



What is Collegiate Challenge?

Collegiate Challenge is an exciting program that allows thousands of college students to travel to exciting destinations across the country to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Participation in Collegiate Challenge enables us to build partnerships with people sharing a common goal and to gain greater awareness of the need for decent and affordable housing.

Where We Are Going

UGA Habitat is planning on sending over thirty students, combined, to five different sites we have chosen. These sites were chosen through a combination of location, distance, and information we have about the sites. They are places, which we feel, are the best options offered by Habitat International this year, and everyone should have an excellent experience. Reminder: NO building experience is necessary to help the effort to end poverty housing!

What's Involved

Participation in a Habitat for Humanity Spring Break trip is open to everyone who would like to dedicate their spring break to helping build housing with those in need, while having a great time doing it. Groups of six or seven people will be assigned to each site. Each trip will have a site leader who will be in charge of corresponding with the affiliate, organizing travel, and ensuring that everyone is having a great experience while on the trip. Transportation will be coordinated by each team since not all team members will be in Athens during the summer.

At the site, housing will be provided by the affiliate that you are working with, which will generally mean the use of a room at a church, access to shower facilities, and a kitchen. Work will generally take up six to eight hours of four or five of the days you are at the site. The evenings, and possibly an extra day, are free to see the sites of the area and have fun with your group.

Expenses

For all trips, there will be a flat rate of \$155. This will cover the contribution to the affiliates we are working with, as well as defer some of the transportation costs. \$30 is required with the application and the remaining money by May 5th.

What's Required

You will be required to attend one meeting before the end of the semester where we will discuss what you will expect of the trips as well as meet your fellow teammates.

SITE LIST

Lexington, Kentucky (Week of May 22nd)

Lexington is a medium sized urban setting (pop. 250,000) surrounded by horse farms. Our affiliate primarily does infill housing and new construction, partnering with 15-19 families per year. Some local points of interest - The University of KY, Keeneland Race Track, KY Horse Park as well as some other nearby attractions make it a fun place to visit.

Mobile, Alabama (Week of June 5th)

Five years after Hurricane Katrina, Mobile County still feels the affects. There was such an enormous amount of people displaced from the storm, and many of those families were forced to settle for substandard housing. They continue to struggle toward home ownership in safe neighborhoods. HFHMC serves area families through new construction, rehab of pre-existing homes, weatherization and through the A Brush With Kindness program. Mobile, the home of Mardi Gras, has 300 years of history and is 45 minutes away from beautiful white sand beaches.

Raleigh, North Carolina (Week of June 19th)

The economic conditions in Wake County & Raleigh, the Capital City of NC are excellent. Numerous colleges & universities are in the area, incl. NC State, UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke & Wake Forest. Numerous museums, sports arenas, shopping areas & all religious faith facilities are available. Parks, hiking trails & water sports are available. The mountains are a 3-4 hour drive; the famous NC beaches are a 2-3 hour drive. Cultural events with stage & screen offerings as well as symphony orchestras & all types of music from blue grass to opera prevail as well as libraries & bookstores.

Pensacola, Florida (Week of July 10th)

Known for its beautiful beaches, Pensacola attracts thousands of tourists every year. Though, the Deep Horizon oil crisis threatens our tourist-driven economy, Pensacola Habitat continues our mission to provide homeownership opportunities to low income families in our community. Our affiliate serves two counties in our area. Escambia County has been named one of the poorest counties in the state of Florida. There is a great need in our community for stable, affordable homes.

Johns Island, South Carolina (Week of July 24th)

We are based just 30 minutes from historic downtown Charleston, and cover from James Island to Edisto Island, SC. Our service area has a distinct need for affordable housing, stemmed from generations of separation from the mainland, followed by an influx of development on the islands. We have beaches as close as 5 minutes from our volunteer housing and an abundance of cultural activities available, ranging from kayaking to plantations to amazing restaurants.



**COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE
SUMMER 2011**

Section I: General Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Class: FR SO JR SR

City living in during the Summer: _____

Section II: Preferences

A) Please rank the site you would like to visit and cross out any sites where times would not work (1=most desired; 5=least desired). Write "n/a" for any that you are definitely unavailable.

_____ Mobile, Alabama _____ Pensacola, Florida _____ Lexington, KY
_____ Raleigh, North Carolina _____ Johns Island, South Carolina

B) List one other person you would like to work with: _____

C) List if you would be willing to provide transportation (compensation provided): Y N

By signing below, I hereby state that I have read and understand all policies regarding the Collegiate Challenge program and agree to comply will all rules set forth.

Name

Date