



Coastal Bend, TX

2017 Hurricane

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Directions: This project site has two main buildings, which are situated right next to one another right off Corpus Christi St. The main lodging space and dining area will be in the western building with the long drive. The MDS office building will be in the eastern building, very visible from the road and with a parking lot to pull right into.

Location

Coastal Bend is a broad term that includes nine different counties that span along the curved area on the Gulf Coast (including Aransas County, where volunteers will be staying). The climate is generally hot in the summer and mild in the winter. The area is known for fishing and birding, seafood, working ranches, and antiques.

Disaster

Hurricane Harvey reached tropical storm status on August 17, 2017 and continued to develop and intensify, becoming a category 3 hurricane that finally dissipated on September 3, 2017. It was the costliest natural disaster ever on record in the U.S. and the first major hurricane to make landfall on U.S. soil since 2005. There were 91 confirmed deaths and more than 300,000 people were left without electricity. Many people were displaced and thousands of homes were destroyed or sustained major damage.

MDS

Weekly volunteers will be staying in the house and former salon buildings that have been renovated for MDS use. Each building has bunkrooms and restrooms, with a shower trailer just outside for washing. MDS work will be focused on repairs and

new construction from hurricane and flood damage. Mosquitoes are prevalent here so it's recommended that volunteers bring insect repellent.

Transportation Options

It is the responsibility of short-term volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in Coastal Bend. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Volunteer Placement Coordinator at 800-241-8111.

- The Corpus Christi Airport is the closest airport, about 40 miles away. Rental cars are available through several organizations (Enterprise is one and can be reached at 800-261-7331), as well as taxi service (Corpus Christi Taxi is one option that can be reached at 361-548-7656).
- Greyhound has a bus station in Rockport, about 1.5 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.