



Eight Days of Hope - Buffalo July 17th – July 24th, 2021

What are the plans for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo?

Eight Days of Hope will be leading volunteers from the local church, the western NY community, and from across the country, as we plan to serve at least 100 families in the Masten District with free home repairs.

How does one volunteer?

You can only volunteer on our website under the words “Volunteer” on our homepage.

Does a volunteer have to attend all eight days?

No, you can volunteer for one day, all eight days, or any amount in between!

What is the cost to attend?

It is free! We provide food and lodging. You just have to show up with a willing heart to serve. We rely on churches, businesses, individuals, and our volunteers for donations. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please let us know.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

If you are from outside the western NY region and need lodging, we will provide sleeping accommodations. We will assign lodging when you arrive. Lodging is separated by gender. Volunteers bring air mattresses, cots, and sleeping bags. We will provide a safe place for you to sleep with shower trailers on site. Lodging will be provided at local churches.

Will there be any RV spots available?

We will offer free RV accommodations. We will provide a place for you to park your RV and have access to water and power.

If I want to book a hotel room at my own expense, are you recommending a particular hotel?

Yes. Holiday Inn Express, 83 Anderson Rd, Cheektowaga, NY, 14225, has given us a discount of \$100 a night. This discounted rate is good until July 4th.

Do I have to bring my own food?

No. Local volunteers who are not utilizing our lodging will be provided lunch. Volunteers who are lodging with us will be provided all their meals.

What kind of work will we be doing?

There is something for everyone! The 100 families that we will be serving are in need of landscaping, painting, roofing, plumbing, electrical, and carpentry work. All skill sets are needed.

Should we bring tools?

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using for any of the above-mentioned tasks. You will choose the type of work you do and can volunteer as a team at some sites. We also will provide tools if needed.

Can we bring our children? What about youth groups, can they attend?

Yes, Eight Days of Hope is family friendly! Every youth volunteer (under the age of 18) that comes with an adult that is not his/her parent must bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents. **These forms can be found on our website.** We are asking for one adult chaperone per four youth. Please remember that there will be unique sleeping arrangements separated by gender if you are needing lodging.

Can we bring our pets?

Sorry, but no pets are allowed.

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

For our out-of-town volunteers, breakfast will start at 6:00 am. At 7:00 am, all the volunteers for that day are invited to attend a 10-15 minute special time of worship

and devotion before leaving to serve the families. For our local volunteers, please arrive at 7:30 am to go through orientation and get your assignment for the day. Lunch will be delivered or taken to the sites by the volunteers. Supper will begin at 6:00 pm. In the evenings, we ask that you invite the family you are serving back for dinner. At 7:00 pm we offer an optional time of worship and devotion. The day ends at 7:30 pm. The only exception will be Sunday, the 18th. We encourage the volunteers to visit a local church. We will start the day of volunteering at 11:00 am.

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

On Friday the 16th, the check-in area will be open from **12:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Every day after the 16th and through the 23rd, the check-in area will be open from **6:30 am – 8:00 pm**. **Sunday is the only exception. Check-in will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday!** Saturday, July 24th will be our last day to serve. If you are planning to serve on the 24th only, please check-in before noon. Check-in is at **All – High Stadium**, behind Bennett High School. This will be our headquarters for the eight-day outreach. The address for the school is: **2885 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214**.

If I am a local volunteer, what time do you expect me on the day I am scheduled to volunteer?

We suggest arriving by 7:30 am to check in and get your t-shirt. We will have a short orientation before we send you out to serve!

How does a volunteer receive a ticket to Six Flags?

If you serve with Eight Days of Hope for 3 full days, you will receive a one day pass for rides and food at Six Flags – Darien Lake! We will stamp your name badge each day you serve. Once you have reached three stamps, or have completed the outreach, you will turn your name badge into the front office, and we will give you your pass! This pass will only be good for Sunday, July 25th.

What should I bring?

- Jeans, good work boots or shoes
- Gloves
- Bible
- Case of water (if you are serving for more than one day)
- Linens, pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, air mattress or cot (if you are lodging with us)

- Towel, toiletries

Does Eight Days of Hope have a promotional video for my church or place of business?

Yes! You can find the promotional video on our website and on our YouTube channel.

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

Please pray for the families we will be serving and that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety, both while we work and for travel mercies for the volunteers.

See you in Buffalo!