



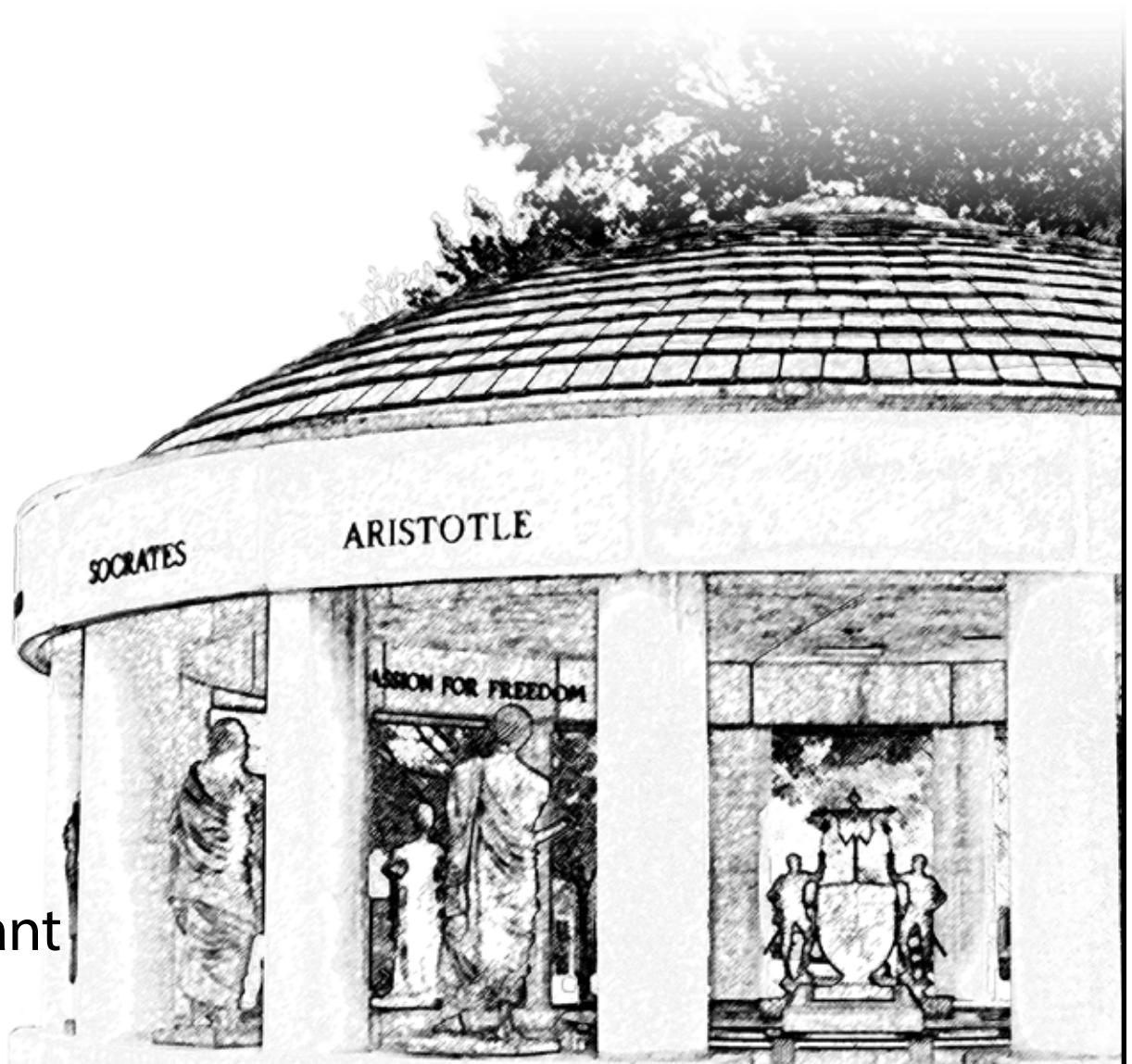
GOVERNOR'S HONORS ACADEMY

AT SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

We've been

Changing the world*

for 27 YEARS



2015
Participant
Packet

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**In 1992, a GHA Participant named Jeremy Peterson wrote a song while attending the Academy. In the chorus of that song he used the words, "We can change the world if we try". Now, 23 years later that song has been sung at each and every GHA. Participants of the Academy will argue that GHA has changed their life and the Academy would argue that these participants have indeed changed the world.*

Invitation
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The Honorable Governor Gary R. Herbert and President Scott L. Wyatt of Southern Utah University officially appoint you to join us in an experience dedicated to leadership, motivation and academic excellence “to nurture the life of the mind”.

