



Disaster Deployment FAQ - WNC Flooding

1. When will I hear back about being placed to go?

We are experiencing an unprecedented response to the WNC flooding. We are a small staff working hard to place as many volunteers as our sites can hold. Thank you for being patient with us. If you are not placed at a time requested please keep later dates in mind. This response will be going on for weeks, months or even years.

2. What are the sleeping arrangements like?

You will be housed in a church. Please plan to bring your own TWIN cot or air mattress along with any needed linens. See attached packing list example to begin preparing.

3. What type of work will we be doing?

The needs we are seeing right now are chainsaw work, mud out, tear out, debris removal, etc. We ask all volunteers to be flexible and willing to do what work is needed while they serve on site. Needs are changing daily. We ask volunteers to be physically able to assist in these efforts.

4. What do I do when I arrive on site?

When you arrive on site please see the admin (or site coordinator) to sign your group in. Our Admin staff will give you further instructions.

5. How are the roads? How do I know the route to take?

You will be given a heads up on what we know about local roads. We are asking all volunteers to use [Drivenc.gov](https://www.drivenc.gov) to navigate road closures and alternate routes.

6. What if we get stopped on our way to the site?

You will have printed paperwork you can show. If you experience an issue while in route please call our office to notify us.

7. What if we want to bring donations (things) with us?

Right now our sites are inundated with supplies. As the need changes we will let groups know. If you have a large quantity of donations please contact **Mark Abernathy** in our office at mabernathy@ncbaptist.org to get on our in kind donation list.

8. How do we donate money? How is this money used? Does 100% of what I donate go to the WNC flood relief?

If you wish to donate to the Disaster Relief efforts in Western NC please use the link below. 100% of your donation will go directly to these efforts. Responding to a disaster takes a lot of financial support. Providing meals for those in need, deploying volunteers, purchasing equipment, fueling that equipment, securing building materials, long term rebuild efforts, etc. are all ways these donations are used.

Give:

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Disaster-Relief/Hurricane-Helene/Donations>

9. Are there age requirements for this deployment?

Yes. At this stage of the recovery, participants must be 16 years of age or older. Minors (16-17 years olds) must be accompanied by a parent of the same gender. Look out for waivers that must be signed and brought with you to the site.

10. Are background checks required for my group?

Background checks are required. We ask group leaders of more than 1 person to have background checks for their team. This is required if folks are staying overnight on our sites.