SHIRTS ACROSS AMERICA

Immersion Trip & Building New Orleans

General Information for Mid-Winter Break Trip

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:

SAA remains committed to providing a safe environment for all. This limits the number of volunteers we can take on each of our 2027 trips. Certain SAA building partners may require volunteers to take certain health precautions prior to their visit to New Orleans.

Dates:

Mid-Winter Break Trip
Saturday, February 13– Saturday, February 20, 2027
(All 2027 trips are sponsored by and overseen by Shirts Across America)

Immersion Trip to the South:

Your trip includes this fully integrated immersion experience which takes us through Atlanta (GA), Montgomery (AL) and New Orleans (LA)!

Shirt Across America (SAA) leads a volunteer trip to New Orleans during Spring Break. Not only will you help a community rebuild, you will be introduced to the history that helped shape America. We will visit unique historical locations during our tour of the South.

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 5,000 volunteers to work on 270 homes/projects in the Gulf Coast since 2008.

Trip Teams:

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 with 40 hours of community service for volunteering during the SAA trip; this can be used for college applications. Students engage with community leaders from different backgrounds and build homes in and around New Orleans.

Each student will be placed on a team after being invited to attend one of the 2027 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 while in New Orleans. All students may 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: Dormitory accommodations.
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 culture, teams may go out for a couple meals during the trip.

Cost: The cost for the 2027 Shirts Across America Immersion Trip is **$2,395** 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*.

Need based partial scholarships are available on a **limited basis**. When applying please indicate your need on your application.

Applications: **Student and Adult volunteer applications are available online at: www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org.**

Applications for Trip Information meeting September 28th must be submitted by **11:59 PM on Sunday October 4, 2026.**

Applications for Trip Information meeting September 29th must be submitted by **11:59 PM on Sunday October 4, 2026.**

Applications for Trip Information meeting October 6th must be submitted by **11:59 PM on Sunday October 11, 2026.**

Important Dates:
Adult Volunteer Applications Due – Sunday, October 4, 2026
Volunteer trip invitations will be sent on – Thursday, October 15, 2026
Students Confirm Participation – Sunday, October 18, 2026
First Payment of $1,200 Due – Friday, October 23, 2026
1st Mandatory Volunteer & Parent Meeting – November TBD
Final Payment of $1,195 Due – Friday, January 8, 2027
Mandatory SuperBuild Fundraiser – Saturday, January 16, 2027
Final Trip Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2027

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.** Once you are accepted, details to follow.

Questions:

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