

Crossing Borders, Borders Crossing:

A Youth Investigation into Immigration + Migration Rights + Histories

August 8 - August 15, 2010

A week-long summer field investigation for youth ages 14-18, sponsored by the Howard A Friedman Education Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California

The ACLU Friedman Education Project is looking for 20 young people...

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is a non-profit civil rights organization that has been around since 1920, fighting to protect the rights of *all* people. The Friedman Education Project is the youth activism and education program of the ACLU of Northern California, which sponsors an annual week-long investigative field trip to explore a youth-selected topic in-depth. Learn more about the Friedman Education Project at <http://www.aclunc.org/youth>

Are you passionate about social justice and protecting people's rights?

Then you should apply! The trip is August 8-15, 2010, and is FREE to **20** northern California youth ages 14 to 18. We will travel around California to visit an amazing array of people and places. Some questions we hope to explore are:

- *What are the rights of immigrants in the U.S.? What about undocumented people & communities?
- *What are the histories and stories of immigration & migration to this land? Is history portrayed accurately? Why or why not? What are our own histories of migration and immigration?
- *What's up with current events - student walkouts, immigration raids, border fences, new laws?
- *What is the history of US immigration policies and practices?
- *What are the relationships between immigration, jobs, and labor?
- *How do immigration & migration struggles connect to other struggles for justice?
- *What is the relationship between indigenous struggles and immigration?
- *What do beliefs about immigration say about who belongs in this country? Who gets to decide?

So you're interested...Now what?!?!? Fill out this application & attach your

answers to the questions (see other side). Send them to us **postmarked by Monday, May 3, 2010.**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, May 15, 2010, we will be inviting selected applicants to meet with us at the ACLU office in San Francisco in a fun & casual group interview. You'll get a chance to interact with other interested folks and learn more about the trip. **We will give the strongest priority to people who will be high school students in northern California for the next school year and commit to staying involved, who participate in our meetings this spring & summer, & who demonstrate strong interest in the topic.**

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ACLU 2010 SUMMER FIELD INVESTIGATION APPLICATION

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Name: _____ Gender identity: _____
Email: _____ Home Phone: _____
Street Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ School: _____
Ethnicities/Race(s): _____ School City: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Expected graduation year: _____

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ACLU.2010 SUMMER FIELD INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

You'll stay involved & educate your communities about the issues you've studied. After the trip we will be hooking up with organizations we met with and you'll have the opportunity to use your knowledge to develop group projects addressing aspects of the trip that you respond passionately to. The projects we choose to create will depend upon your interests. They can range from workshops, community service, community activism or political lobbying. We will incorporate the trip into our annual youth rights conference where trip participants will lead workshops for other young folks about issues they've studied. While the trip is free to youth, you will be required to spend the following school year going to classrooms around northern California sharing what you learned with other young people. You will be asked to speak no more than once a month, and an ACLU staff person will always accompany you. We will also publish a 'zine documenting the trip with your writings, poetry, artwork and photos.

Things your parent/guardian/family might want to know...This will be the 15th annual trip the ACLU has organized for youth. The first trip in 1996 was on immigration. In the subsequent years that followed we have explored the juvenile justice system, sexism, tribal sovereignty, homelessness, corporate America, the drug war, the truths and myths of military recruitment, and educational equity and racial justice. We always have at least one adult per five youth. We travel by chartered bus and public transportation, stay in hotels and hostels and feed everyone well.

APPLICANTS - Please answer these questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. Please describe your identity in terms of race/ethnicity, age, class, gender, sexuality, and dis/ability. How do you see those points of identity relating to your interest/experience in the summer trip topic?
2. What life experiences have you had that would prepare you for this trip?
3. Please describe any clubs and activities (ie. church, sports, youth clubs) you're involved in, as well as your role. Note any job or community service experience you have.
4. Tell us about your interest/experience with this topic and what you hope to gain from this experience.
5. What experience do you have working with people different than you? What qualities will you bring to the group?
6. What do you know about your family's history in or migration to this country? How far back and from where?
7. Can you commit to participating in Friedman Education Project (approximately every other Sunday from 1-4pm) and facilitating workshops on the topic throughout the following school year?

Questions? Call Friedman Project Director Eveline Chang at 415.621.2493, extension 337

Please return your application, POSTMARKED no later than Monday, May 3, 2010 to:

ACLU Friedman Education Project: Summer Field Investigation 2010
39 Drumm Street, San Francisco, CA 94111

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To process your application, we must have your parent/guardian sign this statement:
I understand that my child is applying for the 2010 Youth Investigation trip with the ACLU Foundation of Northern California. Pending more details, and if my child is selected for this program, my child has initial permission to participate on the trip from August 8-15, 2010, and to make presentations about the trip to high schools no more than once a month throughout the 2010-2011 school year. I understand that the presentations will entail my child missing all or a portion of the school day. I also understand that an ACLU representative will accompany my child and if needed, that representative will provide transportation to and from the speaking engagement.

Parent/ Guardian Name (Printed) Phone Number Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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