
Stephen Wise Southwest Border Mission

Draft Itinerary

Please remember that this schedule will be updated and is subject to change until the mission's start.

Day 1: Sunday

- Depart from New York, arrive in Tucson, Arizona.
 - Flight options include:
 - Delta, EWR, 7:05 am – 11:41 a.m.
 - American, LGA, 7:30 a.m. – 11:48 a.m.
 - American, LGA, 9:00 a.m. – 1:04 p.m.
- If a group takes the same flight in, we will arrange to be picked up by charter bus to take us to our hotel. Otherwise we will meet at the hotel in the hotel lobby at 4 p.m.
- Travel to BorderLinks.
- Orientation at BorderLinks
 - Introduction to the program;
 - Setting agreements and expectations; and
 - Workshop on the history of the border.
- Dinner at BorderLinks with John Fife.

John Fife is a former pastor of Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson and one of the founding members of the Sanctuary Movement. His activism has spanned several decades – from fighting for civil rights with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to safe-housing Central American refugees in the U.S. He can speak to the local issues regarding the border as well as global movements and how we can be a part of building a more just future.

Day 2: Monday

Breakfast provided by hotel and/or BorderLinks.

- Depart for Arivaca
 - Travel: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- Participate in Desert Walk with No More Deaths volunteer
 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Presentation with People Helping People. Meet with individuals working on their asylum pleas.
 - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Depart for Nogales. Packed lunch while in transit (provided by BorderLinks).
 - Travel from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Arrive in Nogales and visit the Kino Border Initiative. Interact with individuals receiving assistance there.
 - 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Depart for Tucson, hotel.
 - 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Reflection.
 - 6:30 – 7:15 pm
- Dinner on their own/as a group in Tucson.

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People Helping People is an Arivaca community organization that was formed in 2012 by a core group of residents involved in providing humanitarian aid in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. People Helping People is involved in several community projects. They co-sponsor the Arivaca Humanitarian Aid Office where locals and visitors can access humanitarian aid resources, including food, water, medical supplies, clothing, and more. PHP regularly hosts events and educational workshops in the community, such as Know Your Rights Trainings, Medical Trainings, Spanish Classes, and various presentations about the border/prison industrial complex and other border crises topics.

No More Deaths is a diverse coalition of individuals, faith communities, human rights advocates, and grassroots organizers who have joined together to work for justice along the U.S. - Mexico border. They embrace an action plan that includes movable desert camps, support of migrant aid centers, maintenance of water stations, patrols that search the desert for migrants in need, and advocacy on behalf of migrant-related issues.

The Kino Border Initiative (KBI) is a binational organization that works in the area of migration and is located in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The KBI's vision is to help make humane, just, workable migration between the U.S. and Mexico a reality. Its mission is to promote US/Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of the human person and a spirit of bi-national solidarity through: direct humanitarian assistance and accompaniment with migrants; social and pastoral education with communities on both sides of the border; and participation in collaborative networks that engage in research and advocacy to transform local, regional, and national immigration policies.

Notes: *Please pack sturdy hiking boots, jeans, sun hat, water bottle and fine toothed comb (for cactus needles) for desert hike.*

Additionally, make sure that you pack your passport or other state-issued ID (driver's license) as we will be traveling through an inland checkpoint.

Day 3: Tuesday

Breakfast on your own or at the hotel.

- Mass Incarceration, Immigration Detention, and For-Profit Corporations Workshop.
 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Operation Streamline Presentation with Lois Martin, End Operation Streamline Coalition.
 - 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Depart from Operation Streamline. Packed lunch while in transit (provided by BorderLinks).
 - 11:30 – 12:15 pm
- Attend Operation Streamline Proceedings
 - 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Meeting with Public Defender, Judge, and the ACLU of Tucson to learn about the historical and legal context of the migration crisis.
 - 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Visitation at Mariposas Sin Fronteras. Interact with LGBTQ detainees and receive training on visitation.

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- 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Travel back to hotel.
 - 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Reflection.
 - 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 pm
- Dinner on their own/as a group in Tucson.

Operation Streamline, which began in Tucson in January of 2008, is a zero-tolerance program targeting illegal entrants apprehended along the Arizona border with Mexico. Based on other initiatives begun in Del Rio, Texas, and Yuma, Arizona, the initiative aims to process migrants with misdemeanors and deport them, thus setting the stage for stiffer and longer penalties for repeat offenders.

Mariposas Sin Fronteras is a Tucson-based group that seeks to end the systemic violence and abuse of LGBTQ people held in prison and immigration detention. They envision a society that no longer finds solutions in the system of immigration detention or the prison industrial complex. As they work toward that goal, they support LGBTQ people currently detained in Eloy and Florence, Arizona, through visits, letters, bond support, advocacy, and housing upon freedom from detention.

Day 4: Wednesday

Breakfast on your own at Borderlinks or at the hotel.

- Leave for Florence
 - Travel from 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 am
- Meeting with Florence Project at their offices
 - 9:15 am – 10:15 am
- Register for visitations at ICE detention center in Florence
 - 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Picnic Lunch
 - 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Visitation to ICE detention center.
 - 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Programming in progress to visit either Southwest Key, or Border Patrol/Customs**
 - 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Return to Tucson
 - Travel from 4:30 p.m. - 5:45 pm
- Letter Writing Activity (Follow-up from Visits, Thank You Letters, and Group Photo)
 - 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 pm
- Return to hotel
 - 6:45 pm – 7:15 pm
- Reflection
 - 7:15 pm – 7:45 pm
- Dinner on their own/as a group in Tucson

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Notes: Leggings and hoodies are not permitted within the detention center. Please plan to dress accordingly. Avoid bringing sharp metal objects as we will go through a metal detector. You will need a state-issued id when entering

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), formerly known as Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS), is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the second largest investigative agency in the federal government. Created in 2003 through a merger of the investigative and interior enforcement elements of the U.S. Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, ICE now has more than 20,000 employees in offices in all 50 states and 48 foreign countries.

The Florence Project is a nonprofit legal service organization that provides free legal services to men, women and children detained by ICE. Although the government assists indigent criminal defendants and civil litigants through public defenders and legal aid attorneys, it does not provide attorneys for people facing deportation charges. As a result, 90 percent of the detained people go unrepresented due to poverty. The Florence Project strives to address this inequity both locally and nationally. They provide legal care through direct representation and by teaching people how to represent themselves.

Day 5: Thursday

Breakfast on your own or at the hotel.

- Presentation from Steve Kozachik. Council Member Kozachik is one of the few people to have had access to Southwest Key, an immigrant children's shelter program.
 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Travel to Congregation Or Chadash and speak with Rabbi Louchheim about the role of Jewish people in the migrant crisis and how we can engage in the issue further at home.
 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch on our own near the hotel.
- Check-out of the hotel and travel to the airport.

Southwest Key Programs is a nonprofit organization that operates shelters and detention facilities for unaccompanied immigrant minors and immigrant youth separated from their parents. It also provides youth justice alternative programming and educational programming.

Congregation Or Chadash is a warm and welcoming community where living Judaism flows, where newcomers feel welcome, where education reveals the age-old values that ennoble the spirit and promote well-being in all relationships. Their commitment to these values through their "Social Justice & Action" and "Our Caring Charvurah" committees promotes the general welfare we all strive for in our community and our country.