

Maryville College
Bonner Scholars
First Year Service Trip
March 9-14, 2019

I. **Description of Trip** (*itinerary, service activities, mission of trip-issues/topics that will be addressed, description of organization, curriculum/preparation-activities leading up to trip*)

- A. **Itinerary:** This year's first-year Bonner service trip will take place as part of a spring term class for all first year Bonners, plus two other students, called, "The Road to Justice."
- B. **Mission of the Trip:** The goal of the class will include:
 - 1. Deepen students' understanding of the social, personal, and systemic challenges faced in the United States, related to a particular social justice issue;
 - 2. Increase students' comfort level in interacting both with those affected by such challenges, and those attempting to address the problem, both through direct action and policy initiatives.
 - 3. Engage in service and reflection.
 - 4. Discover possible avenues of on-going action beyond the course.
- C. **Partner Organization:** We are working with various social justice and civil rights organizations in the cities of Birmingham, Montgomery, and in south Georgia; including: The Birmingham Education Foundation, the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, The Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery; El Refugio, a hospitality house for families with loved ones at Stewart Immigration Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA and Koinonia Farms in Americus, GA.
- D. **Service Activities:** The course will focus on connecting historical struggles for Civil Rights to current challenges around topics of race, prisons, and immigration. Our explicit, hands-on service will be visiting men being held in detention in the Stewart Detention Center, on immigration charges, the focus of the trip is on learning and analyzing the conditions that create the need for service that our Bonners do every week.
- E. **Preparation/curriculum:**
 - a. The entire spring semester: At Maryville College, in class: readings, films, and guest speakers, to learn about historical context of Civil Rights, and current issues of race, poverty, and immigration. Make connections in the local community – engage in conversation to discover where local people are attempting to address the issues. Class meets 2-3:15 MW for fifteen weeks. Readings include the books *The Colored Waiting Room*, *Just Mercy*; and *A More Beautiful and Terrible History*; and articles related to current struggles.
 - b. Spring break: Travel – Experiential service and learning on the road. Traveling to Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Selma, Montgomery, Koinonia Farm.

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II. Itinerary: Road Trip to Justice
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Saturday March 9: 2:00 pm Leave Maryville for Birmingham

Sunday March 10: Birmingham
11:00 Church
2:00: Civil Rights Museum

Monday March 11: Birmingham: schools and social change
Visit Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Tuesday March 12: Tuskegee and Selma
Leave Tuesday am
Visit Tuskegee Institute; Lunch in Selma: Lannie's Barbeque: 205 Medical Center Pkwy, Selma, AL 36701
Afternoon: go to National Park sites between Selma and Montgomery; walk across bridge.
Drive to Montgomery: Evening: spend night in Montgomery:

Wednesday March 13: Montgomery
9:00: Lynching Museum and Monument
Afternoon: Equal Justice Center
Southern Poverty Law Center Civil Rights Memorial
Spend night at Koinonia Farms, Americus, GA

Thursday March 14: Lumpkin, GA; Stewart Detention Center, El Refugio
9-4: visit with men and debrief
Drive home

III. Proposed Budget

Lodging	\$1600
Transportation (Van and gas)	\$1360
Tickets to museums, movie, etc	\$500
Food (\$25/person/day)	\$2850
Honoraria to presenters	\$400
TOTAL	\$6710

Requested Bonner allocation (\$250 x 15 students + \$250 x 3 staff people) \$4500

Total needed to raise: \$2210 plus contingency money.