



YOUTH

Texas Hurricane Relief Trip



Houston, Texas	
Who is eligible for this trip?	This service opportunity is open to those who are currently in 9 th grade or above. We will also encourage college and adult members of this congregation to attend. There is a possibility that youth and adults from area congregations will join us as well.
When will we go?	Leaving early <i>Saturday, July 18, 2009</i> – returning late <i>Sunday, July 26, 2009</i>
Relief for those affected by . . .	Hurricane Ike
How far away is it and how would we get there?	Houston, Texas is 1,450 miles from Traverse City, which amounts to 22 hour drive. Most likely, we would take a convoy of vans, stopping for the night at a church in Tulsa, Oklahoma (perhaps).
What organization will we be working with for this relief effort?	Our trip will be coordinated through CAN-DO Missions, which is operated out of Austin, Texas. Through short-term mission trips to locations around the United States and the world, CAN-DO provides opportunities for youth and adults to support specific missions with their financial gifts and volunteer hands-on labor.
What exactly will we be doing?	Our team will be assigned to work with the congregations and individuals that were affected by Hurricane Ike in September 2008. We will stay at one of the various camps set up by the relief organization LINC Houston.

<p>Are there any good sites to see?</p>	<p>Absolutely, on some evenings or on our free day, we could visit such sites as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASA Space Center Houston • Downtown Aquarium • Houston Museum of Natural Science • Houston Astros have home games all week long
<p>How much will this cost?</p>	<p>Approx. \$400 per person \$170 – food & lodging at camp \$180 – transportation (approx.) \$50 – Site seeing</p>
<p>Will there be opportunities to raise funds for the trip so I don't have to pay so much out of pocket?</p>	<p>YES!! In order to reduce your out-of-pocket expense, you must participate in fundraising efforts. Each participant will have an individual account that will accumulate funds for this trip. In order to add funds to your account, you must either pay out-of-pocket or participate in the fundraising and have money roll into your account like ice cream melting on a hot sidewalk before the ants come along and make it look really disgusting. Are you still reading this? Oh my! Skip to the next paragraph.</p> <p>Our first fund raiser will be the Advent Dinner on Wednesday, December 17, 2008!</p>
<p>Sign me up!!</p>	<p><i>Please return the accompanying pre-registration form with your \$50 deposit by Sunday, December 7, 2008!</i></p> <p>In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Hoover by phone or e-mail: Office: 946-2720 Cell: 499-6051 e-Mail: choover@tctrinity.org</p>