

Approximately 50 students, staff and faculty went to New Orleans.

Day 1 - 3/4 (Sun)

- 13.5 hrs from avl - bus driver Steve - Steve been to NOLA many times
- watched Katrina video - "When The Levees Broke"
- Camp Hope (Habitat for Humanity with AmeriCorp workers) – 10 pm quiet time - sort of - 11 pm lights out
- Surprisingly cold - 40s
- Old elementary school - W. Smith Jr. Elementary school - Katrina victim - will be fixed up early summer 07
- 15 volunteers in room - 1/2 cots - some beds
- Showers are crude - water usually warm
- ncsu, lenoir rhyne, michigan state, florida state, holy family university, many others
- st barnard parish (Camp Hope) - lots of damage - some business open - not wal-mart
- FEMA search symbol everywhere

Day 2 - 3/5 (Mon)

- Daily pep talk and assignments by Billy "Are You Ready?" Pickett (seemed OK).
- Sound of the hammers and singing of the saws
- Musician's Village - Upper Ninth Ward - Orleans Parish - 81 homes - 14000 man hours - 600 volunteers that week - break records each week of March
- Holy Family university (philly) & Florida state
- moved dirt mound, put up fences
- About 1/2 of group went to nola in evening for fun

Day 3 - 3/6 (Tue)

- Breakfast with Lenoir Rhyne
- FEMA X everywhere
 - bottom bodies
 - right pet
 - left hazards/info
 - top who searched
- \$75000 - cost to new home owner
 - 350 hours sweat
 - 3 bedroom?
 - interest free - but mortgage and background check
 - \$550 monthly inc everything
- Too many volunteers - not enough supervisors
- Walked around neighborhood again - people mowing grass - about 1/4 of homes show no work - gutted
- Saw two tour buses - I wanted to ask if they were helping
- Moved items from one storage container to another - not nearly as bad as day 1.
- Dinner with AmeriCorp - seemed ok
- About 1/3 of group went to NOLA for evening

Day 4 - 3/7 (Wed)

- 2125 Desire Street - one of two houses in neighborhood outside of Musician's Village. Sponsored by Texas Roadhouse, Wilmington, NC

- Repaired siding
- Lunch at local restaurant - Stewarts - bush ate there
- Across street from house - just now cleaning out another house - bio hazard suits
- Saw levee that flooded lower ninth
- Went to Canal street in NO - ate a House of Blues - slow but good

Day 5 - 3/8 (Thu)

- Trash with Merritt
- Perfect weather all week
- Tennis shoes fine most of time
- MP's still patrolling
- House was broken in (not part of main musician's village - took power meter - tried to take ceiling fan.
- Discovered roof was not on straight
- Several free washers - dryers cost - bring quarters
- FEMA canned water - bad - water from fire hydrant better

Day 6 - 3/9 (Fri)

- Bring a lunch sack
- Nicer camera would have probably been ok - saw 2-3 laptops - 2 PCs on net - wireless (guest/guest)
- 2401 Clout (corner of N. Rocheblave) Texas roadhouse from Wilmington sponsored this house
- Measured base boards
- First Pentecostal Church of Chalmette, LA gave a very good concert at Camp Hope

Day 7 - 3/10 (Sat)

- Chores around camp
 - Trash, straighten PC room, cleaned up PCs
- Pickup & spent afternoon in NO
 - French Quarter - ho hum
 - USS New Orleans - only VIPS could board
 - IMax movie - When the Levees Broke - good
- Left from NO at 6:30 pm - arrived avl at 8:30 next morning - pretty brutal - take pillow & "neck pillow".
- Bring water bottle next time - FEMA canned water barely OK
- \$50,000,000,000 unspent funds divided by 1,000,000 citizens = \$50,000 each. Give them the money.

Perhaps:

- \$50,000 but government gets land
- \$20,000 if they plan to stay in house
- \$5,000 if they were renting
- Utilities underground
- Level neighborhoods - add back schools, parks, sidewalks, etc. Sweat equity if staying
- Idea: Reduced prison sentence for each month in NOLA