2019 LEAD NOW

Missions Trip

Letter to the Parents

SUM students from all across the United States and the world unite in the city of New Orleans each year to participate in an incredible Mardi Gras Outreach & Conference. Students come from our main campus, as well as from our many of our U.S and international cohort locations. As in past years, hearts will undoubtedly be awakened by the Holy Spirit through worship, prayer and the teaching of the Word by our many Visionary Leaders. As current SUM students and potential students gather, they will share their faith with lost and hurting people. SUM's Mardi Gras Outreach generates an environment that honors God and encourages spiritual growth. The SUM staff and leadership provide active, caring, Christian discipleship in a safe environment. The SUM staff and leadership are praying for each attendee as they prepare for their time with us this winter. Lives are changed every year during Mardi Gras! We look forward to including your student in the incredible conference and outreach!

Clint Nelson – Lead Now Director

Our Mission

SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary equips indigenous leaders from America and the nations of the world by offering an affordable theological education combining academic instruction with practical hands on ministry with personal mentorship. Our mission empowers Christian leaders to be instruments of change in their respective communities.

Accommodations

Over 200 junior and senior high school guests will attend the General Sessions, Visionary Leader Conference and Lead Now Missions Trip at the Copeland Tower Suites located at 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie, LA, 70002, United States. Phone: (504) 888-9500. Over 25 third-year SUM student leaders, youth pastors and staff will serve these future leaders-in-training.

What's Included

Room & Board, Team Activities, Street Ministry, Visionary Leader Conference, Crawfish & Shrimp Boil, Praise & Worship, Prayer, Team Devotions, Testimony Banquet, Recap Footage, and more.

Questions

If you have questions, you may look up the name of the Cohort Advisor from your sponsoring church at sum.edu/cohorts, or contact the Lead Now Director, Clint Nelson at 850.814.3961 or nelson.clint@sum.edu.

Costs

Guest / Attendee Admissions Cost: $250-350 total

Deposit	$50	due December 10, 2018
Full Balance (Short-Term)	**$250** = $50 + 200	due January 7, 2019
Full Balance (Long-Term)	**$350** = $50 + 300	
Late Registration Fee	$50	January 7 – February 8, 2019
Full Balance (Short-Term) **+ Late Fee**	**$300** = $50 + 200 + $50	due February 8, 2019
Full Balance (Long-Term) **+ Late Fee**	**$400** = $50 + 300 + $50	

February 8, 2019 is the cutoff date for all registration and remaining balances.
Attendees cover their own travel expenses to and from the city of New Orleans. Since SUM incurs advance expenses, refunds are not allowed.

How to Register

1. Go to sum.edu/leadnow to register for the event.
2. We encourage guests to register early to secure their spot. All registrations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Only a select group of guests will be chosen from around the nation.
3. Payment submission does not guarantee room assignment pairings. We encourage our guests to interact with new people.

General Rules

Student guests are under the authority of SUM leadership during their stay. Guests may not leave property unless during supervised activities. No visitors are allowed during the event. Student guests are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times and to attend all scheduled functions. To prevent home sickness, we request that parents limit communication with student guests. Cell phones are not permitted during day events or during Mardi Gras Outreach periods.

Packing List

Bring

- Modest attire for group sessions
- A pocket Bible (highlighted or marked is helpful)
- Backpack (you will need to carry snacks, water, etc.)
- Clothing for 30-80° weather (can change hour-to-hour)
- Rain poncho (Please keep it in backpack)
- Personal state photo ID
- Note pad and pen, breath mints or gum
- Comfortable walking shoes (there will be lots of walking)
- Money (self-paid meals at least once a day)
- Bottled water (purchase it on arrival)
- Personal hygiene supplies (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)

Do Not Bring

- Alcohol, Tobacco, or Illegal Drugs
- Gaming Consoles
- Weapons (i.e. knives, guns, or pepper spray)
- Fireworks
- Valuable Jewelry
- DSLR Camera's or GoPro's
- Pornographic materials
- Non-prescription medication (over-the-counter meds)

Questions? **Lead Now Director:** Clint Nelson | 850.814.3961 | nelson.clint@sum.edu | www.sum.edu/leadnow