

International Field Trip – Belize

Meeting #2 Notes – EB 223

Friday, November 16th, 2012

3:00 – 5:00

International Field Placement Application is due by DECEMBER 7th

1. Friday DECEMBER 7th is DEADLINE
2. Deposit - Pay at office of International Programs- Friday Annex- warehouse. Cost=\$225
3. Will need an ID size photo printed on the back, academic transcript- print from Seonet
4. Turn in application on the third floor. Turn left once you enter door to the Educational Leadership Department. Have grad students put Dr. Kubasko or Dr. Catapano's box.
5. Make sure to go to OIP first to get receipt, and also turn that in.

Administrative Items

1. Register for Belize class
2. Get a PASSPORT ASAP, if you have not already done so!!!
3. Financial Aid- a link on the website
4. Next Meeting= Monday DECEMBER 10th, 3:00-5:00, Room TBD.
5. When you buy your international travel ticket, please send to Dr. C your travel information (departure and arrival day and times). Send copy of ticket.
6. Email Dr. C about who you want to be your roommate. Also, send an email if you do not know who your roommate is. You can switch roommates during trip.

Issues and Concerns:

1. You get 1 warning (in a letter). After that you WILL go home.
2. You could lose NC teaching licensure and graduation could be into question

The way this will happen:

1. You do not go to schools or leave early or show up late
2. You abuse alcohol or partying
3. Informal curfew during weekday is MIDNIGHT- don't cross the line
4. NOOOO drugs- NO warning!
5. If you get kicked out, you have to find our own way home.

Emergency Services:

1. You will get insurance through UNCW- cost is built into trip cost.
2. There are doctors on the island- they are good.

3. If big issue you can be flown into Belize City or Miami.

Social media:

1. Be CAREFUL! Use good judgment.
2. Especially watch your pictures, and what others post (be careful tagging people on Facebook). Review your privacy settings.
3. Check FB before you go for red flags. Pictures, posts, friends, etc
4. It is your choice, but even pictures of you in a bathing suit, or a drink could be seen as inappropriate.
5. Blogs are micromanaged. They are for school/trip purposes. Instructors review them on a weekly basis.

Safety:

1. Be CAREFUL and always travel with a friend, especially in the evenings.
2. We are located on a 3rd floor of the Hostel
3. There is a security guard at the Hostel from early evening to early morning.
4. Keep all valuables (money, passport, wallet, phone, computer, etc.) away from your room windows.
5. Never leave a friend behind at a restaurant, house, etc.!

Finances:

1. Fundraiser committee will begin to work to raise money
2. Budget \$3,000-4,000- depends on your life style
3. We will discuss in great detail on Monday, December 10th.

Heat:

1. It is HOT! We will discuss how to dress appropriately and how to prepare for the Central American sun.
2. Good idea to always wear sunscreen and a hat.

Our Video Projects:

1. We will have to make a video of our experience in groups of 2-3, we we watch some past student products to prepare us for the documentary.
2. We will provide flip cameras for all data recording, but don't hesitate to collect your own images and video on your smartphones.

Committees:

1. Chose committees from the pool of committees available (6 total, no more that 4 to each group)
2. A description of each committee's duties is posted on the web page. We will discuss more details at next meeting as well as ask each committee to plan forward.

We will all carry 2 bags, 1 is for you, the other is full of materials and then whatever else you need.

Student Teaching:

1. You make sure the partnership teacher knows all of the details about what you are doing and your responsibilities. Most importantly for your internship semester next Spring as well as your placement in Belize.
2. Try to get your partnership teachers and your kids to buy into the field experience...promise that you will return and share the experience with your class.
3. Make sure your supervisor in the States also understands what the experience entails and buys into the field experience
4. Students begin their field experience in the schools on January 2nd!!! Interns will only observe that first week.
5. Begin phase in January 9th, this is also Dr. K's BIRTHDAY and he expects a party! LOL!
6. March 12th is LAST DAY IN THE SCHOOLS (Tuesday)
7. Make sure that your supervisor and Partnership Teacher know your internship schedule
8. Travel Itinerary is posted online. Please feel free to share with your family.
9. MARCH 13th - WEDNESDAY is our full day Pre-Departure meeting, 9 A.M-3 P.M