



CAMP Fire Disaster Relief - FAQ

Do I have to have construction skills to participate?

Many of our volunteers started with little to no construction experience and have learned the skills as they go. However, we are always in need of those that have roofing, general contracting, framing, drywalling, and finishing work skills. Therefore, these volunteers will be given priority on our teams. General tasks for new volunteers will be helping those who are skilled and learning how to do basic tasks such as drywall, laying flooring, ripping off roof shingles, etc.

What kind of homes will we be working on?

All homes that the team will be working on will have been vetted by the Camp Fire Long Term Recovery Group case managers. IRT's policy for working on homes in disaster areas is that at least 50% of the damage was caused by the disaster. With only 5% of buildings in Paradise remaining without severe damage, we will be building new homes using "stick" builds.

A stick-built home is a wooden house constructed entirely or primarily on-site. Thus framing and roofing the new "stick" homes will be IRT's central role in this disaster. These new homes will require drywall, mudding, floors, doors, windows, cabinets, and other finishing work to be done inside and roofing as well.

What tools do I need to bring?

Power tools will be provided, but we suggest you bring: hammer, tool pouch, utility knife, pliers, screwdrivers (Phillips and Flat), tape measure, putty knife, and catspaw. Earplugs, knee pads, and gloves are suggested as well.

What will the week be like?

Volunteers will fly from their respective hometown airports into Sacramento and drive to Paradise in rental vans. The workweek consists of full days Monday through Friday, a half-day of work on Saturday, and returning home on Sunday.

Where does the team stay?

The team will be staying in housing provided by our partner agency which is equipped with showers, sleeping spaces, and full cooking facilities. Please bring your own bedding, pillows, toiletries, and towels. Air mattresses will be available on-site, but some volunteers prefer to bring their own.

How do meals work?

Volunteers are responsible for their meals. The housing facility has a kitchen available for your use. The team will be responsible for maintaining the kitchen facilities and doing your own shopping and cooking. Most team members participate in a group buy where everyone pitches in for meals. The cost of this is roughly \$50-60 for the week. Some nights the group does go out to eat.

How do I sign up?

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