

Hurricane Katrina Relief Trip

Jan 2-10, 2010: New Orleans, Louisiana

Quotes from 2009 team:

"I got to see God work through our group this week and I heard miracles in so many people's stories."

"I never did street ministry before and it opened my eyes. The experience helped me to learn new skills, learn from other people and opened my knowledge of God's work."

"I've grown to see how no matter how much you have lost in your life, the real joy is loving God no matter what your circumstances are."

Work: Construction and ministry. Team members need to be flexible, able to work as part of a team and in good physical condition. Lodging is coordinated by Berean Bible Church (www.bereannola.com) and the work will likely be through Habitat for Humanity.

Team: The team of 10-18 will have a student leader and faculty/staff advisor. The trip is sponsored by Campus Ministries.

Lodging/food/travel: After flying to New Orleans and renting a van, the group will stay at Berean Bible Church. Accommodations and comfort level are comparable to camping, with air mattresses, showers and kitchen on site. The group will prepare its own meals.

Costs: Approximately \$600 (\$50 deposit included). The remaining \$550 will be fundraised as a group, primarily through sending individual support letters in May. Don't let money keep you from going!

Application process (apply, invite, commit):

1. Read this sheet and the following sample commitment form carefully to familiarize yourself with what the trip is about and what is expected of trip members.
2. **Apply:** Fill out the application and submit it by Wed April 8th. *Applying is only the first step and does not commit you to the trip; you should apply even if you are not sure about going!*
3. **Invite:** Selected applicants will be invited by email to a pre-trip team meeting 10-10:45am on Monday April 20th (location TBA) to review the updated commitment form and fundraising.
4. **Commit:** Decision time! Students then have two weeks (until Mon May 4) to affirm their participation on the trip with a signed commitment form and \$50 non-refundable deposit (checks made out to Eastern).
5. Fundraising letters are due by Mon May 4th.

For more information, email Andy Horvath at ahorvath@eastern.edu

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APPLICATION DUE BY *wednesday Apr. 8*, return to **Andy Horvath in Walton 1A.**

Name _____ Birthday _____ Age _____
Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Major/Minor _____ Year in school _____
School or Cell Phone _____ Email (Eastern preferred) _____

Experience

Present Employment _____ Work Phone _____

List the two most recent jobs (full or part-time) you held previous to your present employment:

Employer Dates of Employment Position/Responsibilities

Briefly describe your involvement with various groups, organizations, camp staffs, teams, committees, etc., whether outside or within Eastern. _____

Personal Evaluation (Please attach a separate sheet and write a brief paragraph on each)

1. Please list some of your strengths and weaknesses. How will this trip impact those areas?
2. Describe your Christian journey/testimony.
3. Why do you wish to participate in this ministry trip?
4. What role do you see yourself playing on a team? What characteristics would you bring to help develop healthy community?
5. Do you have any ongoing health or medical issues?
6. Do you have any fears, concerns or hesitations about going on this trip?

APPLICATION DUE BY *4/8/09* to Andy Horvath, Walton 1A.

Recommendation Form

To be completed by an adult personal acquaintance (employer, pastor, teacher, etc.) other than a relative or an Eastern student. Then mail or fax by *wednesday Apr. 8, 2009* to Andy Horvath, Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087-3696, fax 610.341.1705.

Student _____ **Evaluator** _____

The individual above has applied for a missions/ministry experience. The applicant, if selected, would function as a team member participating in the work of Eastern University within the US or abroad. Your thorough evaluation of this applicant will help make this a healthy, positive experience for all involved. Thank you.

1. How long have you known the applicant? Describe your relationship with him/her.
2. Evaluate his/her ability to function within a group or community.
3. Describe his/her Christian development and commitment.
4. What, in your opinion, are his/her strengths and gifts?
5. In what areas does this person have room for growth?
6. Other comments?

Please, check one. I would:

highly recommend *recommend* *recommend with reservation* *not recommend*
this student to participate in this trip.

Signature _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

Email _____

Please read this sample carefully. You will receive another copy to sign after invitation to join the team.



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

EASTERN UNIVERSITY MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANT

Please read, sign and return this form *by Monday May 4, 2009* with your \$50 deposit (checks made out to Eastern Univ) to the Office of Service Learning & Campus Ministries (Walton 1A) at Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087. It is important that every student wishing to participate in an Eastern University trip clearly understand the level of commitment involved in this ministry effort.

1. All participants are **accountable** to the Lord, their team leader, advisor, and the Director of SL&CM for the quality of service and commitment given to this endeavor.
 2. All participants are expected to **work together as a team** to coordinate specific activities to be done on the mission trip.
 3. All participants are expected to be **committed through prayer** prior to and during the trip. This means you will work with your team leader to have a concerted effort of prayer and spiritual formation (e.g. prayer partners, group prayer, daily personal devotions, etc.).
 4. **Confirm your participation** by submitting a signed copy of this form along with your \$50 deposit (checks made out to Eastern).
 5. All participants are expected to **participate in support raising efforts** for the trip.
 - a. A team of 10 will need to raise a total of *approximately* \$6,000 for this trip. The financial deadlines for the trip are: at least 50% of money due by **July 15, 2009**; **balance due Oct. 30, 2009**. Please mark your calendars with these important dates and include them in your support letters.
 - b. Each individual is required to do **individual fundraising**. If you do not want to raise money individually, you can make a direct payment for the trip. The cost per person is approximately \$600 (minus deposit is \$550).
 - c. The team is required to do a **group fundraiser**. There is both individual and corporate responsibility for fundraising.
 - d. Should any student not participate in the trip, all monies raised will go to support remaining missions expenses/endeavors. According to law, tax-deductible donations cannot be refunded.
- I will attend and participate in any **team meetings** and a commissioning service (**10am Fri. Dec. 4, 2009**). Permission to miss any meetings must be obtained in advance from the team leader.
 - I will respond to trip related emails promptly.

- During the trip, I will **conduct myself according to the standards** outlined in Eastern University's official *Student Handbook*, including not using bad language, alcohol, non-prescription drugs or tobacco.
- I will not complain during the trip and will do my best to have a servant's attitude. I will remember that I have come to learn, not to teach. I may run across procedures that are inefficient or attitudes that I find to be close-minded. I will be open to new ideas and will be flexible.
- I will obey the leadership on my project (team leader, faculty/staff advisor, church staff).
- I will follow safety precautions on the trip, including any necessary shots.
- I will deliver home baked oatmeal raisin cookies to Andy whenever he requests.
- I will participate in group and individual fundraising, including delivering at least twenty addressed, sealed fundraising letters to Walton IA by Monday May 4th. Please put your name and your return address on the envelopes, and include the EU return envelope.
- I will strive to not be exclusive in my relationships while on the trip.
- I will respect and support the ongoing work by Berean Bible Church with the people we are working with.
- I will promote team unity by avoiding gossip and will "keep short accounts" by resolving conflicts as they arise (Eph. 4:25-27, Mt 18:15-16). If a conflict persists, I will ask the team leader or advisor to assist in resolving it.
- If any of these areas become a challenge before or during the trip, I will discuss it immediately with my team leader or the Director of SL&CM (Andy Horvath) to get assistance. I realize that failure to do so may mean that I will be unable to participate on the mission trip.

**** Your signature formally commits you to this trip. If you are having second thoughts, please discuss with your team leader and the Director of SL&CM (Andy Horvath) before signing this. Should an emergency arise after signing this, you will need to meet in person with your team leader and the Director of SL&CM to seek permission to be excused from your commitment and you may have to cover some or all of your remaining expenses. ****