



INSTITUTO
FRAY VICTOR MARIA FLORES
SECCION SECUNDARIA Y PREPARATORIA



friendship force
TUXTLA GUTIERREZ

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND—GEORGIA, USA
FVMF HIGH SCHOOL BAND—CHIAPAS, MEXICO

"CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD."

APRIL 1st - 9th, 2011

Day 1- Friday April 1st, 2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

- 3:15pm** Arrival at the international airport of Tuxtla-Gutiérrez(TGZ) – 29 people
Reception by our local Friendship Force members and transfer to the Fray Victor Maria Flores High School
- 6:15pm** Arrival at the international airport of Tuxtla-Gutiérrez(TGZ) – 21 people
Reception by our local Friendship Force members and transfer to the Fray Victor Maria Flores High School
- 8:00pm** Welcome party at Fray Victor Maria Flores High School
Guests will be students, chaperones, host families, FF of Tuxtla Gutierrez members and other special guests (Aprox. 350 people)
Marimba's Band & Folk dances
Dinner
Exchange schedule and brochures will be distributed
Transfer to home by your host family

Day 2- Saturday April 2nd, 2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

- 9:30am** Breakfast with your host family
- 11:00am** Your host will take you to the Miguel Alvarez del Toro Zoo (Natural reserve, local exhibition, natural habitat).
English speaking guide tour available
All hosts, students and some FF members will be together
- 1:00pm** Picnic at the Zoo included and provided by your host family
- 2:15pm** Guided visit to the Science & Technology Museum (MUCH)
- 6:00pm** Birthday party for Daniela Zenteno, Dianna Anthony and John Hughes
Location to be announced

Day 3- Sunday April 3rd, 2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

- 9:30am** Breakfast with your host family
- 10:30am** Visit to the monument Jesus Christ of Copoya
- 12:00pm** Visit to the Anthropology Museum, Botanic Garden and Wood Museum
- 2:00pm** Sunday Lunch in a restaurant with your host family (not included)

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8:00pm Bicentenary Park (aprox. 1,000 people attending)
Decatur High School Band performance for 40 minutes
FVMF High School Band performance for 40 minutes

Day 4- Monday April 4th,2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

(Mexican students will be at school from 7am till 2pm)

6:00am Breakfast with your host families

7:00am Decatur High School Band Performance at FVMF High School
Greeting distinguish guests: B.A Juan Sabines Guerrero – Chiapas State Governor
and mother Aurora, director of the Institute Fray Victor Maria Flores
Civic Act Honoring the Mexican Flag by FVMF High School Band
School tour

10:20am Meeting with teachers and students
Snacks
Classrooms tour in groups of 4 people
Volleyball game

2:00pm Lunch at home with your host family

7:00pm Walking tour in Downtown, Cathedral, Governor’s building

8:00pm Greeting to the mayor B.A. Seth Yassir Vazquez Hernandez
Welcome from the mayor at the City Hall
Declaration of Distinguished guests ceremony
Marimba’s band will play for you
Traditional meals will be served (provided by our Mayor Mr.Seth Yassir Vázquez
Hernández)

Day 5- Tuesday April 5th,2011 San Cristobal de Las Casas

7:15am Meeting point: FVMF High School
Departure to one day/night trip to the high mountains of Chiapas to visit native communities
and the colonial city of San Cristobal de Las Casas

8:15am Breakfast at “Jardines de San Cristóbal” Restaurant

9:00am Arrive at San Juan Chamula, native Indian village. Tour to the church, farmers market and
handcraft area.

10:15am Departure to another native Indian village, Zinacantan

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- 10:30am** Arrive to Zinacantan. Tour to the green houses, handcraft exhibition and a traditional home where you can see how they make tortilla, a Mayan tradition
- 11:30am** Departure to San Cristobal de las Casas
- 12:00pm** Arrive at San Cristobal de las Casas.
Registration at the hotel “Diego de Mazariegos” (<http://www.diegodemazariegos.com>)
City tour (in group of 10 people)
- 2:30pm** Lunch at the hotel “Diego de Mazariegos”
- 4:00pm** Departure to the Intercultural University
- 5:00pm** Greeting the president of the Intercultural University, Dr. Andrés Fábregas Puig
Decatur High School Band Performance
- 7:00pm** City tour in Downtown (in group of 10 people)
- 8:00pm** Private dinner with live music at “Perfidia Restaurant” on Guadalupe Street

Day 6- Wednesday April 6th,2011 San Cristobal de Las Casas/Tuxtla

- 7:30am** Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15am** Check-out
Departure to Mayan Ruins
- 10:30am** Visit to Tenan Puente Mayan Ruins
- 12:30pm** Visit to Chincultik Mayan Ruins
- 2:00pm** Lunch at Chincultik Ecoturistic Center
- 6:00pm** Dinner in Comitán
- 7:00pm** Transfer back to Tuxtla-Gutiérrez
- 10:00pm** Arrival at FVMF High School
Your host family will meet you and take you home

Day 7- Thursday April 7th,2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

Free morning and afternoon

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6:00pm Transfer to the Music School of the UNICACH University
Greeting the president of the UNICACH University, B.A. Roberto Domínguez Castellanos
Decatur High School Band performance

Day 8- Friday April 8th,2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

8:30am Breakfast with your host family

9:30am Meeting point: Chiapa de Corzo Fountain
Visit to Chiapa de Corzo
Tour to farmers market, handcrafts, Mudejar Fountain, Convent of St. Domingo & Museum

12:00pm Sumidero Canyon
We will take a boat ride into the Canyon on the Grijalva river, one of the biggest river in Mexico.

2:30pm Farewell Party at “Las Haditas”, a paradise place close to the Grijalva river.
Pot Luck with FF of Tuxtla-Gutiérrez members and hosting families
Marimba music, games, dancing and surprises

6:30pm Free evening
Suggestions: Marimba Park, Plaza Galerias, Cinemark, Pizza(on your own)

Pack your suitcases

Day 9- Saturday April 9th,2011 Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

Adios Amigos!! See you next year in Decatur, Georgia!

6:00am Meeting point: FVMF High School
Transfer to the airport

Thank you so much everyone to make our dreams come true. This will be a nice opportunity for our students to make friends from other countries!

Mother Aurora Álvarez Guerrero
Principal of the Institute Fray Victor Maria Flores

Mavi Vazquez de Ramirez
Exchange Director – FF of Tuxtla-Gutiérrez

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