General Information
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Your experience at the 27th Annual Governor’s Honors Academy will begin with registration on Friday, June 19, 2015, at 10 a.m. at SUU’s Cedar Hall North Building [645 West 200 South.] Once you arrive in Cedar City, your full-time participation throughout the Academy is expected. Each day is filled with workshop sessions, recreational opportunities, large and small group dynamic experiences, and social activities. Your daily schedule may begin very early and end late in the evening at the conclusion of a special convocation or speaker presentation.

Prestigious speakers from all corners of the state and abroad, hands-on experience in leadership, fine arts, business, technology, and adventure-packed excursions to exclusive Southern Utah locations are scheduled. In addition to academic portions of the program, we will enjoy a play at the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival (Taming of the Shrew). It is recommended that you familiarize yourself with this play prior to your arrival.

There are two banquets that family members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. An opening ceremony/banquet will begin at 11:30 a.m. on June 19th. with Academy officials in attendance. This event is open to participants as well as family and special guests. We will be holding a traditional closing ceremony and banquet on June 27th at 11:30 a.m. which is open to family and special guests. Both banquets will be \$15 per person for guests. Any questions should be addressed to the GHA Directors at: 435.586.7741.

Pre-Requisites
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In preparation for attending GHA, you must read the Book, “The Noticer” by Andy Andrews. This is a short fiction book that will help prepare you to get the most from GHA. The book should be available in most public library’s and should be read prior to your arrival at the Academy.

GHA History

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The Governor's Honors Academy was founded in 1988 through the vision of Utah corporate and political leaders. The Academy was organized to provide Utah students with an opportunity to learn, lead, and interact with some of the foremost leaders in business, technology, humanities, politics and education. Some of the Academy's past speakers have been Former Governor Norman Bangerter; Former Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt; Pamela Atkinson, Klezbros, David Litchford, LeRoy Maughn, Senator Robert F. Bennett; Astronaut Jake Garn; and Hyrum Smith, President of Franklin Covey. Through interaction with these and other leaders, students enhance their desire to learn and strive for excellence.

The Academy incorporates an intense learning experience that takes place in the classroom and in Southern Utah's beautiful landscapes. These learning experiences work hand-in-hand with exciting activities that help participants create lasting friendships and a love of learning. Students are given opportunities during the Academy to prepare them to provide leadership in their schools and communities.

Over the past twenty-seven years, 1,350 students have experienced the accelerated vision of the Governor's Honors Academy. Each one has learned to propel themselves into a world of changing priorities, technology and politics. The goal of the Governor's Honors Academy is to "nurture the life of the mind" through further exploration and a greater commitment to excellence. In the future, the Academy will provide the same opportunities for many more students.

The Governor's Honors Academy is a prestigious nine-day program designed to seek out Utah's most gifted high school leaders and scholars entering 12th grade. The Academy was conceived by Governor Norman H. Bangerter and Southern Utah University Former President Gerald R. Sherratt and is currently sponsored by the Honorable Governor Gary Herbert. The nine-day program provides students a stimulating curriculum of study. Subjects range from science to Shakespeare and from diversity to leadership. These and other subjects are discussed by a dynamic Academy faculty and many distinguished lectures with statewide corporate, government, media and other professional backgrounds. The student participants are able to interact with these professionals on a level that would not exist without the Governor's Honors Academy.

The Academy recognizes the quality and caliber of Utah's most valuable resource, its students. Fifty students are selected as participants in this prestigious learning experience. They demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership, community service, extra-curricular activities and personal achievement.

The Academy is designed to allow participants an opportunity to create and implement ideas and objectives in an environment that fosters unity and cooperation. Participants will learn as they live and socialize with high school students from around the state and engage in discussions with distinguished leaders in business, politics and academics from across the nation. The atmosphere is one of excitement with an emphasis on excellence, an experience that motivates the body and expands the scope of the mind.

Academy Costs and Benefits

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Admission to the Academy is highly competitive. Now that you have been appointed to the Governor's Honors Academy, you will launch into a world of learning experiences that will gear your mind toward success. The total cost of the Academy is \$1000, but we encourage you to pay the initial \$100 and then raise \$900 in sponsorships. You are welcome to receive sponsorships to cover the complete \$1000 if you so desire. On the GHA website you will find a sponsorship section which you may use when working with local businesses, community leaders, and civic organizations concerning sponsorship possibilities. Further information is provided to help you approach your community and request help to sponsor you in this experience. The sponsorship package is available on the GHA website at www.suu.edu/gha/2015 and we encourage you to print the entire sponsorship package and give it to potential sponsors to help inform them of the purpose of the Academy.

