



## COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

### *What You Need to Know*

#### Age restrictions

In Los Angeles, the minimum age requirement to participate in Collegiate Challenge is 18. To register a group for Collegiate Challenge, each student must be 18 by the first day of the trip. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

All high school-aged groups are required to have at least one adult (someone 21 years of age or older) for every five students.

#### Group size limitations

Only groups of five to 20 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.

#### Costs involved

- **Program fee:** A \$15 per person nonrefundable fee made payable to Habitat for Humanity International is due within 10 business days of registration. It covers supplemental medical insurance and program costs.
- **Affiliate contribution:** The affiliate contribution is paid to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles so that we can purchase building materials and pay for meals. The contribution for 2007 is \$150 per person and is due two weeks prior to your arrival in Los Angeles.
- **Transportation:** Groups are responsible for all transportation arrangements and costs. If your group is flying to the site, rented vehicles will be needed to transport the group throughout the week. Please note: Collegiate Challenge supplemental insurance does not cover participants as they travel to and from their Collegiate Challenge host affiliate site. Please take this into consideration when arranging transportation.
- **Food:** Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will provide all participants with lunch on the days they are working on the construction site as well as a Welcome Dinner on one of their first nights in Los Angeles. Your group is responsible for providing all of your other food. We recommend budgeting \$10 per person, per day, for food if you will be preparing your own meals. Your Collegiate Challenge accommodations will include a place for participants to prepare meals. Extra costs should be added if you plan to eat at restaurants.
- **Housing:** Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles will provide your group with a safe place to sleep, shower and prepare meals at no additional cost. Sleeping arrangements are usually on a church floor so a sleeping bag is necessary. Shower and kitchen facilities may be located in a separate location from your sleeping arrangements.

### Weekly schedule

Collegiate Challenge participants generally arrive in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon and depart on the following Saturday morning. Collegiate Challenge participants work on the construction sites Tuesday through Friday. Students should expect to be working on the construction site from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on these days. With the exception of the Welcome Dinner on one evening, your evenings will be free to use as your group desires.

### Insurance coverage

Part of the \$15 program fee is applied to supplemental accidental medical insurance. This policy will pay the deductible of an individual's own insurance, as well as any costs exceeding her or his 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. *Please note: Participants are not covered if under the influence of drugs or alcohol.*

### Cancellation policy

After you have registered, you are asked to confirm your trip by submitting a confirmation form and paying the required program fee to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. We make building and housing plans based on the number of participants that you confirm for. When you confirm your trip, you are committing to pay the total financial contribution to the affiliate based on the number of participants registered. In the event that the number of participants decreases or if you should cancel the trip after confirmation, your group is still responsible for paying the full affiliate contribution. Please be aware that canceling a trip may negatively impact our building schedule.

**Please note:** If your group has not confirmed your trip within 10 business days after registration, the trip automatically will be cancelled and those spaces will be reopened to other student groups. If you know that you need to cancel your registration, please contact the Collegiate Challenge staff to let them know that your plans have changed.