs to cancel, please try to email us with that information **before** the event at info@eightdaysofhope.com.
9. **Please, no animals!** This includes the check in area, the RV area on our grounds, church grounds, jobsites.... **There are no exceptions, sorry!**
10. If one does not register and tries to "walk in," they will be disappointed.
 - a. Every person, regardless of his or her age, needs to be registered.
 - b. We have over 2,000 people coming and have planned for that amount.
11. The lodging we provide will be in classrooms, gyms and large rooms. There is some privacy, but it is limited at best.
 - a. The showers we provide will be in "shower trailers".
 - b. If you think this will push you out of your comfort zone, there is still time to book a hotel at a discounted rate.

We have partnered with the Hilton Garden Inn/Lafayette Cajundome. It is located across the street at 2350 West Congress Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. When you book please use the group code of 8DAYS and you will receive a 20% discount off the published rates. Please book your room at Hilton.com. **If you book rooms using the 8DAYS rate you will not be able to earn points if you are a member of the Hilton program.**

- c. You can also bring a tent. The tent area is provided by us and it will have a bathroom available.
12. **If you have any last minute questions**, please visit our website's frequently asked questions page: <http://eightdaysofhope.com/media/19713/eight-days-of-hope-xii-faq-v3.pdf>. Most of the answers you are searching for are there. We are getting multiple emails with questions that our website easily answers. We LOVE you and can't wait to serve with you, but as the event draws near, we have so much to do! Please use this resource. THANK YOU!
13. We are in need of people who can deliver materials. If you have a trailer or can use your truck to deliver materials to the sites then please email DanG@eightdaysofhope.com prior to arriving or let us know after you arrive immediately after orientation.

One last thing, we ask in advance that you have patience with us as we navigate our way through this process as well as the challenges of serving Lafayette, Louisiana. You are going to have a blast! Trust us; you will go home changed and encouraged! Please be prepared to be flexible as you serve the Lord!

We love you and are excited to see you in just a couple of days! May God bless you! We are praying for your safe travels!

Steve Tybor III

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