



Meridian, MS

2018 Tornado

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Directions:

Use GPS or Google Maps to direct you to Pine Lake Camp. When you arrive at the camp, the Tall Pines building is the first drive on the right side. You should park in the large gravel parking lot, and will receive further parking instructions when you arrive.

Location

Meridian is the sixth largest city in the state of Mississippi. Historically, the economy depended on the railroads in the area as the city was established at the junction of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad and the Southern Railway of Mississippi. Now the economy is much more diversified and the primary industries are healthcare, military and manufacturing.

Disaster

An EF-2 tornado, with maximum winds of 115 mph, struck Meridian, MS on April 14, 2018. It knocked out power in the town, uprooted trees and damaged many house roofs.

MDS

MDS will be doing one new build, one major repair job, and approximately 20 roof repair jobs. We are partnering with UMCOR for case management.

MDS volunteers will be staying at Pine Lake Camp. Weekly volunteers will be staying on the second floor of the Tall Pines building. One leadership couple will be staying on the second floor of the Tall Pines building, and the remaining leadership volunteers will be staying in an Airbnb located at 6582 Cricket Road B, Meridian, MS 39305.

Transportation Options

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in Meridian. 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 Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Meridian Regional Airport is the closest airport, about 10 miles away. However, it is a small airport, and flight options may be limited. Rental cars are available through Enterprise (601-483-5078).
- The closest major airport is the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, about 87 miles away. Rental cars are available through several organizations (Avis is one, and can be reached at 601-939-5853).
- Greyhound has a bus station in Meridian, MS, about 6 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 601-693-1663.
- Amtrak has a station in Meridian, MS, about 6 miles from the project site.