

**Extended Disaster Relief
UNC-Chapel Hill Student Organization**

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UNC Disaster Relief Club Hosts ‘Remember the Gulf Coast’ Week

CHAPEL HILL — UNC-Chapel Hill student organization Extended Disaster Relief hosts the first-ever ‘Remember the Gulf Coast’ week, April 9 – 14. Students and community members are encouraged to participate in events and eat at contributing Franklin Street restaurants to benefit the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

UNC-Chapel Hill is one of 35 college campuses hosting an awareness week as part of the [Post-Katrina College Summit](#). The summit will be a nationwide, weeklong effort to raise awareness about the Gulf Coast through documentary showings, speakers, rallies, petition drives, and other events. The Summit is an attempt to catapult New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf Coast back into the national consciousness and to promote federal legislation to provide civic work jobs to displaced Gulf Coast citizens to rebuild their own communities.

The week’s activities kick-off Monday night at 7 p.m. with a vigil on the steps of Wilson Library on the UNC campus. The vigil will honor victims of Hurricane Katrina that have relocated to the Triangle area.

“We are aiming to raise awareness of the ongoing tragedy that is the gulf coast,” said Mary Small, the founder of Extended Disaster Relief. “EDR and Remember the Gulf Coast week is our way of reminding students and the Chapel Hill community that issues remain unresolved.”

The Chapel Hill community is encouraged to eat at the participating restaurants, all of which agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds to Extended Disaster Relief and the gulf coast. (See attached schedule for a list of participating restaurants and their corresponding days.)

“This is a great way for people to help rebuild the Gulf Coast without ever leaving Chapel Hill,” said Laura Williamson, co-chair of Extended Disaster Relief. “We have a selection of restaurants that appeal to a broad range of tastes, so there is no excuse for not participating!”

Other activities throughout the week include a viewing of “When The Levees Broke”, a film by Spike Lee on Thursday at 7 p.m. and a ‘What next?’ discussion panel on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Both events are being held in Greenlaw, room 431. Students and community members are encouraged to stop by Polk Place during the week between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to learn more about the issues surrounding the hurricane and rebuilding efforts.

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Remember the Gulf Coast Week: Schedule of Events

Extended Disaster Relief, UNC-Chapel Hill

Monday:

Vigil to Stand in Solidarity with Residents of the Gulf Coast, Steps of Wilson Library (7pm)

Eat at *Boleros* (5% of proceeds) or *Mediterranean Deli* (10%)

Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Tuesday

Go to Bar Night at Jack Sprat

Eat at *Firehouse Subs* (10%)

Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Wednesday

Discussion Panel: “What Now?: Rebuilding the Gulf Coast” UNC Campus,
Greenlaw 431(7 p.m.)

Eat at *Spanky’s* (10%)

Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Thursday

Screening of “When the Levees Broke”, UNC Campus, Greenlaw 431 (7 p.m.)

Eat at *Mediterranean Deli* (5%)

Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)