

# EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL COMMUNITY

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## Educational Travel Conference February 18-21, 2009

### FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Please fax form to 406-745-3600 before Feb. 1, 2009

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name for badge (nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am accompanying the following ETC delegate to New Orleans (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

***Please check off your selections below.***

Pending space availability, the following functions are open to spouses/family/friends of officially registered ETC delegates for the events and registration fees noted (fees quoted cover direct costs.)

**VOLUNTOURISM EXPERIENCE 1: HANDS ON THE LAND - \$80.00**  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 8:00 am - 3:45 pm, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Includes facilitator, transportation, lunch, and \$25.00 donation to project.

The eco-systems of the Gulf Coast region were severely disrupted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The communities in the area were left without the resources for sustainable, healthy soil, clean water, and locally grown produce. This volunteer experience will bring you either to a community garden and bioremediation project or to the wetlands of coastal Louisiana. In the community garden you may be collecting soil samples, mowing, working with local children to harvest food, weeding, or planting organic produce for local residents and businesses. In the wetlands, you may be helping to plant brush or pull invasive species, as wetlands play a critical role in protecting the Gulf Coast from storm surges.

**VOLUNTOURISM EXPERIENCE 2: HANDS ON A HOME - \$80.00**  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 8:00 am - 3:45 pm, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Includes facilitator, transportation, lunch, and \$25.00 donation to project.

Volunteers are still needed to help restore the many homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, especially in lower-income communities. Whatever your skill level, you will be making a worthwhile contribution toward rebuilding someone's house. You may be performing tasks such as painting, scraping, landscaping, dry walling, taping, cleaning, installing appliances, and tiling. Staff members of the organization will supervise you and provide instructions on how to do unfamiliar tasks. This will no doubt prove a rewarding and memorable experience working side-by-side with your colleagues to make a difference in the lives of New Orleans residents.

HISTORIC PLANTATION TOUR - \$150.00

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 8:00 am - 3:45 pm, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Includes specialized guide, transportation, entrance fees, and lunch.

During the 19th century, wealthy planters built great estates along the Old River Road from New Orleans to Baton Rouge. While the slave system they embodied was destroyed by the Civil War, the remaining stately houses continue to capture the imagination. Explore the history, culture and architecture of this world apart while examining a cast of bygone characters, from New Orleans residents to planters, from slaves to free blacks. Ride along the River Road and visit Evergreen (a privately owned home open only to special groups), Laura Plantation, and Houmas House where you will enjoy a special private lunch. Admire the architecture of these homes and discover their fascinating history as you set romantic ideas aside and consider what plantation life was like for all who lived and worked on the plantation. Specialized guides are uniquely suited to sharing the history and culture of this fascinating area of Louisiana, a great contrast to the big city life of New Orleans.

*Note:* For those spouses/partners wishing to participate in voluntourism programs in New Orleans during the main Conference dates Feb. 19-21, there are a number of possible options. ETC will be posting online a list of organizations that have noted availability to accept volunteers on any day Feb. 19-21, 2009. Please contact these organizations directly to make independent arrangements for volunteering. Transportation, meals and donations to any such voluntourism project other than the officially noted project on February 18<sup>th</sup> is the responsibility of volunteers.

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ETC Mardi Gras PARADE & COMMUNITY DINNER: (off site): Thursday, Feb. 19th, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm \$75

ETC has never had a Community Dinner like this before! We start the evening off at the Marriott lobby with our own ETC second line band parade joined by 8 costumed revelers, 4 police escorts, and a 9-piece brass band, including a grand Marshall. Don your masks and beads from our parade leaders and join in for a grand walk to Michaul's Live Cajun Music Restaurant on St. Charles Avenue ten blocks from the Marriott Hotel. Tonight enjoy a live Cajun band, Cajun dancers, and a Cajun/Creole buffet, complete with crawfish and gumbo. We'll celebrate together into the evening, with dance, dinner and song. For those who wish to watch (without the crowds!) firsthand the Muses parade, a pre-Mardi Gras parade traveling along St. Charles Street this evening, private viewing stands for ETC attendees only will be available at Michaul's Cajun Dance Hall. Get ready for some real fun - New Orleans style.