



Senior Trip to New Orleans, Louisiana September 2008

Overview

In September, the senior class will travel to New Orleans, Louisiana. While there, our IB coordinator, Rachel Hovington, will help the students finalize their Extended Essays, and our counselors, Lori Jordan and Nicole Shaub, will ready them for college applications and interviews. In addition, it is intended that students will experience the sites, sounds, smells and tastes of "The Big Easy", learn about the causes, devastation and recovery efforts involving Hurricane Katrina and, as part of a class-wide CAS effort, participate in an activity concerned with post-Katrina restoration.

The class will depart AIS in two buses at noon on Wednesday, September 17, and will arrive in New Orleans after approximately eight to nine hours on the road. Students will be provided pizza for the journey, but will be encouraged to bring snacks. Students will stay in New Orleans for four nights, and will have returned to AIS campus Sunday evening, September 21 (exact time will determine on traffic). The trip, which will include lodging on all nights, meals and activities, will cost each student **\$400 dollars**. (Checks made payable to AIS). Students may also want to bring some money for souvenirs.

What to Pack

Students should pack economically but practically: preferably one reasonably sized bag per student. **Students will need to bring:** appropriate clothing (suitable for walking around outside, attending a restaurant and a jazz performance and getting dirty doing manual work); walking shoes; work boots/hiking shoes; appropriate toiletries; essential medication; relevant supplies/paperwork for work on Extended Essays. Students might also want to consider sun screen, a hat, a bathing suit, a camera, an umbrella, etc.

Expectations

As with any school-related field trip, the school rules and expectations will still be upheld during our stay in New Orleans. We expect the students to behave like mature and responsible young adults. Any infractions will be dealt with swiftly and seriously; the student will be sent home and will receive the appropriate consequence from the Upper School administration upon returning to school. Safety will be considered a priority and any behavior that could potentially place any member of the AIS community in harm will be considered with the utmost of seriousness.

Dates to Remember

Friday, September 5: Provide money & permission forms to Ms. Stabler.

Wednesday, September 10: Meet with EE supervisor before fieldtrip.

September 17 – 21: Fieldtrip in New Orleans