

Covenant Agreement for Camp Love/ Nugent Warehouse

We are privileged to have the opportunity to serve our great God by being volunteers in mission. Our primary purpose as volunteers is to radiate the love of Jesus Christ. We are to invest ourselves in the mission and honor God in all we do.

We will need to be flexible, adaptable, sensitive, and patient. There will be times when we may want to hurry and get things done but delays happen. We will make the best of the quiet time to rest, get acquainted, and play with the children.

Our *Task* may be to clean up, or hang sheetrock, or put on a roof. But our *Purpose*, which is far more important, is to be a living expression of God's love, building relationships and loving those who need our help.

Important Site Information:

1. Please, no alcohol, drugs, or illegal substances while you are a guest at Camp Love.
2. Please do not bring pets of any size in Camp buildings.
3. Reservations are made for a particular number of volunteers. Numbers cannot be changed without approval of the MS UM Disaster Response Office at 866-435-7091.
4. No volunteers are allowed to park or stay in RV's or vans without permission from the MS UM Disaster Response Office.
5. Teams must check into Camp Love between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, unless other arrangements have been made. If you are going to be late, or need to make special arrangements please contact your Host Site Coordinator.
6. Once on site, work will be coordinated by your Host Site Coordinator. Please contact the Host Site Coordinator should you have any questions regarding the camp prior to your trip.
7. Please keep rooms neat and clean. We are unable to hire a cleaning staff due to the expense, so please leave the room for the next team as you would have someone leave it for you!
8. It costs \$15 per volunteer per day to stay at Camp Love. This fee covers utilities, food, etc. Donations are always welcomed.
One check per team is to be turned in to your Host Site Coordinator prior to your departure.
9. Food and necessary items for meals will be provided by your hosts. Teams will be asked to prepare, set up and clean-up for meals. If your team wishes to provide a 'cook team' please contact the Host Site Coordinator to make arrangements. Lunches will be prepared and packed by team members before leaving for work sites.
10. There is no cooking allowed in the rooms.
11. Please respect the church facilities during your stay. We are blessed to have this space.
12. Volunteers need to bring bed linens, towels, toiletries, etc.
13. The Camp facility sleeping arrangements are in large rooms with bunk beds. Please be considerate of others, remembering that the work is often taxing and persons need their rest in the evening hours.
14. We ask that teams bring at least one skilled team member for every four- five unskilled workers. Skills necessary include carpentry, plumbing, electrical, roofing, dry walling, etc. Skilled does not mean professional. 'Handyman' skills are often adequate.

**Respect the diversity of persons serving their neighbor, as well as the diversity of those you will be serving.
Please always be careful and have a wonderful trip.**

Camp Love

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The Camp Love/Nugent Warehouse facility, located on the grounds of Nugent UMC, opened in December 2008 and was dedicated by Bishop Hope Ward Morgan on December 14. Prior to that Camp Love was located at Gateway UMC and has provided lodging for volunteer teams since immediately after the storm. Thousands of persons have stayed at Camp Love and thousands more will stay in the coming months.

THE FACILITY

Camp Love is located within Nugent Warehouse in Gulfport, and takes up a part of the building. The facility has air conditioning and heating. Showers are available – indoors (hot, 3 male, 3 female). Wireless Internet is available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or information about work assignments, tools to bring, etc...you may contact Mark and Cheryl Allen, the Host Site Coordinators, at 228-234-3075 or the camp office at 228-539-9332. Or email the camp at mississippirdro@bellsouth.net.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you are driving: Camp Love is located just off Hwy 49 in north Gulfport, MS. There are a number of ways to get there depending on the direction you are coming from. We suggest going to www.mapquest.com to check for directions **using 13030 Nugent Road** as your destination from your locale. **If you are flying:** If you fly, you will likely fly into the Gulfport/Biloxi International Airport. You will need to provide your own transportation while on site, so please rent a vehicle or vehicles to use while you are here.

CONCERNING VALUABLE ITEMS

We have set up comfortable and safe accommodations for teams coming to our state to help. However, no site is perfect, and over the last year we have had some thefts of personal items belonging to team members. Just to be safe, we ask that volunteers avoid bringing valuable personal items, like expensive jewelry, large amounts of cash, or even certain popular electronics like I-Pods. If you choose to bring these items, the MS Conference nor the local site or church bears any responsibility if they are stolen or lost.

Please remember, the key to a good, productive disaster response trip is often flexibility. Situations ‘on the ground’ change rapidly and patience, along with perseverance, are virtues.