There are many benefits associated with the Academy. Each participant is provided with nine days accommodations and food, travel to two National Parks, admission to a Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival production, six SUU credits as well as a 4-year \$3,000 scholarship to Southern Utah University upon successfully completing the Academy requirements.

Summary of Benefits:

- Six University credits (tuition and fees valued at over \$1,913) – upon completion of the Academy
- Nine days lodging (valued at \$250)
- Nine days food (valued at \$250)
- A Tony Award Winning Utah Shakespearean Festival Play (valued at \$40)
- Entrance into various National Monuments and National Parks (valued at \$50)
- Transportation during the Academy (valued at \$150)
- Governor's Honors Academy supplies (valued at \$65)
- Over two dozen speakers from around the State of Utah and nation (valued at over \$3000)
- A 4 year full-tuition scholarship to Southern Utah University (valued at over \$24,000) – upon completion of the Academy.

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Deadlines ***Please note the importance of this section***
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*****ALL FEES AND SPONSORSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE*****

Friday, April 17, 2015	Registration (online), medical release, waiver, concurrent enrollment application, and \$100 due.
Friday, May 1, 2015	\$300 of Academy sponsorship due. If we haven't received a payment by this date, you will be dropped for non-payment.
Friday, May 22, 2015	\$300 of Academy sponsorship due.
Friday, June 12, 2015	Remaining \$300 of Academy sponsorship due.
Friday, June 19th, 2015	Final day to register guests for the Closing Ceremony & Banquet at \$15 per person. The cost will be \$25 per person starting June 20th.

Cancellations
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If you must cancel your registration to the Governor's Honors Academy, a written notice must be submitted to the Academy office. **All fees/sponsorships are considered donations and will be non-refundable.**

Course Requirements
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GHA Participants will receive six university credits for UNIV 1030 Governor's Honors Academy upon completion of all requirements (see below):

1. Student must have read "The Noticer" by Andy Andrews prior to arrival at the Academy.
2. Students must attend all GHA activities and scheduled events during the Academy.
3. A journal will be required of all Academy participants. The journal should contain reactions to the lectures and special workshops. Nine entries must be completed to receive journal credit. Journal materials will be provided to participants upon check-in.
4. A critical evaluation of speakers, group advisors, and activities will also be required daily. We will provide evaluation sheets and necessary materials.

5. An oral presentation is required of all participants. Each participant will help lead a group discussion prior to or following one of the speakers at GHA. More information will be given at the beginning of the Academy.
6. Students must complete a book review and 4-5 page essay upon the completion of the Academy. The book selection and essay topic will be given to participants during the Academy and the essay should be mailed to the Governor's Honors Academy (postmarked before August 7, 2015).
7. Additional assignments determined during GHA.

Program Objectives and Benefits

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The mission of The Governor's Honors Academy is to motivate, illuminate, and feed the talents of each individual at GHA. We desire to help each person set goals, embrace dreams, and realize that their boundaries are limitless. By recognizing diversity we will build lasting friendships that inspire us to be better people and work harder for success. We will go home with more enthusiasm, more endurance, and a larger passion for our lives and the lives we come to know. Thus, nurturing the life of the mind.

Students attending the Governor's Honors Academy will:

- Recognize the value of different perspectives
- Obtain a broader vision of personal potential for leadership.
- Develop a keener ability to create then implement new ideas in their personal life, school & community.
- Learn fresh approaches and new skills in group dynamics.
- Acquire an increased awareness of personal goals and objectives.
- Improve understanding of contemporary trends and global problems in order to deal with them.

Registration, Check-out

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On June 19, 2015, registration will take place at the Cedar North Lobby at 10 a.m. At this time, we ask that you bring all your luggage and personal belongings for the next nine days. Each participant will be greeted by their group counselor. Participants will receive room assignments and Academy material at that time.

At 11:30 a.m. an Opening Ceremony will be held with Academy directors and officials in attendance; business attire is required [please see dress code]. Parents and guests are encouraged to attend.

