

SHIRTS ACROSS AMERICA

New Orleans, LA (NOLA) – 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: Over the last two years, SAA successfully traveled with 340 volunteers to New Orleans while implementing our COVID protocols. SAA remains committed to providing a safe environment for all. This limits the number of volunteers we can take on each of our 2023 trips. All SAA building partners currently require each volunteer to be fully vaccinated prior to their visit to New Orleans.

Dates: Mid-Winter Break Trip
Saturday, February 18 – Saturday, February 25, 2023
(All 2023 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 4,200 volunteers to work on 215 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.

SAA will provide each student **40 hours** of community service for volunteering during the SAA trip.

Trip Teams: Each student will be placed on a team after being invited to attend one of the 2023 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 students will meet their Adult Team Lead at the last meeting before the trip.

SAA provides educational events and activities during their trip to help volunteers learn about the South and its unique and diverse cultures.

- Accommodations:** New Orleans: St. Jude Community Center, Camp Restore, or a similar facility.
Montgomery: Hotel accommodations.
- Food:** Most meals are provided by our housing partners and are included in the cost of the trip. As part of experiencing the local cultures, the teams will go out to dinner during the trip.
- Cost:** The cost for the 2023 Shirts Across America Immersion Trip is **\$1,995** 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 – Monday, October 3, 2022**
Adult Volunteer Applications Due – Monday, October 3, 2022
Students Confirm Participation – Monday, October 24, 2022
First Payment of \$1,000 Due – Monday, October 24, 2022
1st Mandatory Volunteer & Parent Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Super Build Fundraiser (Details to follow) – Saturday, January 14, 2023
Final Payment of \$995 Due – Thursday, January 12, 2023
Final Trip Meeting – Tuesday, January 24, 2023
- Time Commitment:** SAA creates dynamic 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 on November 9th at **Kane Hall** on the University of Washington campus, is an educational meeting to give students and parents additional context for SAA and our immersion trips. The second meeting, held closer to the date of the trip, provides students and parents logistical information. A full calendar for each trip will be emailed out separately.
- Applications:** Student and Adult volunteer applications are available online at: www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org. All applications must be submitted by **11:59 PM on Monday, October 3, 2022**.
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