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Volunteer Housing Options

No matter where you stay, please remember that you will need to bring lunch and water each day you work with lowernine.org, and arrange your own transportation to and from our office at 6018 El Dorado Street.

lowernine.org Volunteer House: Open to individuals and groups who volunteer at lowernine.org for a full-time schedule (8:15am - 4pm Monday - Friday) during their stay. Volunteers stay in shared co-ed bunk rooms, and have access to a fully-stocked kitchen, 2 full bathrooms, free laundry, and free wifi. They are expected to take on responsibility for cooking group dinners and cleaning the house. Includes 3 meals a day. In addition to the \$55 per person lowernine.org program fee, \$150/person/week for first 3 weeks; \$50/person/week for each week beyond. Capacity: 12. To stay in the lowernine.org volunteer house, simply express interest in housing when you sign up to volunteer.

Contact: Charlotte Clarke / 504-434-2758 / <u>charlotte@lowernine.org</u> / <u>lowernine.org</u> 6018 El Dorado Street, New Orleans, LA 70117

Camp Hope: Quiet and peaceful surroundings, wifi, TV, bedding if needed, meeting space, and room outdoors to play. Located about a mile from lowernine.org. 3 square meals per day Monday-Friday, breakfast and lunch only on weekends, \$29/person/night (\$10 extra for linens). Capacity of up to 300. Sign up online. Contact: Chris Conley / 803-318-7622 / <u>info@thegatheringcc.com</u> / <u>camphopenola.com</u> 1914 Aycock St, Arabi, LA 70043

The Quisby: Fun downtown hostel with dorm and shared rooms available. "Ridiculously comfortable beds", free wifi, 24-hour bar downstairs. Located in the CBD/Lower Garden District, 20 min drive from <u>lowernine.org</u>. Free breakfast. Starts at \$20/night, group pricing available for groups of 12+, use code FIDELIO for 10% off. Contact: 504-208-4881 / reservations@thequisby.com / <u>thequisby.com</u> 1225 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70130

HI New Orleans - Opening February 2019: Located on Canal Street in the heart of New Orleans' downtown, about 15 minutes from <u>lowernine.org</u>. HI offers private rooms, shared dormitory rooms, an onsite café with outdoor patio, free breakfast, free wifi, tours and activities, private bathrooms, bike and luggage storage, and 24-hour reception. If visiting in July and August, consider applying for their <u>Great Hostel Give Back Program</u>, which allows volunteer groups to stay for free (accepted on rolling basis, apply 6 months - 2 weeks ahead of stay). Base rate \$35/person/night, group rates available from groups@hiusa.org

Contact: 504-603-3850 / neworleans@hiusa.org / <u>hiusa.org/hostels/louisiana/new-orleans</u> 1028 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal (CELSJR) @ the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans (FUNNO): Dorm-style bunk rooms, divided by gender, minors 14+ welcome. Includes social justice educational programming. Located Uptown at Claiborne and Jefferson, about 20 minutes drive from lowernine.org. Daily breakfast, lunch Mon - Fri, dinner Mon - Wed. \$45/person/night. Capacity: 30. Contact: 504-866-4170 / celsjr.org/faqs 5212 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115

United Saints Recovery Project: Volunteer bunkhouse located in Central City, about 20 minutes from lowernine.org. Three meals a day. \$45/person/night. Capacity: 100. Apply online. Contact: 504-233-8883 / volunteer@unitedsaints.org / unitedsaints.org/housing-only 2309 Dryades St, New Orleans, LA 70113 **North Rampart Community Center:** Bunk bed style volunteer housing. Located on the edge of the French Quarter, about two miles from lowernine.org. Need to supply own food and paper products. \$20/person/night (rate may change based on volunteers using supplies).

Contact: 504-237-7341 / <u>parker@northrampartcommunity.com</u> / <u>northrampartcommunity.com</u> 1130 N Rampart St, New Orleans, LA 70116

HandsOn Bunkhouse: Dorm style housing, communal living, laundry and wifi. In Mid City, close to streetcar for easy access to downtown, 20 minute drive from lowernine.org. Breakfast and lunch provided. \$35-40/person/night. Capacity: 38. Contact: 504-827-6854 / housing@handsonneworleans.org / handsonneworleans.org/guesthouse/ 2515 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70119

Camp Restore: Volunteer bunk house in New Orleans East, includes project coordination. Three meals a day during the week, no dinner Friday and Saturday nights. \$40/person/night, \$25/person/night on Friday and Saturday. Contact: 504-242-2636 / <u>info@camprestore.org</u> / <u>camprestore.org/accommodations</u> 9301 Chef Menteur Highway, New Orleans, LA 70127

Operation Nehemiah: All ages welcome, dorm-style, gender-divided bunks. Two facilities, both about 15 minutes drive from lowernine.org. Three meals a day. \$24/person/night. Contact: Fred Franke / 504-782-3337 / <u>ffranke@cox.net</u> / <u>operationnehemiah.com</u> 400 N Rampart St # 2, New Orleans, LA 70112

Marrus' House: A friend of lowernine.org who lives 1.5 miles from our office has a small guest house available for short-term stays (a week or less) for individuals, couples, or families. Small studio with kitchen, bathroom, and loft. Minors 12+ welcome, no smoking indoors, and the guest house shares a yard with Marrus' main house, so guests should be respectful yet sociable. Contact for availability and pricing. Contact: Marrus / 646-283-8816 / marrusart@gmail.com

India House Hostel: Dorm-style rooms (co-ed or single sex), off-street parking, wifi. Located in Mid City, about 20 minutes from lowernine.org. Full kitchen access. \$17-20/person/night for bunks in shared rooms. Sign up online, or email for group sign ups.

Contact: 504-821-1904 / <u>info@indiahousehostel.com</u> / <u>indiahousehostel.com</u> 124 South Lopez Street, New Orleans, LA 70119

Other Accommodations

For guests interested in more privacy or amenities than our volunteer house or other bunkhouses afford, there are many **hotels** and **Airbnbs** in New Orleans. The **St. Charles Guest House**, **Lamothe House**, the **Burgundy Bed and Breakfast**, and **Hotel Provincial** are all within a 20 minute drive of the Lower Ninth Ward and have reasonable rates for rooms.

There are Airbnbs very close to us in the **Holy Cross** area of the Lower Ninth Ward; the downriver views from the Mississippi River levee are one of the best-kept secrets in New Orleans, but there are very few restaurants and businesses here. If your objective is to be able to walk out the front door and access the usual New Orleans activities, staying in the **Marigny** or **Bywater** or close to the **French Quarter** may be a better fit. The **Lower Garden District** and **Mid City** are also popular locations, though a bit further away.

Please take the time to fully vet your Airbnb host and consider the impact your housing choice has on permanent local residents. Seek out <u>properly licensed homes</u> with a host that is a local and owns few/no other properties (<u>note that Airbnbs</u> <u>are fully prohibited in the French Quarter and Garden District</u>). The sheer number of Airbnbs in residential neighborhoods, often owned by out-of-state developers, is <u>driving up rent</u>. Workers hired to manage and clean Airbnbs do not have access to the protections and benefits that conventional hotel workers do. Please consider the other accommodation options on this list, and proceed carefully if you must Airbnb.