

SHIRTS ACROSS AMERICA

New Orleans, LA (NOLA) – Service Immersion Trips

General Information for Mid-Winter Break

This information is provided as a guide and is based on previous Shirts Across America (SAA) immersion trips. Please note this information is subject to change for each trip.

Trip Update: In June and July of 2021, SAA successfully traveled with 150 volunteers to New Orleans while implementing our COVID protocols. These protocols limit the number of volunteers we can take on each of our 2022 trips. All SAA building partners require each volunteer to be fully vaccinated prior to visiting New Orleans.

Dates: Mid-Winter Break Trip
Saturday, February 19 - Saturday, February 26, 2022
(All 2022 trips are sponsored by and overseen by Shirts Across America)

Building in NOLA: **Shirt Across America (SAA)** has a volunteer trip to New Orleans available for Mid-Winter Break. SAA is focused on building homes and building leaders as we work with our partners Habitat for Humanity, Youth Rebuilding New Orleans, and SBP to build homes in the New Orleans area. SAA has sent over 4,000 volunteers to work on 200 homes/projects in the Gulf Coast since 2008.

SAA volunteers will work in several unique neighborhoods in the greater New Orleans region. Therefore, building tasks will vary based upon location. Teams attend orientation with our building partners on the first workday, where they receive job assignments for the week and in-depth safety training.

Trip Teams: Each student will be placed on a team after being invited to attend one of the 2022 service immersion trips. These teams will travel together throughout the entire trip. Each unit has at least one Adult Team Lead “Coach” who mentors their team and drives the van. All Adult Team Leads will meet the students selected to be on their team before traveling with the group.

To help volunteers learn about New Orleans and its unique and diverse culture, SAA provides educational events and activities during their trip.

- Accommodations:** St. Jude Community Center, Camp Restore, or a similar facility
- SAA has longstanding partnerships with St. Jude Community Center and Camp Restore. Both facilities serve their local communities. St. Jude's is located just off of Canal Street within walking distance of the French Quarter.
- Food:** Most meals are included in the cost of the trip. As part of experiencing the local cultures, the teams will go out to dinner a couple of times during the trip.
- Cost:** The cost for the 2022 Shirts Across America Immersion Trip is **\$1,875** per volunteer. It covers airfare, ground transportation, building partner fees, housing, most meals, museum visits, and other cultural activities. Payments made towards the volunteer's trip are non-refundable.
- Important Dates:** Student Volunteer Applications **Due – Sunday, October 17, 2021**
Adult Volunteer Applications **Due – Sunday, October 17, 2021**
Students Confirm Participation **Due – Tuesday, November 9, 2021**
First Payment of **\$975** and forms **Due – Friday, November 19, 2021**
(UPDATED) First Mandatory Pre-Trip Meeting for Volunteers and a Parent/Guardian: **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, @ 7 PM via zoom**
SuperBuild Fundraiser (Details to follow) – **Saturday, January 15, 2022**
Final Payment of **\$900 Due – Wednesday, January 19, 2022**
(NEW) Final Mandatory Pre-Trip Meeting for Volunteers and a Parent/Guardian: **Monday, January 24, 2022, @ 7 PM via zoom**
- Time Commitment:** SAA creates dynamic service immersion trips that work to educate and inspire all volunteers to be leaders. There will be two mandatory meetings prior to each trip. The first meeting, held in November, is an educational meeting to give students and parents additional context for serving in New Orleans. The second meeting, held closer to the date of the trip, gives students and parents logistical information. A schedule for trip meetings will be emailed out separately.
- Applications:** Student and Adult Volunteer Applications are available online at <https://shirtsacrossamerica.org/>. All applications must be submitted by **11:59 PM (PST) on Sunday, October 17, 2021**.
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