



# OAXACA SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

*Sample 15-Day  
Student Program*



*Summer 2005*



*Friday*

## USA → MEXICO CITY

- ✚ Morning Departure from US Point of Origin
- ✚ Afternoon Arrival in Mexico City
- ✚ Accommodation at Holiday Inn Zocalo  
*(Check in Friday evening for total 3 nights.)*

*Saturday –  
Sunday*

## MEXICO CITY: APPRECIATING THE NATION'S HISTORY & CULTURE

- ✚ Weekend Events in Mexico City



*Collectively these museum & gallery visits, films, and other activities will promote knowledge and appreciation of:*

- *Mexico's pre-contact indigenous civilizations*
- *The Spanish contact & conquest*
- *The Mexican Revolution & Mexican independence*
- *Late 20<sup>th</sup>-c. Mexico, including events of the "Dirty War"*
- *Contemporary Mexico*





*Monday*

## **TEAMBUILDING & ORIENTATION IN OAXACA**



- ✚ Monday Morning Flight from Mexico City to Oaxaca
- ✚ Teambuilding with Our Group of Partner Students
- Orientation at Vamos
- ✚ Accommodation at Holiday Inn Express or Similar  
*(Check in today for total 11 nights.)*

*Tuesday –  
Friday*

## **OAXACA SERVICE PARTNERSHIP**

- ✚ Community Service Learning Partnership  
*(Four Days)*

*As our service site, we will select from any number of venues that serve Oaxaca's street children – or children otherwise in need.*





*In any case, we'll work at a center supported by Vamos, a Mexico City-based national social service network that serves indigent children in a wide variety of ways. Vamos affiliates with partners in Oaxaca to offer programs appropriate to local needs.*



*Leaders and staff from Vamos and its affiliated local groups sponsor and care for homeless children, or children who must sell gum or shine shoes to support their deeply impoverished families. Many of the served children are from the Triqui indigenous community.*



*This week, from Tuesday through Friday, service learning consists of the following activities, through which the students and their local partners will rotate:*

- *Help staff to prepare, cook, and serve hot meals for up to 70 children daily; help to clean up afterward (AM meal & PM meal).*
- *Provide computer instruction to school-going children (and adults, as requested); assist with English language classes & art classes; assist at AM/PM Kindergarten classes.*





*Assist doctors & nurses at medical clinic with necessary non-medical activities (e.g., health screening tasks, distribution of prescriptions & other, as requested).*

- *Organize soccer sessions & other physical education activities.*

*(N.B. Evening cultural activities with partner students may be planned at points throughout the period of service.)*

*Saturday –  
Sunday*

## **OAXACA'S UNIQUE INDIGENOUS HERITAGE**

### Weekend Events in Oaxaca State

*This weekend's activities promote appreciation for Oaxacan history, a respect for its ancient and modern cultures, and an encounter with its unspoilt ecology.*

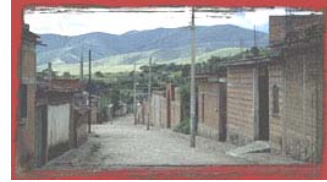
*Activities will include:*



*A visit to Monte Alban, the ancient Zapotec capital first settled in 500 BC. Anthropologists rank this site as among the most impressive and significant such sites in Mexico.*



*A guided day-hike along a pre-Hispanic trail in the Sierra Norte cloud forest 2 hours northeast of Oaxaca city. This trail winds among several small, ethnically distinct villages.*



*Monday –  
Thursday*

## **SERVICE PARTNERSHIP IN OAXACA**

- ✚ Community Service Learning Partnership  
*(Four Days)*



*This week, from Monday through Thursday, we will continue rotating among the four community service learning activities described above.*

*By the end of Thursday, all visiting and local students will have spent a total of two full days in each of the four service activities.*

*Friday*

## **OAXACA → USA**

- ✚ Depart Oaxaca Friday Morning
- ✚ Connect Mexico City; Afternoon Departure for USA
- ✚ Evening Arrival at Final Destination