

Life on the Bayou Teche: History, Culture, & UMCOR Sager Brown

UMCOR Sager-Brown - Baldwin, Louisiana

October 18 - 24, 2009

Come experience life on the Bayou Teche through presentations, site visits, music, dance, and cuisine! The event will be hosted by the United Methodist Committee on Relief's Sager Brown Campus, a Global Ministries-related National Mission Institution. Primetimers will learn about, and be a part of, UMCOR's work at the campus as well as take fieldtrips to a variety of local attractions. Experience firsthand the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and its commitment to "provide immediate relief of acute human need and to respond to suffering of persons in the world caused by natural, ecological, and civil disasters or political turmoil." Participants will learn about the history of the Sager Brown site, which opened after the Civil War in 1867 as a school and orphanage for African American children. Volunteer in the UMCOR Depot where material resources are processed for worldwide relief and national disaster response. From buckets of cleaning supplies to blankets for newborns, from health kits to school kits, the depot dispatches tons of supplies worth millions of dollars to points around the U.S. and the world. Be a part of preparing these supplies for distribution to brothers and sisters in need.

Primetimers will also learn about the various cultures in the region and the contributions and influence of the Acadians (Cajuns), Native Americans, Creoles and African Americans in Louisiana. Learn about the first inhabitant of the region through a visit to the Chitimacha Museum and discover the history and culture of the Cajuns, through the film "Against the Tide." Take a journey into the swamplands of Louisiana on swamp boat tour. Experience the local culture through music as you listen to the local Trinity choir or take a lesson in Cajun dancing. The group will also enjoy a Mardi Gras-themed evening complete with a crab boil.

Participants will have the opportunity to serve in mission on the UMCOR Sager Brown campus or outreach ministries to local residents, selecting from activities such as: making kits in the depot, sewing school bags, housing rehabilitation, distributing food to seniors, cooking meals, or assisting in a classroom at a local school.

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EVENT CODE: 11SBD

EVENT HOST:

United Methodist Committee on Relief - UMCOR Sager Brown
101 Sager Brown Road, Baldwin, Louisiana, 70514-0850 www.sagerbrown.org
(UMCOR Sager Brown is project #901515 of The Advance. Give at www.advancinghope.org.)

EVENT DATE:

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COST PER PERSON:

\$570.00 [includes housing, food, local transport for events, program, supplemental accident insurance and a GBGM Administrative fee]. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the event.

ROOMS:

Double occupancy rooms with shared baths only. Facility is handicap accessible and provides housing for handicapped participants upon request. Delicious meals are served in the large dining facility. Large and very beautiful campus located on the Bayou Teche, has level ground and is wheelchair accessible.

MEALS:

The first meal of the event is dinner on Sun., Oct. 18 and the last is breakfast on Sat., Oct. 24.

TRANSPORTATION:

Participants should not make travel arrangements until instructed to do so by the Event Coordinator. For those traveling by air, the first choice of airports would be the New Orleans, Louisiana Airport or the second choice would be the Lafayette, Louisiana airport. Participants are responsible for their own travel between the airport and UMCOR Sager Brown. Because no buses or shuttles are available between these airports at Sager Brown, participants would need to rent a car or arrange pick up by another participant. We will try to connect persons interested in sharing rides.

ESTIMATED PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THE EVENT:

Description of terrain: This region is flat.

Amount of walking per day: Average: 30 minutes. Maximum: 1 hour.

Number of flights of stairs per day: 0

Requirements for entering/exiting transportation: 15 passenger vans with one or two steep steps.

Distance participants will have to transport their luggage: 50 feet

REGISTRATION:

The registration deadline for this event is: **July 18, 2009**

Please send completed registration and deposit to:

**Primitimers, Mission Volunteers, General Board of Global Ministries
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10115**

REGISTRATION LIMIT:

Min: 30 participants Max: 30 participants

EVENT COORDINATOR:

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