

Things to bring if you are volunteering in New Orleans May-December

As you are packing, we just wanted to offer some advice.

~A WORD ABOUT THE WEATHER. From May through mid-October, it's hot, humid, and sudden, extreme thunderstorms are the norm. Mid-October through end of December is usually nice fall weather. Check the weather for New Orleans before you leave, but expect the unexpected.

~DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES. Things get messy around here. Wear stuff that you don't mind getting dirty, paint splattered, or even destroyed. If it's expensive and/or a favorite, don't wear it on site.

~WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS. Our facilities are pretty secure, but we have some sneaky people in this town. Also, laptops have a bad habit of falling from top bunks. The smaller iPads get, the more likely they are to get stepped on. Jewelry magically disappears around here. We could go on. If you don't bring it, you can't lose it.

~PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING a pillow, blankets or a sleeping bag, your towel (never travel without your towel), flip flops for walking to and from the showers, your prescription meds, your cell phone charger, etc.

~SAFETY FIRST. Please make sure you bring a pair of good, sturdy shoes to wear on site. Work boots are best, but most thick soled, closed toed shoes are fine. As for the shorts issue, there are some projects where you cannot wear shorts, but most of the time that's up to you. Definitely bring your own water bottle and make sure it is clearly labeled with your name. We provide the necessary personal protection equipment such as safety glasses, work gloves, etc, but they've usually seen better days so we strongly encourage you to bring your own; especially safety glasses. You should bring your own safety glasses. You're going to get tired of hearing the words "safety glasses."

Group Leaders:

Please make sure you pass this information along to everyone on your trip.

A reminder: if you are interested in any of the special tours offered by Sakura Kone, please let me know.

Another reminder: if you have not yet gotten your deposits, balances, rosters, or paperwork in please get that to me as soon as you can.

Thanks everyone and please don't hesitate to drop me a line with any questions,

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