



2018 LEAD NOW

MISSIONS TRIP

LETTER TO THE PARENTS

SUM students from all across the United States and the world converge on the city of New Orleans each year to participate in an explosive 6-day Mardi Gras Outreach & Conference. The students come from the main campus in Oakland, as well as from our many U.S and foreign cohort sites. As in past years, hearts will surely be stirred by the Holy Spirit through worship, prayer and the preaching of God's word by various dynamic visionary leaders. Street evangelism takes place most evenings-- students gather as the army of God, sharing their faith with lost and hurting people. SUM's Mardi Gras is an environment that honors God and encourages spiritual growth. Seasoned student leaders and SUM staff will provide strong, caring, Christian discipleship in a heart softening and safe atmosphere. We are praying for each attendee as they prepare for their time with us this winter. Lives are changed every year during Mardi Gras! We look forward to including your son or daughter in this adventure!

Clint Nelson - Lead Now Director

OUR MISSION

SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary equips indigenous leaders from America and the nations of the world by offering an affordable theological education combining academic instruction with practical hands on ministry with personal mentorship. Our mission empowers Christian leaders to be instruments of change in their respective communities.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Over 200 junior and high school guests will attend the General Sessions, Visionary Leader Conference and Lead Now Missions Trip at the BEST WESTERN PLUS Landmark Hotel & Suites, located 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie, LA, 70002, United States. Phone: (504) 888-9500. Over 25 third-year SUM student leaders and staff will serve these future leaders-in-training.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Room & Board, Team Activities, Street Ministry, Visionary Leader Conference, Crawfish & Shrimp Boil, Praise & Worship, Prayer, Team Devotions, Testimony Banquet, Recap Footage, and more.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions, you may look up the name of the Cohort Advisor from your sponsoring church at sum.edu/cohorts, or contact the Lead Now Director, Clint Nelson at 850.814.3961 or nelson.clint@sum.edu.

COSTS

Guest / Attendee Admissions Cost: **\$300 total**

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| Deposit | \$100 | due November 19, 2017 |
| Full Balance | \$300 = \$100 + 200 | due December 17, 2017 |
| Late Registration Fee | \$50 | December 17 - January 17, 2018 |
| Full Balance (with Late Registration Fee) | \$350 = \$100 + 200 + \$50 | due January 17, 2018 |

January 17, 2018 is the cutoff date for all registration and remaining balances.

Attendees cover their own travel expenses to and from the city of New Orleans. Since SUM incurs advance expenses, refunds are not allowed.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Send full balance to the sponsoring church/cohort, which will be responsible for tracking all deposits and paid balances. If making payments, submit checks to the same organization. No monies should be submitted to SUM.
2. We encourage guests to register early to secure their spot. All registrations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Only a select group of guests will be chosen from around the nation.
3. Payment submission does not guarantee room assignment pairings. We encourage our guests to interact with new people.

GENERAL RULES

Student guests are under the authority of SUM leadership during their stay. Guests may not leave property unless during supervised activities. No visitors are allowed during the event. Student guests are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times and to attend all scheduled functions. To prevent home sickness, we request that parents limit communication with student guests. Cell phones are not permitted during day events or during Mardi Gras Outreach periods.

PACKING LIST

BRING

- Modest attire for group sessions
- A pocket Bible (highlighted or marked is helpful)
- Backpack (you will need to carry snacks, water, etc.)
- Clothing for 30-80° weather (can change hour-to-hour)
- Rain poncho (Please keep it in backpack)
- Notepad and pen
- Personal state photo ID
- Breath mints or gum
- Comfortable walking shoes (there will be lots of walking)
- Money (self-paid meals at least once a day)
- Bottled water (purchase it on arrival)
- Personal hygiene supplies (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)

DO NOT BRING

- iPods, mp3 or CD players
- Tobacco and illegal drugs
- Shaving cream [Only gel is allowed]
- Electronic games
- Firearms / fireworks
- Radio
- Expensive watch or jewelry
- Knives or weapons
- Water gun & water balloons
- Video cameras
- Non-prescription medication (over-the-counter meds)

Questions? Lead Now Director: [Clint Nelson](#) | 850.814.3961 | nelson.clint@sum.edu | www.sum.edu/leadnow