

Samaritan's Purse Hurricane Relief FAQs

When?

Sending 5 teams over next 5 months

- Nov 1-6
- Nov 8-13
- Dec
- Jan
- Feb
- March
- Typical pattern - fly down on Tuesday, works Wednesday through Saturday, fly home Sunday

Where?

- We will meet at the church and go to the airport together.
- Plan is to fly into Tampa.

Who?

- Anyone age 14 and older.
- People do not have to be a part of CCC or a Christian to go on these trips (see next question for more).

Can parents/adults who are unbelievers go on these trips?

- Yes - As long as they understand and accept that God and prayer are a big part of the equation.
- Everyone who goes must agree with SPs statement of faith. No alcohol, swearing, etc.

How much will I need to contribute?

- You will pay for your airfare - and that's it. The cost varies based on airline costs. For these trips, we anticipate the out-of-pocket cost being about \$450-500.
- Funds covers airfare, ground transportation
- Samaritan's Purse (SP) provides ground transportation, lodging, food, tools, gloves.

How will I get signed up?

- Fill out the CCC interest form: [Disaster Relief Interest Form](#).
- After you fill out that form and commit to a specific trip, we'll get you in the SP system where there will be some paperwork to fill out and a background check to be completed.

Will we have team meetings prior to leaving?

- Yes, there will be meetings - time and place TBD based on when the team is leaving.

Where do we stay?

- Typically, in local churches - in gyms, etc. That's why we encourage people to bring an air mattress.

- SP provides shower trucks and all meals.
- Men and women have separate sleeping quarters.
- SP provides amazing shower trucks.

What will we do?

- Debris clean up
- Flooding clean up
- Pull up ruined floors
- Pull wet/damaged drywall
- Cut and move trees
- Tarping holes in roofs
- Do what we can to make the house ready for a contractor to come after us
- Talking with homeowners - they've been through a traumatic experience so sometimes they just want someone to listen
- The work is more construction oriented but there's always work for women who are not inclined to that work. It's so helpful to have all types of people on the trip because it's a ministry trip. Not just a work trip. We serve a lot of women - single moms, single women, widows, etc. so it helps to have women on the team to minister to them as only women can.
- Samaritan's Purse makes it clear that we're there to minister to people's spiritual needs

What does a day look like?

6:00am - wake up and make lunches for day

6:30am - breakfast

7:00am - devotions

7:30am - orientation for new people

8:00am - meet at truck, pray - team lead has day prepared

3:30/4:00pm - wrap up and head back to church

4:00pm - shower!

6:00pm - eat

7:00pm - share God stories - we see God work every day, His hand is at work

What do I need to bring?

- Air mattress, pillow
- Steel-toed boots (recommended) - some kind of work boots, water resistant is helpful
- Work clothes
- Personal items/toiletries
- SP provides two t-shirts and washes them for us - we rotate the shirts
- Tools are NOT needed

Other helpful info:

- There are SP chaplains on the ground with us who are trained through the Billy Graham Association. They're there for the people we're serving and for us.
- We see a lot of homeowners come to Christ as a result of our work.

- We can work at our own pace - We're there to minister to the homeowners - even if it means talking with them all day.
- We'll be working and eating with people from other churches, states, etc. It's a blessing to talk and work with other believers.
- SP has water and gatorade on the truck all day
- Sometimes your biggest task for the day is not manual labor - it's listening to the Holy Spirit's nudge - sometimes it's talking to neighbors when they see all the orange shirts in their neighborhood
- You're not going to do anything you're not comfortable doing. If you don't know how to do something, that's fine. There's plenty to do! But you can learn something new if you want to learn it.
- Each homeowner is presented with a Bible when we're done and it's signed by each person on the team.
- If you're already in Florida, you are welcome to be a volunteer for the day