



## **SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND DELEGATION**

Participants: 10-13

### **Saturday**

- 7:30am General orientation and breakfast
  - 8:30 Pack van
  - 9:00 Leave for Nogales
  - 10:30 Visit No More Deaths humanitarian aid station at the border
  - 12:00pm Lunch and talk with Polita Acuna, former labor organizer
  - 1:30 Industrial parks tour and colonia Kennedy
  - 2:15 Market basket survey exercise
  - 4:00 Reflection at the Casa de la Misericordia
  - 6:00 Dinner at homestays
- \*\*Overnight homestays*

*No More Deaths is a diverse coalition of individuals, faith communities, human rights advocates, and grassroots organizers who have joined together to work for justice along the U.S. - Mexico border. Hundreds of migrants die yearly while trying to cross the inhospitable Sonora-Arizona desert. In response to the migrant deaths, No More Deaths has a tent set up in Arivaca, AZ which is run by volunteers who scan the desert in search of migrants in need. NMD also has tents set up right across the border in the Mexican border cities of Nogales and Agua Prieta. These border tents are manned by volunteers who give food, water, clothing and medical attention to migrants as they are deported back into Mexico.*

***Polita Acuna and Alianza Fronterizo de Obreros (AFO, the Border Workers Alliance)** was founded in Agua Prieta and later expanded to Nogales where labor organizers went door to door teaching workshops on Mexican labor law. This was done in an effort to help workers in Nogales, Sonora understand and defend their rights. Polita, a former maquila worker, is very aware of many of the conditions in the foreign-owned factories. Though the Alliance of Border Workers has lost its funding, Polita continues to offer assistance to workers whose rights have been violated.*

***Industrial parks tour and Colonia Kennedy:** This is a short tour of the industrial area of Nogales and a drive through Colonia Kennedy, the richest neighborhood of Nogales said to house politicians, doctors, business owners, and drug dealers. This provides a glimpse at the disparity of wealth in Nogales.*

***Casa de la Misericordia** is BorderLinks' Community Center on the Mexico side. The Casa administers community-based adult education and service programs. Additionally, dormitories are on-site.*

***Market Basket Survey** is a participatory activity that demonstrates the cost of living in Nogales, Sonora, and many border cities in comparison to that of the United States. It takes into account prices of goods and buying power.*

**Sunday**

8:00am	Breakfast at homestays
9:00	Pack van
9:30	Visit to the Shelter for Repatriated Minors
11:00	Visit with border artist Alberto Morackis
12:00pm	Lunch in downtown Nogales
1:00	Cross the van into the US/ Free time for participants
2:30	Meet participants on the US side, head to Tucson
4:00	Final reflection and evaluation at BorderLinks
5:00	Dinner provided at BorderLinks

*Shelter for Repatriated Minors is a shelter formed by the Mexican government for children ages 1 day to 17 years. This shelter houses children mostly between the ages of 14-17 who attempt to cross the border alone in search of work to support their families or to reunite with parents already in the United States. The Shelter for Repatriated Minors is a place where children go if authorities are unable to locate relatives to claim custody.*

*Alberto Morackis is a lifelong resident of Nogales, Sonora and former maquila worker. He has become a prominent artist with the majority of his recent work pertaining to migration and the border. Ranging from murals to 15-foot sculptures, his work can be seen all over Nogales and other border cities as well as at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Alberto and fellow artist Guadalupe Serrano make up the collective “Taller Yonke,” (The Junk Workshop).*