

2019-2020 Intensive Descriptions

May 18-22, 2020

Descriptions in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS include nights spent “out-of-town”

1. African American Film & Literature Festival

Sponsors: *Tiffany Williams & Mari Griffith* (Mari’s Rm 203)

The African American film and literature festival is a rich experience focused on the study of African American history and culture starting in Africa through the 20th century in the United States. Students will have the opportunity to view a variety of films, listen to music, read works by noted authors, learn the popular dances, recite poetry, and create art. This interactive session will also include guest speakers, a museum field trip, and a soul food dinner. *(Approximate Cost -\$20) 25 students*

2. Bikes & Bees

Sponsors: *Marlow Matherne and Rob Pell* (Rob’s Rm 601)

Do you have the drive to stay in shape? Get in shape? If so, come enjoy Tallahassee bike trails and experience the wonderment of fun single-track trails. Biking experience is a must, as well as having the capacity to pedal hard. In the afternoons we play Ultimate Frisbee (no experience necessary) in the upper field. Students must bring their own lunch M-Th. Friday we dine at the Bamboo House buffet. Requirements: a multi-gear mountain bike in working order, a helmet, and a water carrier.

(Approximate Cost -\$40) 16 students

3. Board Games Inside and Out

Sponsor: *Danny Wood* (Music Rm 141)

Board games have come a long way since Monopoly and Chutes and Ladders! In this intensive we will explore the exciting world of strategic board games, which reward planning and decision making. We will learn a variety of game types to challenge your brain. We will play modern classics like Dominion and Settlers of Catan, cooperative games like Pandemic and Dead of Winter, and world-building games like Castles of Mad King Ludwig, 7 Wonders, and Carcassone. Learn new skills and make friends while expanding your empire or saving yourself from imminent demise!

(Approximate cost- \$20.00) 20 students

4. DEEP DISHIN’ IN CHICAGO

Sponsors: *Peejay Perez de Alejo & Sheri Nilles* (Peejay’s Rm 507)

Come explore the sights, sounds and tastes of the famous Windy City! Our stops can include the Field Museum, the Shed Aquarium, Millennium Park, the Art Institute of Chicago, music events, comedy venues, the city’s famed architectural tour and many other local flavors. This trip requires students who work well in a group, can maintain a positive mental attitude, are open to a variety of experiences and are capable of walking for large parts of the day!

(Approximate cost - \$1050.00) 10 students

Please be aware that accepted students will be required to make an initial deposit of \$425 that will be due with permission forms in order to secure your spot on this intensive.

5. **DISC GOLF INTENSIVE: DISCIN' ACROSS NORTH FLORIDA**

Sponsors: Tony Delmonego & Lao Alovus (Tony's Rm 620)

Tracing its roots back to the 70s, disc golf has become one of the most popular and fastest-growing outdoor activities in North America. There are nearly 200 courses in Florida alone and more going in every year! With its affordable cost and simple rules, people of all skill levels and athletic ability enjoy the challenge and entertainment disc golf offers. On this intensive, we'll spend the first couple days on local courses introducing students to the rules and techniques before hitting the road. The following days and night will be spent camped at Spirit of Suwannee Park playing "Maggie", a wonderful course that weaves through densely wooded trails, and New World Disc Golf Complex in Jacksonville, a world-renowned disc golf center with three challenging courses and night golf!

(Approximate cost \$300) 12 students

6. **DIY – Oh the things YOU can do!**

Sponsor: Shirley Cain (Office)

On your own to VOLUNTEER or JOB SHADOW. YOU make a plan. YOU make the contacts. YOU make it happen. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

(Cost: Free) 20 people

7. **Enrichment**

Sponsors: Justin Gonner & Rose Marshall (Media Center)

This intensive will provide enriching activities across a broad range of subjects. Some areas of exploration will be art and music; film and food; college and career readiness (with trips to Lively and TCC); physical wellness activities (such as juggling, team sports, and brain breaks); technology advancement; learning strategies and games; and time to work on FLVS and PLATO if you need it. The specific activities may be modified based on the interests of the participating students. **This year the Enrichment intensive is by choice.**

(Approximate Cost: Free, but you must provide your own lunch) 20-30 Students

8. **Geek Squad**

Sponsor: Michael Wohlgemuth (Computer Lab 2)

Want to sit in a room and do interesting things with computers all week? What about taking apart that computer and replacing the video card? Or finally fixing that computer at home that you just can't get to work? How about finally getting a whole week to work on that project for your friend? Or making that newsletter for your family reunion? Or do you just want to play computer games all week? Or use the computer time to finish that assignment you need to finish? We will spend the whole week just generally doing productive, creative, fun stuff with computers. Come ready to get your computer geek on!!!

(Approximate Cost: Free + bring your own lunch and computer project) 23 students

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9. THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

Sponsors: Doug Currey & Caitlin Starkey (Doug's Rm 506)

Soar into the Valley of the Sun. As night approaches, ride horseback among massive saguaro cactus in the mountainous Sonoran Desert. Drive north thru the granite dells and the haunted mining town of Jerome to the dazzling red rock country around Sedona, Arizona. Kayak the beautiful Verde River and step back in time on a train trip up the scenic Verde Canyon. Observe dinosaur tracks on the way to Black Mesa, then visit ancient Hopi Indian villages to learn traditions of the "peaceful people". At Lowell Observatory, where Pluto (*the planet!*) was discovered, scan the skies for planets, stars, and galaxies. Then, experience the most notable natural wonder of them all, the Grand Canyon, with a scramble partway into this stupendous abyss. Our main base will be in Flagstaff AZ, tucked beneath the snowcapped 12,000 foot+ San Francisco Peaks, sacred to native peoples. An 8-day adventure to tell *your* kids about!

