

**Sample Itinerary**

*Please remember that this schedule is always subject to change.*

**Day 1: Friday**

10:00 AM Airport pick-ups

-2:30 PM

12:30 PM Lunch at BorderLinks

03:30 PM BorderLinks Orientation

06:00 PM Dinner at BorderLinks with John Fife

Optional movie: “Who is Dayani Cristal?” or 13th

*Overnight at BorderLinks*

**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: Saturday**

Breakfast on your own at Borderlinks

08:00 AM Depart for Arivaca

09:30 AM Arrival in Arivaca/Desert Walk to Migrant Shrine w/ No More Deaths volunteer

11:30 AM Packed Lunch in Arivaca

12:30 PM Presentation with People Helping People

02:30 PM Depart for Nogales, AZ

03:30 PM Arrive in Nogales, AZ/ Border Wall Reflection

05:30 PM Depart for Tucson

06:30 PM Dinner at Borderlinks

07:30 PM Reflection

Evening : Please Complete reading from Todd Miller’s book “Border Patrol Nation”

*Overnight at BorderLinks*

**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 ion 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.

***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: Sunday**

Breakfast on your own at Borderlinks

09:30AM Mass Incarceration, Immigration Detention, and For-Profit Corporations Workshop

11:00 AM Operation Streamline Presentation with Lois Martin, End Operation Streamline Coalition 12:00 PM Lunch at BorderLinks

01:00 PM Attend Operation Streamline Proceedings

03:00 PM Meeting Public Defender

05:00 PM Dinner at BorderLinks

05:30 PM Visitation Training with Mariposas Sin Fronteras

07:00 PM Reflection

*Overnight at Borderlinks*

**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, AZ, the initiative aims to process 100 migrants with misdemeanors and deport them, thus setting the stage for stiffer and longer penalties for repeat offenders.

**Day 4: Monday**

Breakfast on your own at Borderlinks

08:00 AM Leave for Florence

09:30 AM Meeting with Florence Project at their offices

11:00 AM Register for visitations at ICE detention center in Florence

11:30 AM Picnic Lunch

12:30 PM Visitation (group 1)

01:45 PM Visitation (group 2)

03:00 PM Return to Tucson

04:30 PM Letter Writing Activity (Follow-up from Visits, Thank You Letters, and Group Photo)

06:00 PM Pupusa Dinner at Borderlinks with Mariposas Sin Fronteras

07:30 PM Reflection

*Overnight at Borderlinks*

***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*

**ICE** - Immigration and Customs Enforcement is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 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.

**Mariposas Sin Fronteras** is a collective that provides solidarity to LGBTQ people in detention through detention center visitations, letter-writing, bond fundraising, case support, advocacy and post-detention hospitality.

**The Florence Project** is a nonprofit legal service organization that provides free legal services to men, women and children detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), formerly known as the INS. 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 teaching people how to represent themselves

**Day 5: Tuesday**

08:40 AM Depart for Southside Workers’ Center

09:00 AM Presentation at Southside Workers’ Center

10:30 AM Return to Borderlinks/Presentation by Borderlinks Education Director

12:30 PM Lunch at BorderLinks

01:30 PM Action Planning

04:30 PM Scholarships A-Z Presention

05:30 PM Dinner at BorderLinks

06:30 PM Final Reflection

Overnight at Borderlinks

**The Southside** **Worker Center** runs daily out of Southside Presbyterian Church, helping to connect day labor workers, many of them Spanish-speaking immigrants, with employers. The primary functions of the program are to ensure that workers receive fair wages, prevent workers from being taken advantage of due to lack of documentation, and inform workers of their rights. It is volunteer-run and seeks to promote the development of leadership among the participants

## Scholarships A-Z is an organization founded by college students and advisors that connects students and families to educational scholarships and resources regardless of immigration status. They also offer community education about federal and state legislation around immigration and education

**Day 6: Wednesday**

07:15 AM – 11:30 PM Drop Off Times