

3R's 2009

Schedule of Activities

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May 26 (Tues) Introduction: The Delta and the River

7:30 AM – 12 AM

- a. Registration (7:30 – 8 AM)
- b. Welcome from the organizers (Jobe 102) (8 AM)
- c. Welcome from the Cleveland/Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce
- d. Self-presentations
- e. Introduction to the Delta (Luther Brown, Mark Bonta)
- f. Introduction to the class (rules, guidelines, assignments, etc.)
- g. Breaking into groups

12 PM – 1 PM: *Lunch on your own*

1:30 PM: The Mississippi River

- h. Tour of the Port of Rosedale with David Work
- i. Board a Janoush towboat for a ride on the Mississippi River. Bring sunscreen and water to drink!!

May 27 (Wed) Utopia, Gambling, and the Flood

8 AM

- a. Watch *Fatal Flood* (documentary on the 1927 Flood)

9:15 AM – 5 PM: Field Trip to Tunica

- b. Historic Mound Bayou and Old Highway 61
- c. Stop at Yazoo Pass (Civil War plaque)

11:30 AM: *Lunch at Fitzgerald's Casino (\$9.85)*

- d. Self-guided tour of the RiverPark museum
- e. Walk the grounds and the nature trail (optional)

3:30 PM

- f. Yazoo/Mississippi Delta Levee Board, Clarksdale
- g. Watch *Wrath of God* (documentary on the 1927 Flood) on the bus

May 28 (Thu) The Levee, The Mounds, and the Blues

8 AM: Leave for Greenville

9 AM

- a. Visit to Mississippi Delta Levee Board and tour of the levee at Warfield Point Park with Peter Nimrod

11 AM

- b. Visit Mounds Landing, site of the levee break during the 1927 Flood

11:30 AM: *Plate lunch at the Scott Store (Price TBA)*

1 PM

- c. Tour of Monsanto's Delta and Pine Land agricultural research center in Scott

2 PM

- d. Winterville Mounds State Archaeological Park with Jan Taylor

4 PM

- e. Tour the BB King Blues Museum in Indianola

May 29 (Fri) Farming, Civil Rights, and the Crossroads

8 AM

- a. Watch *Raising Cotton*

9 AM

- b. Visit to Dockery Farms (sharecropping, company farm, development of the blues)
- c. Peavine Railroad and Crossroads

10:30 AM

- d. Visit to Ruleville (Civil Rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial)

11:30 AM: *Lunch at the Senator's Place in Cleveland (\$8.00)*

1:30 PM

- e. Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Water Management District, Stoneville

3:30 PM

- f. Visit Aguzzi Farms (modern-day agriculture)

May 30 (Sat) Work Day # 1 @ DSU

8 AM

- a. Watch and discuss *Lalee's Kin: The Legacy of Cotton*

10:30 AM: Break

11 AM

- B. ORIENTATION FOR ACTIVITY BOOK PROJECTS**

12 PM: *Lunch on your own*

1: 00 PM

- C. GROUPS WORK ON ACTIVITY BOOKS ON THEIR OWN**

June 1 (Mon) Railroads, Catfish, and Giant Cypress Trees

7:30 AM: Travel to Greenwood

9 AM – 10 AM

- a. Illinois Central Railroad trip to Yazoo City

10 AM – 11 AM

- b. Tour historic Yazoo City: Triangle Cultural Center with historian Sam Olden

11AM: Lunch at Stubbs Restaurant (\$8.27)

12 PM: Leave for Belzoni

12:30 P.M. Belzoni area

- c. Catfish Capitol & Jaketown Museum
- d. Short walk at Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area (giant trees)

3 PM: Greenwood area

- e. Cottonlandia Museum
- f. Walking tour of Howard Street, Greenwood

June 2 (Tues) Singing, Painting, and Mapping the Delta

8 AM

- a. Delta Blues Breakfast with Dr. Luther Brown

10 AM

- b. Mapping the Delta at the Center for Geospatial Information Technologies (GIS, GPS, Google Earth)

