

New Orleans Mission Trip Application

Application Deadline: January 6, 2012

Trip Dates: July 7 – 14, 2012

***** You must be 15 years old by July 7, 2012 to participate in the Mission Trip*****

About the Trip:

Since 2008, youth from St. Francis and St. Raphael have traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana each summer to help rebuild homes destroyed in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the summer of 2005.

Each year, we spend between 7 – 10 days in the city of New Orleans. We live in communal, dorm-style housing set up for volunteers. We share responsibility for cooking, cleanup, laundry, and other chores. On Sunday we attend Mass together at beautiful and historic St. Augustine Catholic Church, spend time visiting the homes of families we have helped in previous years, and tour the popular French Quarter.

During the week, we rise early, eat breakfast, pack lunches, and head off to our work sites. Divided into smaller teams, we spend our days doing any sort of building tasks needed. In past years we have done drywall installation, repair, and finishing; exterior and interior painting; yard work; demolition and debris removal; framing and carpentry; installing trim, baseboards, and flooring. Summers in New Orleans are hot and humid, but everyone gives 110% to the job at hand.

But work really begins before we ever set foot in an airport. Prior to our departure, we spend six months (or more) raising funds to pay for our trip and attending meetings to help build our team before we leave. Each person is expected to raise the full cost of their trip through participation in group and individual fundraising events as well as personal letter-writing. We also expect each participant to be at all meetings – we know that life is busy, but participation in this mission trip requires a high level of commitment.

Why fill out an Application

We have a large number of people who are interested in participating in our New Orleans Mission Trip. While we would love to accommodate everyone, we are limited in the number of youth who may attend each year. This application will help the Mission Trip Team get to know you and help us decide whether you will be a good fit for the trip, and whether the trip will be a good fit for you. It does not matter if you think you are a “good” writer or not, we just want to read your thoughts. After reading your application, we will then contact you for an interview with our Leadership Team. All applicants will be notified of whether or not they were selected after the interview process.

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About You:

Name: _____

Gender: Male

Female

Email Address: _____ Grade: 9 10 11
12Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone #
_____School: _____ Birthdate:
_____/_____/_____Hobbies/Interests/Sports:
_____Favorite Junk Foods:
_____**About Your Parent(s):**Parent(s) Name(s):
_____Parent Email Address:
_____Parent Phone:
_____**Short Answer: (you may attach additional pages if needed) – Please number your responses**

- 1. Why do you want to participate in the New Orleans Mission Trip? Please describe at least three reasons.**
- 2. What do you feel you can contribute to the trip?**
- 3. What do you hope to gain from the trip?**
- 4. Are you currently involved in a church or other faith community (e.g. Catholic school)? If so, how do you think this trip will strengthen your connection to your faith community?**
- 5. What activities have you been involved in that might be similar to the kinds of work**

we will be doing in New Orleans?

6. How did you hear about the trip? If you know someone who has been on the trip before who would provide a reference for you, please include his or her name here.