

First Belize Meeting
Friday, October 18, 2013

What we need to turn in

- By December 1st turn in the following to Kevin Derajtys in Room 386 or email to him at kmd4762@uncw.edu :
 - Belize Teaching Licensure Application
 - Drug Test for Cocaine and Marijuana
 - Copy of Passport

What is this Trip?

- International Field Experience not a “trip”
- Post-internship
- Finish internship before leaving for Belize
- Enrolled in a 3 credit class
- Paired with a partnership teacher and school
- Observe, work in small group instruction and eventually teach

When?

- March 26-May 3
- 3 meetings in the fall and 3 in the spring as well as one pre-departure meeting

Where?

- Belize in Central America (Belize City, San Pedro, San Ignacio)
- Speak 3 main languages: primarily Spanish, English (official language) Creole
- Know for the tropical reef (2nd largest reef system in the world), Mayan ancient civilizations, and a vast system of mountains with tropical rain forests.

Who?

- K-12 music education, special education, elementary education, secondary education, middle grades education, MAT
- Dr. Kubasko and Dr. Catapano
- Doctorial students who come for 10 days who we will get to meet and allow them to shadow us in our class. They can potentially recommend us for jobs once we are back in the states.
- Elementary MAT students who will observe and visit our classrooms
- Dr. McNulty will be coming with these students
- Other faculty from the Watson College and across the UNCW campus

Why?

- Reinforce or see that international travel and teaching internationally is possible and rewarding
- Can provide the opportunity to see we want to teach internationally for a few years

Meetings

- Develop committees that we will all be a part of: Fundraising, materials we will bring, running the Facebook page, etc.

Ministry of Education Application

- Leave the school assignment, email, phone number and Belize assignment blank
- Length of internship- 5 weeks
- Arrival and Departure- March 26 to May 3

- Put a home phone and mailing address while in Belize
- [Moe.gov.bz](http://moe.gov.bz) - Ministry of Education website which can also be found on Dr. K webpage for Belize. You can find the curriculum for the schools on this website and also information if you are considering wanting to teach internationally

International Field Experience to Belize Webpage

<http://people.uncw.edu/kubaskod/international.html>

- Meeting dates are posted
- Schedule for field experience and other information will become highlighted as it becomes available
- Student teaching schedule will be figured out by Cindy Wiseman for each specific area of student teaching
- Once field experience placement has been provided, make sure partnership teacher understands the requirements of our internship since it is a little different than a normal internship.
- Also make sure your supervisor and other departmental staff understands the requirements
- Field experience schedule will provide an itinerary of the trip.
- Other links- Tourism link will talk about the excursions
- Links to all the schools but only some have websites
- Links to the newspapers
- Taco Girl blog- Voluntourism link will talk about different organizations our groups can choose from for our service project but there will also be other resources for this.

Travel Budget

- Use a website like yapta to track flights for cheap
- Pay for the plane from wherever you want to leave to Belize City now and we will book the plane from Belize City to San Pedro a few weeks before we leave. This will be paid for once we are in Belize and paid for through the hotel hostile to get 10% off the price of the plane.
- Biggest cost will be accommodations- about \$25 per day per student
- Excursions including the accommodations, transportation and the actual activity
- Bike rental, first and last dinner and travel insurance (which includes health and emergency evacuation) are all part of what we pay for and is not extra
- About \$3,500-\$4,000
- Only \$2,500 will show up as student fees in our accounts

International Programs Website

<http://www.uncw.edu/international/>

- Study abroad scholarships- DUE January 15
- Office of International Studies is located in Friday Annex
- Applications: Must apply by November 15 at 3:00 PM
- Short term application
- \$250 deposit that is part of the amount billed to us on our accounts
- Region: The Americas

- Program: Study Abroad
- Term: Short Term Spring