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HURRICANE IAN HOME BUILD INFORMATION BRIEFING FORT MYERS, FL

I. IOCC CONTACT INFORMATION

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II. COST & REGISTRATION

The contribution is **\$75 per week**, which includes local transportation, room & board (three meals a day), materials, supplies, tools, and site supervision. Full payment is due **14 days** before deployment.

Volunteers must be **16 years of age or older**, but 16+ are accepted if accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or an adult with power-of-attorney to act on their behalf for the duration of the deployment. Groups are responsible to travel to the build city if driving, or to the pre-arranged airports. Team arrival and departure are indicated below. Meals and incidentals during your travel to and from the build city **will be at your own expense**. You should also bring some spending money as the team will have the opportunity to visit shops in the area.

III. SCHEDULE

General overview of the week:

Plan to arrive Monday between 2-6pm and plan to depart after 8am on Saturday.
IOCC leadership will be doing airport pick-ups and drop-offs. If you book a flight outside of the parameters, you are responsible for your own transportation to and from the housing facility.

Workday schedule (approximate):

7:00 am	Wakeup/Breakfast/Pack Lunch
7:45 am	Departure for work site
8:00 am	Work-site arrival/Orientation
12:00 pm	Lunch at site (packed sack lunches)
2:30 pm	Depart for housing
6:00 pm	Dinner
6:45 pm	Prayer/Debrief
7:00 pm	Free time

IV. ORIENTATION

Orientation is held for all volunteers upon their arrival at the housing facility. Orientation includes an informal information session and open time to answer any questions you may have. Volunteers will be given background on the hurricane that caused the destruction to which volunteers are responding.



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V. BUILDING PLAN

The building plan on work sites varies depending on weather and the work which has been completed prior to the volunteer team's arrival. Please remember that ALL tasks you work on are important to get survivors back in their homes.

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VI. MEALS

Meals will be provided by IOCC leadership at your housing. Any additional groceries, such as snacks, will be purchased by IOCC leadership as well. Breakfast is served before departing for the work site, lunch is packed by volunteers prior to morning departure to the worksite, and dinner is held according to the prearranged plan. We will work to accommodate any dietary restrictions noted in online registrations. Although this information will be communicated to leadership prior to the group's arrival, please be sure to communicate any dietary needs to leadership in person when the group arrives.

VII. RELEASE FORMS

Each person must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability and Social Media Policy. Please email forms to khamann@iocc.org two weeks prior to the start of the build.

VIII. EVALUATION

An evaluation form will be distributed at the end of the week via email to provide you with a space to reflect and to provide IOCC with ideas on how to improve home build trips in the future.

IX. ACCOMMODATION

The team will be housed at the Habitat Volunteer House (1960 Narranja St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950). There are four bedrooms with two bunk beds each. There are 3.5 bathrooms in the house. Bedding and towels are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. There is a central meeting space as well as a full kitchen (refrigerator, stove, microwave, coffee maker).

X. TRANSPORTATION

IOCC will provide all local ground transportation in rental vehicles for the duration of your home build if needed.

XI. SAFETY & SECURITY

IOCC suggests that you do not bring items of high value, such as expensive jewelry or electronic devices, to housing or worksites. Volunteers are expected to take common-sense precautions with their belongings and their behavior.

In addition to personal belongings, taking care of physical health during the home build is very important. Please seek medical advice if you have any health concerns, susceptibility to heat-related illnesses, or other conditions, prior to signing up, especially if undertaking unaccustomed or unusually strenuous physical activity. Volunteering during summer months and in certain regions of the United States can increase heat-related health risks.



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IOCC Team Leaders and Site Supervisors will inform you of local health and safety risks, including but not limited to COVID-19. Preventative measures should be taken for transmissible illnesses including COVID-19 as required. IOCC will provide PPE at the housing and on worksites upon request, but you are welcome to provide your own.

XIII. WHAT TO BRING

Habitat for Humanity and IOCC will provide tools, water onsite, building materials, and site supervision.

Clothing:

- **Required:** Closed-toed shoes at all times while on the construction site. Boots are preferred but tennis shoes are acceptable.
- Old clothes that are comfortable to work in and able to get dirty (or even possibly ruined). You will be supplied with a volunteer T-shirt from IOCC.
- Long pants are preferred on the worksite, but shorts are also acceptable.
- Flip flops for the shower
- Nice clothes for evenings if you so choose.

Personal Items:

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hat or cap for sun / rain / cold weather, as appropriate to the season.
- Reusable water bottle
- Toiletries

We look forward to having you volunteer with IOCC!