

International Field Trip – Belize

Meeting Agenda – McAlister's Deli

Friday, March 7th, 2014 (4:00 – 6:00)

- I. 4:00 - 4:20 Food and Informal Conversations
- II. 4:30 – 4:40 Upcoming Schedule
 - Pre-Departure Meeting – Monday, March 24th (9-3)
 - Guest Speakers
 - This is a mandatory meeting for everyone and there will be many items discussed at this meeting prior to departure to Belize
 - Donations for the schools will be collected and distributed
 - Depart for Belize – Wednesday, March 26th (Morning)
 - Informal survey of departure points (Raleigh, Charlotte, Myrtle Beach and Wilmington)
 - Arrival times; most students arrive in the morning while a few arrive in the afternoon
 - Plan for the 'puddle jumper' flight from the international airport in Belize City to San Pedro
 - Take a taxi from the airport to Pedro's...shouldn't be more than 5US (10 Belize) at most
 - Travel together
- III. 4:40 – 4:50 Student Teaching Internship
 - Plan for student exchanges
 - Do you want your kids to exchange some things with their Belizean counterparts and vice versa?

- Do you want to set up a pen pal relationship (i.e. letters, email, Facebook)?
- Plan for student communication
 - You are encouraged to share your BLOG site with parents, friends, partner teacher and US students
 - We will set up the BLOG on Monday, March 24th together and have to have one post prior to leaving

IV. 4:50 – 5:00 – Field Experience Updates

- Itinerary
 - <http://people.uncw.edu/kubaskod/international.html>
 - Feel free to share this document with your family, friends, peers and students
 - There is lots of information that pertain to the trip found within
- Budget
 - Monetary Preparation
 - I've posted an summary of the detailed budget on the webpage
 - Be prepared to manage your money effectively
 - Posting to Student Accounts
 - Be sure to pay your student fees and bills

V. 5:00 – 5:30 Administrative Items

- Write down your credit/debit card numbers and phone numbers to cancel
 - Be sure to make electronic copies of all information; save to an accessible harddrive and email them electronically to yourself
- You do not need to exchange money

- You can pay with \$US just about anywhere, but you will be given Belize Dollars in return
- Check with your bank about fees for making withdrawals in Belize
 - Do this prior to departing the country
- Check with your phone service provider to find out about international calling charges
 - Best not to use your cell phone while in the country; easier to use free platforms like Skype, Facetime, etc.
- Our recommendation is for you to fly from Belize City to San Pedro when we get into Belize
 - For the small difference in cost, this is the easiest and most efficient route to take

VI. 5:30 – 6:00 – Committee Meetings

VII. Conclusions

- All IFE to Belize students need to sign the “Study Abroad to Belize-Student Disposition Expectations”