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Sac State hosts study trip to Oaxaca, Mexico

Sacramento State is offering a unique travel and study event for all students, faculty, staff and the public this summer with “Puentes 2014” (www.cce.csus.edu/travel/mexico), a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico.

Coordinated by the College of Continuing Education and Professor Peter Baird, the program features 14 days of cultural and language study, including a family homestay, June 20-July 5. Up to 25 participants will be fully immersed in the Spanish and indigenous languages, culture, education, art and social movements of the area.

“Puentes 2014 builds bridges of communication and understanding between people in the U.S. and Mexico,” Baird says. “Participants journey to the heart of Mexico to study, discover indigenous cultures and enjoy the warmth and friendship of a family homestay.”

Participatory workshops will be offered on Oaxacan art, dance and cooking along with field trips to Monte Alban and the Valley of Oaxaca. The trip includes 3 units of academic credit.

A free information session will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, in Napa Hall.

Oaxaca is a safe destination with many connections to California’s people, institutions and economy, according to Baird, so it dovetails nicely with Sacramento State’s 2013-14 One World Initiative – a campus-wide exploration of “migration.”

Baird is serving as director and trip leader, and Nadeen Ruiz, from Sacramento State’s Serna Center, is the curriculum and program advisor. “We have learned from our work in international education that people benefit from travel that teaches us about our interconnectedness and our shared past, present and future,” Baird says.

The tentative program cost is $2,600 per person, and includes language instruction, the family homestay, meals, academic credit, classes and seminars. Airfare is not included.

For more information, including a list of FAQs and deadlines, visit the website. You may also contact Baird at pbaird@csus.edu or (916) 716-6221. For media
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