

Dear Team Leader,

We're so excited you've registered for a mission trip with Delta Grace! Your team's work will help transform the lives of those in need of home repair, and your lives are sure to be transformed in return.

Your next step is to complete the <u>Pre-Trip Information Form</u> online. This must be completed no later than **one month before** your team's arrival date. Receiving this information in a timely manner is vital to our process of assigning rooms and appropriate projects.

Begin preparing your team for your trip. Each team member will need a copy of these forms:

- General Information/Packing List (pg. 2) to know what to expect and how to pack
- Delta Grace Guidelines and Covenant (pg. 3) so your team is familiar with our rules and expectations
- Participant Liability Form (pg. 4) for each participant to complete & turn in to Delta Grace upon arrival
- **Medical Release Form (pg. 5)** for each participant to complete and turn in to Delta Grace upon arrival (if your group already requires a form like this, please let us know.)

These forms are included in this packet, but are also in the Volunteer Packet found at <u>deltagrace.org/work-with-us/#teamchecklist</u>.

In this packet, you will also find:

- Team Roster (pg. 6-7) for you to fill out and bring with you to Delta Grace
- Places of Interest (pg. 8) to plan any outings during your trip
- **Team Leader Checklist (pg. 9)** to ensure you've remembered everything!

The due dates for fees and forms are as follows:

| Deadline | Forms Due | Fees Due | |
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| To save your date | Team Registration Form (online) | *Non-refundable deposit of | |
| | | \$25/participant | |
| One month before arrival | Pre-Trip Information Form (online) | None | |
| Arrival at Delta Grace | Participant Liability and Medical Release Forms, Team Roster | *Balance due | |
| **All checks should be made payable to Delta Grace, or payment can be submitted online at paypal.me/deltagraceinc . | | | |

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions. We look forward to serving with you!

In Christ,

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General Information for Teams

Worksite Assignments

Most worksites are formally assigned at Orientation once your team arrives. Advance notice for work assignments will be general and is subject to change based on client needs. Please be flexible!

Work Expectations

Volunteers are supervised by professional construction managers. We don't expect you to already be a professional at home repair! (If you are...that's a bonus!) Delta Grace provides a safe environment to learn new skills. Chances are, you will walk away from your mission trip with new knowledge on plumbing, roofing, carpentry, power tools, and more! All we ask is that you listen well, ask plenty of questions, learn as much as you can, and—above all—form relationships with homeowners.

Safety Concerns

All volunteers will be instructed on worksite safety guidelines, and will be provided with proper personal protection equipment. (Note: if you have your own work gloves, safety glasses, earplugs, and other equipment, bring those!)

During the summer months, one of our primary safety concerns is proper hydration. The heat and humidity in the Mississippi Delta provide a dangerous combination when working outside. Please begin hydrating on your travel day so that you are prepared for your first day of work. We encourage groups to drink at least a gallon of water while on the worksite. Sports drinks are NOT a replacement for water, but can be consumed in conjunction with water.

Packing List

"Work" clothing Sleeping bag/twin sheets/pillow

Water bottle/jug/cooler Towels/washcloths
Work gloves Personal hygiene items

Heavy work shoes or boots

Changes of clothing for after work

Fersonal hygiene ite
Shower shoes

First aid supplies

Insect Repellant Gel hand sanitizer

Sunscreen Earplugs

Remember, you've signed up for an amazing opportunity to serve and share God's grace with others. Begin praying for your trip and the homeowners you will encounter.



Delta Grace Guidelines

- No alcohol, drugs, or other illegal substances.
- Refer any changes, suggestions, or concerns to your leader.
- Work as hard as you can, and leave your worksite better than you found it.
- Ask questions if you don't know how to do something, or what to do next. Remember—there is no such thing as a dumb question!
- Don't assume you know the entire building plan. Ask before you start a new project.
- Wear modest and sensible clothing. (Safe shoes, appropriate wording on t-shirts, etc.)
- Sunscreen is STRONGLY recommended!
- Watch your words! Gossip, unneeded criticism, and foul language are not permitted.
- Keep your workspace and living space neat and clean.

Delta Grace Covenant

| I will do my best to model Jesus' example of service, grace, and kindness. |
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| I will leave any area in better condition than it was when I arrived. |
| I will respect homeowner's property, as well as Delta Grace facilities. |
| I will listen to group leaders. |
| I will know the schedule and be on time. |
| I will be willing to lend a hand wherever I am. |
| I will be respectful of other people—their property, privacy, and sleep time. |
| I understand that while on this trip, I am part of a much larger family. I understand that can't have my own way all the time and that certain compromises must be made for the good of the group. Therefore, I will do my best to make everyone else's lives easier! |
| I will do my best to be even-tempered and understanding all week. |
| I understand that any failure to follow the guidelines may constitute action and/or dismissal from Delta Grace. |



