

## A Mississippi Volunteer Trip for the Summer of 2009

The Sisters of Notre Dame and Regina High School are planning a week long service trip to Waveland/Bay St. Louis, Mississippi during the summer of 2009. The volunteers will assist with Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. Waveland/Bay St. Louis is one of the many small communities along the coast of Mississippi which sustained extensive damage to homes and property. St. Clare Recovery Center and Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church serve as coordinating agencies for the recovery efforts.

A Mississippi volunteer group is being organized to travel to Waveland/Bay St. Louis to offer services wherever needed in the community. Women who are high school seniors or juniors, college students, young adults, SND Associates or Sisters of Notre Dame are invited to participate. Below are details of the trip.

**Dates:** June 27 – July 5, 2009  
Service: June 29 – July 3, 2009

**Motivation:** Participants must be ready to offer unselfish service to the families of Waveland/Bay St. Louis who are trying to rebuild their lives. In addition to assisting with the physical needs of rebuilding, participants must be willing to listen to the stories of the families and support their efforts to live with hope.

**Service Location and Accommodations:**

Location: Waveland/Bay St. Louis, Mississippi  
Accommodations: Simple, rustic, camp-like housing at the St. Clare Recovery Center (a factory).

**Travel:** We will travel by chartered bus (Lakefront Lines). The 1100 mile trip takes 2 days. The group will stay overnight in hotels in Nashville the evenings of June 27 and July 4.

**Cost:** Grants from the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Regina Dad's Club will offset some of the **transportation expenses** of the trip. Student Participants are asked to pay \$175.00 to cover the additional costs. Adult participants are asked to pay \$200. The additional costs include the Hotels in Nashville, the housing in Bay St. Louis, and meals in Bay St. Louis. In addition each participant will need to pay for her own meals on the bus trip down and back.

**Participants:** A group of about 35 women.

**Application to Participate:** Those interested are asked to fill in the application form, enclose a \$50 application fee and return the form and fee to Sister Sally Huston at the address given on the application. Since the group size is limited, **applications will be honored according to the date of application.** The application deadline is March 15, 2009. The participant group will be announced by April 1, 2009.

**Planning Committee:** Please indicate on your application if you would like to be on the planning committee for the trip.

**Mississippi Summer Volunteer Application  
Summer, 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Sisters of Notre Dame and/or Regina High School:  
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If you are over 18, are you "Virtus Trained"? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Reasons for wanting to participate in the program:  
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\_\_\_ Application Fee enclosed (\$50)

\_\_\_ I would like to be on the planning committee.

Date application sent: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send your completed application to Sister Sally Huston at Regina High School by March 15, 2009.
- Please enclose \$50 as an application fee.
- The participant list will be announced by April 1, 2009.
- The final payment will be due by June 1 from all participants.  
(Student final payment: \$125 // Adult final payment: \$150)
- Organizational meetings will be held in May and June. Further details of the trip will be given at that time.

Please pray for God's blessing on this journey of service.

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(Date received : \_\_\_\_\_)

(Downpayment : \_\_\_\_\_)

(Final payment: \_\_\_\_\_)