Resource Guide

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TX

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Shelter · Standby

Evacuation Shelter, Church

801 N. 13th St, Corsicana, TX 75110

Phone (903) 872–8105
Web cornerstonebc.net
Serves LaPorte, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Gustave Evacuee's from LaPorte, TX
Service Temporary

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Gustav spurs local plans

County prepares for possible gulf evacuations

By Bob Belcher

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Also being planned for — the evacuation of household pets. Should it be needed, the Navarro County Youth Exposition Center could be utilized, Meyers said. Plans were being drawn up for that possibility Thursday.

Another part of the state’s emergency plan is the possible “contra–flow” of Interstate 45, last seen during Hurricane’s Katrina and Rita. Should a large–scale evacuation of the Texas coast be ordered, all lanes of Interstate 45 would be converted to northbound lanes, starting in the Houston–Galveston area and working north through Navarro County and into Ellis County, Meyers explained. State officials said that order could come as early as Sunday, based on what path Gustav eventually takes.

All of that is still a series of lines on a forecast map — lines that can change by the hour based on the latest satellite data and computer projections. Those projections show a “possible” strike zone stretching from Mississippi to South Texas. Gustav’s move over the warmer Gulf Coast waters could not only alter the path, but strengthen the storm as it approaches the United States.

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Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Gustav
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Navarro Youth Exposition Center

Animal Shelter · Standby

Pet Friendly Evacuation Shelter

4021 W. Hwy 22, Corsicana, TX 75110

Phone Phone: (903) 872-7600
Web www.navarroexpocenter.com
Serves La Porte, TX
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Services offered: Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Gustav
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Northside Baptist Church

Shelter · Standby

Evacuation Shelter, Church
2800 N. Beaton Street, Corsicana, TX 75110

Phone (903) 872-5601
Web www.nbchurch.net
Serves La Porte, TX
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