

## 1. Germany--Culture and Language (June 9-June 20)

The group will depart from Boston on June 10 and travel to Göttingen, a city in central Germany. There we will take a one-week class at the Tandem Göttingen Language School. The school will organize stays with local host families, morning language classes, and afternoon excursions. The course dates are June 12—June 18. On the afternoon of June 18, the group will depart Göttingen and travel to Berlin. There we will stay in a hotel and experience the city of Berlin for 3 days. Activities will include visits to art and historical museums, walking tours of different neighborhoods and visits to major memorials and government sites. The group will depart Berlin on June 22 for Boston. Approximate cost \$2600-2800\*.

Trip requirements:

-Preference is given to heritage speakers or students who have completed level 2 or above.

## 2. Mississippi--Leadership Journey (June 9-June 14)

This trip is an opportunity to grow as a leader. Time in Mississippi will also deepen your individual knowledge of American history, culture, and activism. Why go to the Mississippi Delta? The Delta is the cradle of American culture. The Delta was the capital of the Cotton Empire, the birthplace of American music, the crucible of the Civil Rights movement, and is the front line of changing climate.

The trip will begin in Memphis with a visit to the Lorraine Motel, the site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination and then head to Oxford, Mississippi, with a visit to the home of William Faulkner, historical blue's sites, and the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss).

The heart of the journey rests at the Sunflower County Freedom Project (SCFP). A college-prep organization that steeped itself in the history of the Civil Rights movement. The center is located near the home of Fannie Lou Hamer who once said, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." She went toe to toe with Senator James O. Eastland and helped fight for black Mississippians to earn the right to register to vote. We will meet a group of student activists, who lobby their local schools and governments for an equal education and a right to be themselves. Past Freedom Fellows have collaborated with ACLU for LGBTQ rights and helped shape state-wide curriculum around sexual health and education. Our visit will be an academic exchange, where students will trade, build, and discover leadership strategies that can best shape our future.

The trip will then hit the road to visit the black utopian community of Mound Bayou, the gravesite of Robert Johnson, Dockery Farm, where many famous bluesmen plied their trade, the infamous grocery where Emmet Till was accused of his "wolf whistle," and we will end with much needed comfort by eating some of the best food this world has to offer.

The trip contains more than can be listed, but here are the basics: It will be hot. The food will be delicious, and the Delta's history, culture, and people will change us and make us better leaders. Approximate cost \$1300-1500\*.

### 3. Spain--Camino de Santiago (June 8-22)

The Camino de Santiago is a centuries old pilgrimage route through the northern part of Spain to the city of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. During the first week of the program, students will stay with local host families and take classes at the University of Santiago de Compostela in language, culture and the history of the Camino. During the second week, the group will walk 155 km along the Camino Francés experiencing first hand what it is to be a modern-day pilgrim. Approximate cost: \$3700-3900\*.

#### Trip Requirements:

- Preference is given to heritage speakers and students who have completed level 3 or higher
- Students should be in good physical condition, able to handle walking for 5 to 6 hours a day for the pilgrimage week.

### 4. Washington DC-Service Learning with YSOP (June 9-15)

Interested in participating in a high impact domestic service project? Join us for a trip to Washington D.C. with The Youth Service Opportunity Project (YSOP). YSOP involves students in meaningful volunteer work, providing critical services to people who experience hunger and homelessness. The service week will start on Monday with an orientation to the issues of hunger and homelessness. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday you will work as a service team and will engage in service projects such as preparing and serving meals at soup kitchens, helping to distribute food, furniture and clothing, and assisting with recreational activities for children in family shelters. One of the afternoons there will be a speaker for the group who can speak to the issue of homelessness and one evening the group will prepare and share a dinner meal with homeless guests, providing a shared experience between volunteers and the community to help break down barriers and stereotypes about homeless people. Approximate cost: \$1200-1400\*.

\*Financial Aid available--See Sally Zimmerli