

What To Pack

West Monroe

March 7-14, 2026



On Behalf of all of us here at BTS let me say thank you for making this West Monroe, LA Deployment happen. I say it every time we deploy because it's true... we are never happy about the need to deploy but when there is a need, we are eager to respond. Being with you, our dear friends is the upside to these deployments. There has been so much tragedy and hurt in this area and I believe HE is pleased with your faithfulness.

In an effort to make your deployment as effective, efficient, and safe as possible, we have prepared these guidelines.

Personal Items

- Sleeping Bag and/or sheet(s) and a pillow. A blanket (or two) if you need one for sleeping.**
- Air mattress or Cot if desired. We will be sleeping on the floor at our host church.**
- We have found that the “high-top” blow up mattresses are by far worth the investment. MAKE SURE YOU ONLY BRING A “TWIN SIZE” MATTRESS. Sleeping quarters can be very tight and NO ONE will be happy if you bring a full size mattress. BTS does have 4 or 5 cots available for use if you want to use one. YOU MUST LET LESLIE KNOW (727-709-1754)**
- Towels and wash clothes**
- Toilet articles including soap and shampoo**
- Drivers license for ID purposes if you have one... if not some kind of picture ID**
- Cash and/or credit/debit cards (needed only for incidentals, souvenirs, etc.)** **Health insurance card if you have one.**
- Personal Snacks if you have special needs or desires**
- Flashlight (optional)**

Clothes

Just Remember this as you think “what clothes do I take.” Temperatures are projected to be in the 50*-65* day time (mid 40's mornings). It's usually a good idea to bring a jacket. Sometimes sleeping quarters can be cold or hot. Prepare for cold & warm weather. AND a light blanket or throw for the bus could help too.

- We will work in long pants. NO shorts.**
- SP will provide shirts for daytime (required) but they may be short sleeves. So bring a long sleeve shirt to wear under your SP shirt (if desired).**
- We will provide work gloves.**
- You will NOT be allowed to wear “open toed” shoes or sandals. Hard soled shoes are desirable.**

Health and Medical Items

- Prescription and over the counter medicine for the expected length of stay**
- Sunscreen if you want or need it.**
- Extra pair of glasses or contacts if applicable.**