Relief Trip FAQs

1. Do I need to bring my own food? Meals and snacks will be provided on site, but bring your own water bottle. You are welcome to bring your own food if you have additional or specific dietary needs.

2. What will I do when I get there? You will receive an orientation that will include a description of the people you will be helping as well as any needed training. Your group may be divided into one or more job sites. Activities may include mucking out buildings and removing drywall, buckled floor boards and/or damaged insulation and ductwork.

3. Do you have to be affiliated with UNC to participate on a relief trip? Yes. All participants must be current UNC staff, faculty or students.

4. How large will my group be? Typical volunteer groups will range in size from 12 to 24 people.

5. Are there any costs associated with the trip for me? No cost is associated with volunteering. Donations are accepted for the University’s Disaster Relief Fund (010779).

6. What time will we leave and return? Trips will depart Chapel Hill at 7:30 a.m. and return by 7 p.m. We will wrap up at the worksite by 4:30 p.m. Departure locations will be determined on a per trip basis and shared with participants before each trip.

7. What should I wear and/or bring? All participants should wear close-toed shoes; boots are best, sturdy sneakers are fine. Shoes should be waterproof. No sandals or open-toed shoes. Wear clothes that can get dirty. The Carolina Center for Public Service will provide all volunteers with disposable protective Tyvek suits, gloves, masks and goggles. Avoid wearing or bringing valuables (jewelry, laptops, expensive cameras) and excess cash.

8. Do I need to have special experience to volunteer? No. You will receive necessary training upon arrival. Please let us know if you have specific skills to contribute.