



Sample 1-Day BorderLinks Delegation

8:30-9:00am	Orientation at BorderLinks office in Tucson	Orientación en oficina de BorderLinks
9:00-10:00am	Talk with Kat Rodriguez from the Coalición de Derechos Humanos	Plática con Kat Rodriguez de la Coalición de Derechos Humanos

***Derechos Humanos** is an organization formed as a response to the violations of human rights taking place in the borderlands of Mexico and the U.S. They help to document the stories of those who have suffered abuses in this area, and also advocate and plan events in solidarity with migrants.*

10:15-11:30am	Drive to Nogales, Sonora	Manejar a Nogales, Sonora
11:30-12:30	Visit Grupos Beta	Visitar a Grupos Beta

***Grupos Beta** is a federally funded agency that offers basic services to migrants in Mexico. There are approximately 15 groups scattered along both the northern border with the U.S. and the southern border with Guatemala. Grupos Beta offer migrants who are heading north information about the desert and its danger and also inform migrants of their rights once they cross into the U.S. Their services also include providing limited shelter and food to repatriated migrants and helping to subsidize transportation back to their home communities. In addition, they work with the Mexican consulates in the U.S. to locate missing people and coordinate rescue missions.*

1:00-2:30pm	Lunch with families in Flores Magón and Las Torres colonias	Lonche con familias en las colonias Flores Magón y Las Torres
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***Flores Magón and Las Torres** began as squatting communities. Due to their close proximity to the maquila industrial parks of Nogales, these neighborhoods have seen rapid population increases. Though the neighborhoods are still poor and lack adequate infrastructure, community organizers have been working hard over the years to bring basic services (water, electricity, and plumbing, for example) to the area.*

2:30-3:15pm	Part 1 of Market Basket Survey at La Soriana grocery store	Primera parte de la canasta básica en La Soriana
	<i>The market basket survey is a participatory activity that demonstrates the cost of living in Nogales, Sonora, and other border cities in comparison with the United States, taking into account the prices of goods and workers' buying power.</i>	
3:15-4:00pm	Talk with Polita Acuña at the industrial park	Plática con Polita Acuña en el parque industrial
	<i>As a former maquiladora worker, Polita Acuña is aware of many of the conditions in the U.S.-owned factories along the border. She also previously worked with the Alianza Fronteriza de Obreros (Alliance of Border Workers). This organization consisted of two women who went door to door teaching courses on Mexican labor law with the goal that workers in Nogales, Sonora would understand and defend their rights. Though the ALFO has lost its funding, Polita continues to offer assistance to workers whose rights have been violated.</i>	
4:30-5:20pm	Part 2 of Market Basket Survey and prioritizing exercise at the Casa de la Misericordia	Segunda parte de la canasta básica y otro ejercicio en la Casa de la Misericordia
	<i>The Casa de la Misericordia ("House of Mercy") is BorderLinks' community center in Nogales, Sonora.</i>	
5:20-6:30pm	Dinner and conversation with Esther Torres	Cena y conversación con Esther Torres
	<i>For nearly 30 years, Esther Torres has run a lunch program for underserved children in her neighborhood. This project began when she and three neighbors made sandwiches in their own kitchens and out of their own pocket. Years later, they were able to solicit enough private funds to construct a dining hall to house the program. In 2001, BorderLinks bought the property and incorporated the lunch program into the Casa de la Misericordia community center, its facility in Nogales. Now, the program is called the BorderLinks Children's Food Security Program.</i>	
6:30-9:00pm	Visit the No More Deaths aid station at Mariposa port and return to Tucson	Visitar a la carpa de No Más Muertes en

Mariposa y regresar a

Tucson

***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. They embrace an action plan that includes movable desert camps, support of migrant aid centers, maintenance of water stations, patrols that search the desert for migrants in need, and advocacy on behalf of migrant-related issues.*