

Housing Information

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FBC Westwego has partnered with a number of local and national rebuild programs to help rebuild the New Orleans area over the years. In doing so we have focused our attention on providing housing to groups coming to the metro New Orleans area to help in the rebuilding effort and now we are doing so once again after Hurricane Ida. We see this as another opportunity to minister to our community and have developed our facilities to serve in this manner. This prospectus should provide all the information necessary to begin the process of reserving accommodations for your stay with us. Please follow the following guidelines to help secure your reservation:

1. Read this prospectus thoroughly
2. Check online at www.firstwego.org to see if housing for your trip date is available.
3. Fill out our online housing request.
4. Wait to be contacted by either Quint or Audrey, our Missions Coordinators/Team Hosts.

Housing will be determined by "first come" availability. Unfortunately we have a **limited number of spots open to house teams**. The cap has been set at 30 people per night so... if you have a team of 30 that's great. If you have a team of 5, then you might expect that another couple of teams of 5 might be present at our facility at the same time. NOTE: Unless you get emailed confirmation from us regarding your inquiry, it HAS NOT been confirmed. Please follow up with an email to teamhost@firstwego.org if you have not heard from us in a reasonable time or if you have questions which are not answered by this information.

The following information will be applicable to your group if we are able to host you during your trip to New Orleans...

ITEMS YOU MUST BRING:

- Bedding (air mattress, sleeping bags, cots, pillows, etc. WE HAVE NO BEDS!)
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, personal items, shower shoes, etc.)
- Toilet Paper and Paper towels
- All Food (we can provide LIMITED cooking and refrigeration space, but we will supply NO FOOD)
- Cooking supplies (disposable plates, bowls, utensils, pots, and pans)
- Towels, wash cloths
- Cleaning supplies (for after-meal cleanup and to clean up before departure)
- Trash bags (for the garbage your group produces)
- Laundry bags (or trash bags for dirty clothes)
- Finally, a happy and flexible spirit...

Sleeping Arrangements: We ask that you organize your bunking structure in such a way that allows for unmarried boys and girls to sleep in separate rooms. However, circumstances may arise that your group would be asked to stay in one large area. In such a case you will want to divide them in such a way to put boys on one side of the room and girls on the other. Groups will generally be housed in the education building. The education building has one restroom, a kitchen and common space on the second floor, and three restrooms on the first floor. Depending on the size of your group we may be able to provide a room per family / married couples. However, circumstances and your group size will be the determining factor impacting that decision.

Showers: We built 6 semi-permanent showers on our site for the benefit of the thousands of volunteers who have stayed with us since Katrina. These units are attached to the church office building (across the street from where you will bunk) and are normally broken down as three showers for girls, and three for the boys. We would appreciate your group assigning someone (or multiple persons) to regularly clean the showers and bathrooms during your stay with us so that we can keep our showers clean and operational. PLEASE keep the floors mopped and the shower curtains INSIDE the shower units.

Cleaning: As already stated, we expect your group to keep the restrooms and showers clean during your stay with us. Our local sanitation company picks up trash from the curb on Saturday and Wednesday mornings. We also ask that you regularly collect and dispose of your refuse in a timely manner. Place all garbage next to the road beside the church office.

Internet Access: We have wireless internet access available. The network is password protected so the group leader will be provided with the password as requested.

Cost to Stay: Our church has chosen not to charge a "per person / per night" fee for those who come to serve our area. We want to make it as easy as possible for your group to come help us. However, if you wish to make a financial contribution to our church, in order to help defray our utility cost, we would be pleased to receive that gift in person or via give.firstwego.org, designated to the "General" fund.

We will NOT be able to provide:

- Any form of transportation
- Work site tools for rebuilding

Extra information:

Many churches in the local area have decided to restrict housing to only groups who are affiliated with religious organizations. However, we have chosen to house groups from many different backgrounds including other churches, civic organizations, or

college groups. If you are interested, we would like to invite you to our morning worship service which is Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Of course, you are under no obligation to meet with us. We just want you to feel at home, and make your stay as comfortable as you can. If you are staying with us over a Saturday night into Sunday, you may be asked to move your items from the classrooms. We also have a great student ministry worship service on Wednesday night at 7.

We would like to thank you for your willingness to come and serve the people of our region! We also promise to pray for you as you make plans to come.

There is a local park within close walking distance from the church with a baseball diamond, soccer/football field and a walking path. The neighborhood is safe and you should have no problems getting to and from the park.

What is prohibited on site:

We would appreciate recognition of a few guidelines which in turn, allows us to open our doors to groups who wish to stay with us.

- No Alcohol
- No Tobacco use indoors
- No Profanity
- No Pornography
- No Fireworks (safety issues)
- The showers are across the street from the sleeping area so please keep comfortable clothes on while walking to and from the showers.

Please be sure to go online to fill-out your application for housing. You will be asked whether or not you have read this information sheet.

OTHER ADDRESSES OF INTEREST:

Grocery and supplies:

- Wego's Meat Market (corner-store)
833 Westbank Expy,
Westwego, LA 70094
(504) 309-2801
- Wal-Mart
4810 Lapalco Blvd
Marrero, LA 70072
(504) 341-0818
- Walgreen's
818 Westbank Expressway (corner of Ave. H)
Westwego, LA 70094
(504) 348-1026
- Sam's Club
1527 Manhattan Blvd
Harvey, LA 70058
(504) 263-1338

Hardware / Building supplies:

- Lowe's
1351 Manhattan Blvd
Harvey, LA 70058
(504) 227-0495
- Home Depot
4600 Lapalco Blvd
Marrero, LA 70072
(504) 341-3682

Good Pizza:

- Mo's – 504.341.9650
- Dominoes – 504.348.1800
- Pizza Hut – 504.347.8413