



La Grange, TX

2017 Hurricane

Physical Address:

Camp Lost Pines
6047 Highway 77
Warda, TX 78960

USPS Mailing Address:

PO Box 386
La Grange, TX 78945

FedEx/UPS Mailing Address:

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Directions: Camp Lost Pines is about 10 minutes north of La Grange, right on Highway 77. There is a sign for the camp visible from the road and after you pull into the drive, you can follow the MDS signs to the Lodge and Dorm buildings where volunteers are staying.

If you are using Google Maps, you only need to enter "Camp Lost Pines La Grange, TX". Some GPS units use the physical address, while others use the FedEx/UPS address.

Location

La Grange is a historical city located between Houston and Austin near the Colorado River. The community experiences hot summers and mild winters, and is known for its diverse museums, wineries, live music, and cultural centers. La Grange heritage includes German, Czech, and Mexican roots, which is evident in the wide array of foods and traditions celebrated.

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

MDS will primarily focus on the new construction of homes. Weekly volunteers are staying at the Dorm Building at Camp Lost Pines (showers and restrooms are in the building). The camp website is www.camplostpines.com and phone number is 832-830-5337.

Transportation Options

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in La Grange. If you choose to fly in or take the train, 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 Coordinator of Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- The Austin-Bergstrom Airport is the closest airport, about 60 miles away. Rental cars are available through several organizations, as well as taxi service and Super Shuttle, which requires advance reservations (www.supershuttle.com or 1-800-258-3826). If you choose to book shuttle service to get to the project, we recommend offering the mailing address zip code (78945).
- The closest Amtrak station is in Austin, Texas, about 60 miles away and has a restroom but no waiting area or phone available. Greyhound has a bus station in La Grange and can be reached at 800-231-2222. Transportation would need to be arranged from the station.