**Invitation for the Road Trip for Relief, Nov 20-27, 2005**

The folks at Common Ground invite you to join an estimated 300 volunteers from around the continent to converge in New Orleans the week of Thanksgiving. We want to encourage those in attendance to arrive with building & clearing supplies, donated equipment and, if possible, funds that can apply directly to help rebuild and the 9th Ward.

Upon arrival, we will orient you to the long history of neglect and oppression in this area and offer tips on how to connect with the community in a respectful and effective manor. Then we will plug people into community projects in the 9th ward where we have just opened a new distribution center and where we are helping to coordinate efforts to challenge unjust city, state and national governments' policies and commercial exploits.

Common Ground will supply basic shelter and food, as well evening events throughout the week. Please read our page on [Basic information](#) to find out what to bring. On Thanksgiving Day, we will offer a Thank You feast, where we hope to feed all of the volunteers and residents of the community.

We want to encourage all participants to check out the [Roadtrip for Relief Forum Discussion](#), or write roadtripforrelief@gmail.com to let us know where you are coming from, how many are in your convoy and when you will arrive! Feel free to call 504.339.5885 with further questions.

**Basic Facts: Road Trip For Relief! Nov 20-27**

Now you can register online! Please take a minute and fill out our simple [registration form](#).

**Common Ground Collective** will provide basic shelter and food for all volunteers. Each day we will divide into working teams and focus on clean up and rebuilding projects. Each evening we will show films, provide entertainment and opportunities for you all to debrief your daily experiences each evening at several locations around the city. We will also offer a huge Thank You Feast on Thanksgiving Day, with great surprise performances from guest musicians and artists.

**We are asking all participants to:**

Come prepared. We are expecting around 300 people and will need your skills of self-organizing to orchestrate our powerful and effective week of work here!

Please check back here for an online registration form. We would love to confirm that you are coming, so we can better prepare for your arrival. Below are both a sample checklist for your own supplies, and a bigger list of the donations we need to make this project a great success.

Write commongroundvolunteers@gmail.com with questions or to make special arrangements. For questions relating to donations, please write cgcdistribution@gmail.com. Call 504-339-5885 to contact Kerul Dyer, Road Trip for Relief Coordinator. Thanks for all of your support.

**What to Pack:**

Bring a sleeping bag, a pad, flashlight, work clothes, closed-toed shoes, hand sanitizer, toiletries, specialty needs, and insect repellent. If you can, bring a N95 or higher respirator, tyvek suit, work
gloves, rubber boots, a box of 3 mm. contractor plastic bags and a camera. If you cannot afford protective gear, it will be provided for you.

**Continue reading to access our Supply List for Roadtrip**

Please choose from the following list for items to bring. Of course there are more items needed. Please write cdcdistribution@gmail.com to let us know what you and your community can offer, and to find out what other things are needed. Call 504.339-5885 with questions.

**Solidarity, not Charity**

**9th Ward Clean-up:**
- 5,000 contractor trash bags
- 50 rakes
- 50 shovels
- 10 pressure washers
- 10 diesel generators or solar with battery
- 200 respirators
- 10 pair frs radios (walkie-talkies)
- 200 large tarps

**Community Center**
- Power
- Solar panels
- batteries
- inverters

**Tools:**
- Air Compressor
- Air Hoses
- Water Pressure
- Screw Guns
- Dry Wall Hammers
- 3 dozen dolly's
- 3 dozen appliance dolly's

**Walls:**
- 4 pallets sheet rock 4x8
- 4 pallets of texture
- Sheet Rock Knives
- 6" 4 boxes
- 8" 4 boxes
- 12" 4 boxes
- tape/nails/gunk
- insulation
- trim
- paint/paint brushes/trays
- sledge hammers

**Communications/Technology/Office**
- digital recorders with good microphones
- (i river ihp120 or 140)
- 5 digital still cameras
- 10 dv video cameras
- tapes
- external hard drives
- mac g4s
- laser printer 11by17
- extra toner
- printers and cartridges
- voip phones and service contract
- scanner
- uhf radios for emergency situations
- cables
- headphones
- rechargeable batteries
- Flooring:
- flooring
- flooring equipment
- (write cdcdistribution@gmail.com for more specific information)

**Kitchen:**
- sinks
- refridgerator
- freezer
- stove

**Furnishings:**
- desks, chairs, tables
- shelves
- folding chairs
- filing cabinets
- computers

**office:**
- high volume copier, new

**Community Garden/ Bio-remediation:**
- rototillers
- chippers
- shovels
- mycellium starts
- worms
- hand shovels
- rakes
- hoes
- hoses/sprayers
- seeds
- wheel barrows
- 5 gallon buckets
- green house materials
- pots
- starts
- saw
- clippers
- loppers
- compost tea brewer
- 55 gallon drums
- mollasses
- paper shredders
- aquarium pumps
- vinyl tubing
- air stones
- 125 gallon water tank
- compost thermometer