Participant Liability Form

Fill out one per participant and turn in to Delta Grace upon arrival. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS.

| Name (please print) | | | | | |
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| Street Address | | | | | |
| City State Zip | | | | | |
| Birthdate Age M/F Cell phone # | | | | | |
| Please read before signing. This form constitutes the agreement and understanding of your working relationship as a volunteer with Delta Grace. | | | | | |
| I,, acknowledge and state the following | | | | | |
| I understand that his work entails a risk of physical injury that often involves hard physical labo heavy lifting, and other strenuous activity, and that some activities may take place on ladders and building framing other than ground level. I certify that I am in good health and physically able to perform this type of work. I understand that I am engaging in this project at my own risk. I understand that this is a "grass roots" activity to support individuals receiving assistance to repair or replace substandard housing. I assume all risk and responsibility for any damage or injury to my property, or any personal injury and related medical costs and expenses which I may sustain while involved in this project I understand that Delta Grace is neither responsible nor liable for my personal effects and property, and that they will not provide lock up or security for any items. I will hold Delta Grace and Sunflower United Methodist Church harmless in the event of theft or loss resulting from any source or cause. I give Delta Grace permission to take photographs and use the photographs for promotion of the Delta Grace ministries. By my signature, for myself, my estate, and my heirs, I release, discharge, indemnify and forever hold harmless MS Conference and Sunflower United Methodist Church in conjunction with Del Grace together with its officers, agents, servants, and employees, from any and all causes of action arising from my participation in this project and travel or lodging associated therewith, including any damages which may be caused by their negligence. I have read and will adhere to the Delta Grace Guidelines and Covenant. Signature | | | | | |



Medical Release Form

If your group does not have medical release forms of your own, each participant should fill out this form and turn in to Delta Grace upon arrival.

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| Blood type (if know | n) F | Physical limitations or concerns | |
| Allergies | Epilepsy | Diabetes | Heart Condition |
| Circle all that apply: | | | |
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| Emergency contact | name | | |
| Email | | Bi | rthdate |
| City | | State | Zip |
| Street Address | | | |
| Name (please print) | | | |



Delta Grace Roster

Team Leaders: Please fill this out with your final team roster and submit to Delta Grace upon arrival.

| Organization: | | | | Team Total #: | | | | |
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| Team Leader: | | | | Total # Adult Males: | | | | |
| Address: | | | | Total # Adult Females: | | | | |
| Cell Phone: | | | Total # of Youth Males: | | | | | |
| Email: | | | Total # of Youth Females: | | | | | |
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Places of Interest

Indianola, MS - 8 miles

B.B. King Museum (<u>www.bbkingmuseum.org</u>)

Moorhead, MS – 8 miles

"Where the Southern Crosses the Yellow Dog"
 (http://msbluestrail.org/blues-trail-markers/where-the-southern-crosses-the-dog)

Leland, MS – 20 miles

- Highway 61 Blues Museum (http://www.highway61blues.com/)
- Jim Henson Exhibit (Birthplace of Kermit the Frog) (https://birthplaceofthefrog.org/index.html)

Greenwood MS - 20 miles

- Downtown History (<u>www.greenwoodms.com</u>)
- Museum of the Mississippi Delta (https://www.museumofthemississippidelta.com/)

Cleveland, MS – 21 miles

- GRAMMY Museum Mississippi (https://www.grammymuseumms.org)
- Delta Center for Culture and Learning (deltacenterdsu.com)
- Delta State University (<u>www.deltastate.edu</u>)
- Bologna Sculpture Gardens (www.bolognapac.com)

Greenville, MS - 30 miles

http://www.visitgreenville.org/

Philadelphia, MS – 2 hours

Geyser Falls Waterpark (https://geyserfalls.com)



Team Leader Checklist

| Have you given your team members a copy of the <u>Participant Liability and Medical</u> <u>Release forms</u> for them to complete and bring with them to Delta Grace, as well as a copy of the <u>General Information</u> , <u>Delta Grace Guidelines</u> , <u>and Covenant</u> for review? (Team members can also download and print the Volunteer Packet containing these forms at: <u>deltagrace.org/work-with-us/#teamchecklist</u> .) |
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| Have you completed the <u>Pre-Trip Information Form</u> one month before your arrival date? |
| Have you completed the <u>Team Roster</u> before your arrival? |
| Does your group have adequate funds for your trip fee, gas, food, outings, and emergencies? |
| Do team members have adequate clothing and supplies? |
| Do you have a water jug and a first aid kit for each vehicle? |
| Are you planning outings for which you need advance tickets? Have those been ordered? (See Places of Interest pg. 8) |
| Have you prepared your team to be flexible to changes in work assignments, realizing that not all work is fun? |
| Are you preparing your team members to have broad expectations for the trip, and to be a witness of Jesus Christ and recognize the people they meet as Children of God? |