



**Decatur High School Band to Fray Victor Maria Flores (FVMF) High School Band  
Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Mexico – April 1st – 9th, 2011**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**Day 1 – April 1st (Friday)**

6pm - Arrival at Angel Albino Corzo (TGZ) Airport

Chartered bus will transfer the group from the airport to the FVMF School along with some local members of the Friendship Force (FF) of Tuxtla-Gutierrez

8pm - Welcome Party at FVMF High School

Guests will be students, hosting families, FF of Tuxtla-Gutierrez's members and special guests (300 people approximately.)

After the party, each host will take their guests home.

**Day 2 – April 2nd (Saturday)**

9:30am - Breakfast with your hosting family.

11am - Your host will take you to Miguel Alvares del Toro Zoo. (All hosts and guests together) and some members of the FF of Tuxtla-Gutierrez

- English speaking guide-tour available

1:30pm - Picnic at the Zoo included

5pm – Parade at the Main Street in Tuxtla-Gutierrez

Joint performance of the Decatur High School Band and FVMF High School Band

8pm – City Tour and Plaza Gallerias

Pizza and optional movie theater (at your own expenses)

**Day 3 – April 3th (Sunday)**

9am – Breakfast with your hosting family

10am – Visit to the “Sumidero Canyon” - Scenic view only

12pm – Visit to the Anthropology Museum and Botanic Garden

2pm – Lunch at a traditional restaurant with FF of Tuxtla’s members and families (at your own expenses)

6pm – Decatur Band Performance at the City Theater Emilio Rabasa (1,200 people attending plus Local TV channel 10 in a live program called “2 de Café “. This is an American Idol TV show style. Live Interview is scheduled with the band director, students and FF members.

#### **Day 4 - April 4th (Monday)**

8am - Breakfast with your hosting family

9am - Civic Act Honor our Mexican Flag at FVMF High School

9:30am - Decatur Band Performance at FVMF High School

2pm - Lunch

5pm – Decatur Band Performance at Music of Arts and Science University of Chiapas  
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7pm - Walking tour in Downtown, Cathedral, Governor’s  
Building

8pm – Welcome from the Mayor at the City Hall.  
Declaration of Distinguished Guests  
Marimba Band will play for you and traditional meals will be served.

#### **Day 5 - April 5th (Tuesday)**

8am – Breakfast with your hosting family

9am – Departure to an one night trip to San Cristobal de Las Casas – A beautiful colonial town

Meeting point at FVMF School – chartered bus

10am – Stop on the way at San Juan Chamula, an Indian village. City tour (church, market, museum and hand craft area.

12pm – Another stop on the way at Zinacantan, another Indian village. We will stop to visit the green houses, the handcraft exhibition and a traditional home that makes tortillas and salsa (Mayan traditions)

2pm. - Arrival at San Cristobal de Las Casas.  
Lunch at Ciudad Real Hotel at your own expenses

3:30pm - Go to your hotel rooms

5pm – Decatur Band Performance at the Intercultural University

7pm – Walking tour in Downtown. You can go to the coffee shops and restaurants at your own expenses. Some of the places have live music.

### **Day 6 - April 6th (Wednesday)**

9am - Breakfast at the hotel

10:30am – Visit to the “Na-Bolom” Museum (Lacandones History, the last Mayan King Pakal)

12pm – Visit to the “Ambar” Museum

1pm – Visit to the Cave of “Rancho Nuevo”

2:30pm – Picnic in Rancho Nuevo included

6pm – Performance at the Cultural Center in San Cristobal Downtown

8:30pm – Leave San Cristobal back to Tuxtla-Gutierrez by chartered bus

9:30pm – Arrival at FVMF School. Your hosting family will pick you up.

### **Day 7 - April 7th (Thursday)**

- Free day with your hosting family

### **Day 8 – April 8th (Friday)**

8.30 am – Breakfast with your hosting family

9:30am - Visit to “Chiapa de Corzo” by bus. Meeting point at  
FVMF School

We will visit the Market, the handicrafts area, “Mudejar” Fountain, Colonial City, Saint Domingo Convent and the museum.

12pm – Go to “Sumidero” Canyon – We will take a boat ride into the canyon on the Grijalva river, one of the biggest river in Mexico.

2pm – Farewell Party at “ Las Haditas”, a paradise place close to the Grijalva river – Pot Luck with FF of Tuxtla members and hosting families (approx. 400 people)

Marimba music, games, dancing and surprises included.

### **Day 9 - April 9th (Saturday)**

ADIOS AMIGOS !!! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

6am: Meeting point at FVMF' School. Chartered bus will take you to Angel Albino Corzo (TGZ) Airport for your departure to the USA. Some FF members and families will go with you.