



What are the age restrictions?

- Volunteers must be ages 16-25 to participate in Collegiate Challenge. Adult chaperones over the age of 25 are also welcome to participate.
- Volunteers 16–17 years of age may not operate power tools or work more than 6 feet off the ground.
- To register a group for Collegiate Challenge, each participant must be 16 by the first day of the trip. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
- All groups who have participants under age 18 are required to have at least one adult age 25 or older for every five students. (1:5 ratio) Some build sites require a higher ratio of adults.

What are group size limitations?

- Groups of five or more people may participate in Collegiate Challenge.
- A group does not have to be an official club or organization—it can just be a group of friends.
- At this time, there are no opportunities for individuals to participate in Collegiate Challenge.
- Consider forming a team with your school, church, affiliate, Youth United group or club!

What costs are involved in a Collegiate Challenge trip?

- **Affiliate contribution**
The affiliate contribution is paid to the affiliate host site as a separate fee from the program fee so the affiliate can support the work you will tackle, such as buying building materials. Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Alabama's fee is \$150.00 a student (Which has to be paid 2 weeks prior to arrival).
- **Transportation**
Groups are responsible for all transportation arrangements and costs. Even if your group is flying to the site, rented vehicles will be needed to transport the group throughout the week.
- **Food**
At Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Alabama, groups are fed lunch on work days. Groups are responsible for providing all other meals. We recommend budgeting \$6 to \$10 per person per day for food if you'll be preparing your own meals. All Collegiate Challenge accommodations will include a place for participants to prepare meals. Extra cost should be added if you plan to eat at restaurants.

What type of housing is provided on trips?

- Collegiate Challenge host sites will provide your group with a safe place to sleep, shower and prepare meals at no additional cost.
- Sleeping arrangements are usually in our Volunteer house, but if you are not the only Collegiate Challenge group, you can be placed in a Church, so a sleeping bag is necessary.
- If placed in a sleeping arrangement other than our Volunteer House, shower and kitchen facilities may be located in a separate location from your sleeping arrangements.

What is the schedule like during the week?

- Participants arrive at host affiliate on Sunday afternoon and depart the following Saturday morning.
- Most affiliates work either Monday through Friday or Tuesday through Saturday.

- Groups should expect to work from approximately 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on these days.
- Projects may include improving existing housing structures, helping build a house or volunteering on other projects that help meet the goals of Habitat for Humanity in the community.
- While some affiliates may plan an evening activity for your group, such as a dinner with a Habitat partner family, for the most part, you can expect your evenings to be free to use as your group desires.

Must our team complete the HFHI waiver?

Each trip participant must complete this form even if the host affiliate or participating organization has a separate waiver. For participants under the age of 18, team leaders should collect and return these forms by **email** (afleming@habitatswalabama.org), **mail** (P O Box 16422 Mobile, AL 36616), or **fax** (251-476-7978) at least one month prior to the trip start date.

What does trip insurance cover?

- This policy will pay the deductible of an individual's own insurance, as well as any costs exceeding his or her insurance limit, up to \$250,000.
- If a participant does not have personal health insurance, he or she will be covered up to \$250,000.
- This insurance covers all participants who have an accident while participating in group activities, including building on-site and group-sponsored evening activities.
- Coverage begins when a group checks in with their host affiliate and ends when they leave.
- Participants are not covered if under the influence of drugs or alcohol or if engaging in the following high risk activities:
 - Recreational travel in any off-road motor vehicle or other motor vehicle not designed primarily for use on public streets.
 - Motorcycling
 - SCUBA diving
 - Jet skiing
 - Mountain climbing (where ropes or guides are used)
 - Sky diving
 - Automobile racing or speed contests
 - Bungee jumping
 - Spelunking
 - White water rafting
 - Surfing
 - Parasailing

Note: This is a reimbursement policy. Participants should be prepared to pay for all medical care at the time of treatment. All covered expenses will be reimbursed to the participant once the proper claim forms have been submitted.