12 PM: Lunch on your own

1 PM

- c. Painting the Delta (Duncan Baird, DSU art instructor)

3 PM

- D. CONTINUE WORKING ON ACTIVITY BOOKS**

June 3 (Wed) The Great Migration

7:30 AM: Leave for Memphis

- b. Watch *Goin' to Chicago* on bus
- c. Walk along the scale model of the River at Mud Island

11:30 PM: Lunch at Neely's Barbeque (order from the menu)

1 PM

- d. Visit Stax Museum of American Soul Music

2 PM

- e. Visit the National Civil Rights Museum

4 PM

- f. Visit Beale Street and Peabody Hotel

June 4 (Thu) Religion, Ethnicity, and Interstate 69

7:30 AM: Leave for Greenville

8:30 AM

a. Mt. Horeb Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Albert Calvin

9:15 AM

b. St. Matthew's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Wilson

10 AM

c. Chinese community and cemetery with Cathy Wong

11:15 AM

d. African American cemetery, Holt Collier's grave

12:00 PM Lunch at Bucks (Price TBA)

1 PM

e. Hebrew Union Temple tour with Benji Nelkins

2:30 PM

f. Catholic Church with Father Summers

3:30 PM

g. Meeting on Interstate 69 with Claiborne Barnwell, MS Highway Commission Agent

June 5 (Fri) Work Day # 2 @ DSU

8 AM – 2 PM

A. FINISH ACTIVITY BOOKS

2 PM - 4 PM

b. Wrap-up and evaluations

WORK GROUPS & GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITY BOOKS

This workshop's main goal is for participating teachers to create Geography Activity Books (Toolkits) that they can use in their schools. On the first Tuesday, teachers will be put into groups of four or five, according to the grade levels and subjects they teach. Each group will be responsible for a section of the completed activity book. Books should include activities that incorporate **geography** into the 3 Rs of Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic.

Keys to producing an excellent quality activity book:

- READ the materials in the readers. Though these are not required for day-to-day comprehension, they will be referred to during the course
- Take copious notes
- Ask questions frequently
- Ask for clarification
- Gather all free materials you find (at museums, etc.)
- Take digital photos, if you can.

On workdays – May 30th and June 5th (and on free evenings and Sunday, where possible) -- each group will design Learning Exercises and Lesson Plans that incorporate the previous days' activities. DSU resources will also be available to help—the Archives, the Library, computers, Internet, printers, etc.

Groups should design materials appropriate to their grade levels. There is no set format for the Activity Book—teachers are the experts and know what is most appropriate for their students.

The final draft of the work will be concluded on the afternoon of June 5th and will be turned in to the Delta Center. DSU will then print up the Activity Books and distribute them in a timely fashion.

GROUND RULES & SUGGESTIONS

- It is expected that at all participants will take part in all activities, unless the activity is clearly identified as “optional” or “on your own.”
- Please accommodate your personal schedule to this workshop rather than the other way around.
- A bus will be provided for all trips, and all participants are expected to ride in it rather than in their own vehicles. On some stops everyone will get off the bus; on other stops, getting off will be optional; there will also be stops where no one

gets off. PLEASE enter and exit the bus in a timely fashion, as we are full to capacity.

- Students will pay for all meals except as indicated on the syllabus. Please contact Lee Aylward for more specific price indications (laylward@deltastate.edu). If you are on a strict budget, you may want to bring sack lunches. In general, restaurant lunch costs will not exceed \$10.
- Please wear appropriate clothing on field trip days. This includes a strong sun block and mosquito repellent, long pants, drinking water, a hat, and durable footwear. Though we can't guarantee whether it will be sunny rather than rainy, we can certainly guarantee it will be hot and steamy, so please come prepared!
- We ask for some flexibility in terms of the scheduling. Though we have endeavored to define all activity times and places as accurately as possible, we realize that there may be some setbacks and program changes, and will inform you promptly of these as they come up.
- Please discuss any personal issue, complaint, suggestion, problem, etc. with Dr. Bonta, Dr. Brown, or Ms. Aylward as appropriate, in a timely fashion.