

2010 UUFN Youth Service Project Trip to New Orleans

June 19-26, 2010, a team of high school youth from our congregation will undertake a youth service project (YSP) trip to help the residents of New Orleans as they continue the struggle to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

The group, led by our minister, Greg Chute, will work out of the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal housed in the First UU Church of New Orleans.

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The cost for each team member will be under \$900. This is a high estimate that includes travel to and from New Orleans, travel to and from work projects in the city, room and board, staff and incidentals. (Each youth will also want some pocket money.)

To lower the cost of participation, the Youth Service Project Steering Committee has established two funds—a Transportation Fund (to reduce the cost of participation for all team members) and a Scholarship Fund (to provide money towards youth with financial need). Already, the entire youth group—not just those who plan to go to New Orleans—has made a significant commitment to raise funds for the trip, and many members of the congregation have made generous contributions to each of the funds.

Here is the time line for senior high youth who wish to participate—

December 6 – Commitment and first deposit (\$100. This deposit is refundable only if a scholarship is requested and cannot be met.)

January 17 – Second deposit (\$200, non-refundable)

February 14 – Third deposit (\$200, non-refundable)

March 14 – Balance due (amount to be determined)

When the number and ages of youth who will be on the YSP team has been determined, we will know how many adults are needed.

Youth and adult team members will participate in four or five preparatory team meetings leading up to the service project trip. Meeting dates will be determined once the team is in place.

For answers to questions about this service project, contact Harvey Manchester (harvey@uufn.org) or Greg Chute (greg@uufn.org).

Members of the UUFN Youth Service Project Steering Committee organizing this trip are Jason Horowitz (yoUth groUp), Lois Hoffman (Social Justice Steering Committee), Lauri Webber (Religious Education Committee), our Director of Religious Education, Harvey Manchester (Director of Religious Education), and Greg Chute (Minister). Paul Baumbach (Social Justice Steering Committee Chair) has also worked closely with the committee.