NOTE: participants must be in excellent condition and be willing to hike under possibly difficult circumstances... activities offered depend on # of students participating, airfare, etc.

(Approximate Cost: \$1,495) 12 students maximum... IMPORTANT: an initial deposit of \$495 is due with the permission form to secure a spot on this intensive.

10. Fire Bird

Sponsor: Charles Robshaw (Charles' Rm 121)

Explore our area's animals and habitat management. Participate in a control burn at the Tall Timbers Research Station while studying the importance of fire on pine wood ecosystems. Check drift fence traps in Munson Hills while we help the Coastal Plains Institute with their Striped Newt repatriation project. Opportunities for nature photography. Great intensive for those interested in careers in ecology or wildlife management. (*Aprx cost: \$40*) 12 students max.

11. Journey to Platform 9-3/4

Sponsors: Nancy Floyd Richardson, Emily Bell, Christy Fritz, & Rivka Wohlgemuth (Black Box)

Come out from your cupboard under the stairs to begin your Journey to Platform 9-3/4 Intensive. Our week-long Intensive will run during normal school hours, Monday through Friday, with chaperones/Harry Potter geeks Nancy, Emily, Christy, and Rivka. Students accepted to Hogwarts will attend classes that could range from Potions to Herbology to Muggle Art and more. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria and work to create Harry Potter-themed snacks for a Friday Feast. Whether you are interested in crafts, fiber arts, book club discussions, movies, or games, it will be all HP, all week long. (*Approximate cost - \$65*) 45 students

12. Life's Aquatic

Sponsors: Sierra Service, JaSun Burdick, & Danielle Taylor (Sierra's Rm 1303)

It's time to get your feet wet as we take day trips to explore the beautiful natural springs, rivers, lakes, sink holes, and oceans that Tallahassee (and its surrounding areas) have to offer. Come tubing on the Ichetucknee Springs, jump into icy cold sink holes, kayak on the Wacissa River, swim in the deep blue sea and relax lake side. This intensive will have a big focus on wellness, as we will be getting a lot of exercise every day and we will all make a pledge to *drink more water and cut out soda for the week we are together*. In addition to helping yourself become well, we will also be helping the earth by picking up litter at all the watering holes we go to. This is a great time to earn some community service hours! **Requirements: (1) you must know how to swim; (2) water bottle; (3) bagged lunch; (4) bathing suit; (5) adventurous spirit and positive attitude.** (*Approximate cost \$90.00*) 18 students

13. MYSTICAL MOUNTAIN MEANDERING

Sponsors: Susanna & Luke Denham (Susanna's Rm 925)

A week of hiking through waterfall country around scenic Helen, GA. Exploring nature by day and meditating under the starry mountain skies from our cozy Airbnb in the evenings. Storytelling around the fire and plenty of time for drawing, photography, and reading on the porch. (*Approximate Cost: \$600*) 10 students

14. Overcaffeinated Art:

Sponsor: Jeff Destefano (Comp Rm 1)

Push your art to the limit – and drink some cool new coffees. We will participate in a week of art workshops and studio visits with local guest artists exploring different mediums and approaches to art-making. But that's not all! We will check out a few of the local coffee shops and have a special coffee tasting to get us super hyped to make more art to hang a small pop-up show at a local gallery on Friday night. (*Approximate Cost \$100*) 8-10 students

15. PUERTO RICO: LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Sponsor: Rebecca Turk (Rebecca's Room 126)

Join us as we explore the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. This U.S. territory has a rich culture full of vibrant people, traditional foods, and some of the most beautiful beaches/terrain on Earth. We will fly into the capital, San Juan, and begin our adventure toward the city of Arecibo. Arecibo will be our home base as we venture to the beaches of Aguadilla, horseback ride on the beach of Rincón, zip line in Orocovis, and hike through the rain forest. On our trip, we will meet local people, eat a variety of delicious, traditional foods, and experience Puerto Rican music and dancing. (*Approximate cost: \$1500.*) Limited to 6 students.

An initial deposit of \$500 is needed to secure airfare.

16. Science On-Demand

Sponsor: John Schaller (John's Rm 1104)

This is an Intensive for students who would like to spend a week exploring individual or group science projects of your choosing, watching and discussing science news and documentaries covering a wide range of topics, and investigating current science events and their global implications. We will gather daily, make decisions on what to do, engage in discussion and debate, and even learn a thing or two. (*Approximate Cost: \$25 for group lunch*) 20 students

17. SOUTH FLORIDA TOUR

Sponsors: Marcia Cone & Benny Brustad (Marcia's Rm 204)

The South Florida Intensive will explore the cultural diversity and fabulous beaches of Ft. Lauderdale, or Miami with a focus on STEAM related activities. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the history of South Florida, explore various art, museums, zoos, boat cruise of Star Island, taste the diverse foods, participate in community service and have fun! In addition to all of this we'll explore the New Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science. It includes museum exhibitions, aquarium, live science demonstrations and Frost Planetarium shows. (*Approximate Cost: \$625*) 12 students

18. THOU SHALT KNOT *Sponsors: Lauren Wade & Rosa Cefula (Rosa's Rm 153)*

Join Lauren and Rosa for a week at the beach learning the lost art of Macramé (Mack-ra-may). We will also be exploring henna art, crochet, paper craft and more! This is an art-driven intensive. Members will be expected to create projects, be mindful of others, and have an overall positive can-do attitude. (*Approximate Cost: \$525*) 12 Students