Participants will check-out prior to the Closing Ceremony on Saturday, June 27th, 2015. Luggage will be kept safe in the housing offices and may be retrieved following the Closing Ceremony. The Closing Ceremony should conclude at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Payment Information

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Traditionally, Academy participants have furnished \$100 individually or used family earnings to cover a small portion of the total Academy costs. The remaining \$900 has been covered by sponsors such as local businesses, organizations, or individuals. Many past participants have raised more than the \$1000 which helps the Academy continue to provide a quality experience. For those participants who raise more than the \$1000 they will automatically participate in the “Above and Beyond” sponsorship program. The following section provides more information about obtaining sponsors. Payments are due approximately three weeks apart. For the complete list of dates please see page six.

Sponsorships

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Participants are encouraged but not required to be a part of the “GHA Above & Beyond” sponsorship program. Each participant that raises more than \$1,000 in sponsorships will be recognized at the GHA Opening Ceremony on June 19, 2015. There are three levels of recognition outlined below:

Bronze: Participants who have raised \$50-\$99 in addition to the original \$1,000 required for attendance. Recipients will receive an official “GHA Above & Beyond” fleece blanket.

Silver: Participants who have raised \$100 to \$199 in addition to the original \$1,000 required for attendance. Recipients will receive an official “GHA Above & Beyond” hoodie.

Gold: Participants who have raised \$200 and above in addition to the original \$1,000 required for attendance. Governor Status recipients will receive an official “GHA Above & Beyond” jacket.

In previous years, all appointees from throughout the state have been able to accrue funding from many local sponsors, friends and associates. Feel free to print copies of the sponsorship information so you can present it to potential donors (the sponsorship packet is available on the GHA website). These donations will help alleviate any individual costs. The “GHA Above & Beyond” sponsorship program is voluntary.

Listed below are suggested references that have been particularly generous toward educational endeavors. In many instances, Academy participants have been able to garner the full \$1,000 in support from charitable contributors.

We encourage you to use the sponsorship packet (on the GHA webpage) when you approach potential donors. The Sponsorship packet includes the following information: a cover letter from Academy Directors, a program summary, benefits of sponsoring the Academy, need for the Academy and program objectives and activities, program intent, highlights and benefits for participants, and past participant comments. It is always more

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effective to provide likely sponsors with as much information as possible about the Academy. We recommend you create an additional letter to include with the sponsorship packet detailing how their sponsorship will benefit you and the community. Below is a list of organizations you might contact:

- ✦ Parent's employment area
- ✦ Rotary Club
- ✦ Auto Dealerships
- ✦ Exchange Club
- ✦ County Commission
- ✦ High School
- ✦ Banks
- ✦ Kiwanis Club
- ✦ Parent Teacher Associations
- ✦ Financially Well-Established Individuals
- ✦ Local Service Organizations
- ✦ School District
- ✦ Doctors, Dentists, Attorneys
- ✦ Hotels, Bed & Breakfast Inns

In order for your sponsors to get credit for their donation, we need the name of the sponsor, their address, phone number and amount of their contribution. **SUU will send each sponsor a receipt for their donation. Because of this, donations must be paid directly to the Governor's Honors Academy and be accompanied with the payment/sponsorship form.** If the sponsor makes the payment to you, it will not be accepted, please deposit it and rewrite a check to the Governor's Honors Academy; however, your name can appear on the "notes" area of the check. **Please encourage them to make the check payable to the Governor's Honors Academy.**

You will need to complete a payment/sponsorship form each time you mail a payment to GHA. Sponsors are able to donate any amount of money to GHA. There are three categories of sponsorship [listed below]. Each sponsorship has a variety of benefits associated with their donation. If your sponsor is within the Silver or Gold sponsorship level and would like to attach a company logo for marketing and recognition purposes,

Sponsors can donate any amount of money! If a sponsor donates within one of the following three levels they have the option of receiving the associated benefits.

Commissioner - \$100-\$249 [Tax write-off, GHA recognition brochure]

Lt. Governor - \$250-\$499 [Tax write-off, GHA Thank you card, Name recognition on GHA website]

Governor - \$500+ [Tax write-off, GHA appreciation card, Name & Logo on GHA website]

*All donations below \$99 will not receive any of the above benefits, but are greatly appreciated.

Communication During The Governor's Honors Academy
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Over the years, we have found electronic communication devices to be a distraction during the Governor's Honors Academy. Therefore, GHA participants are not allowed to have any electronic communication device during the day. They will be able to communicate via cell phone and texting after they have returned to University Housing in the evening. If you have an emergency and need to contact your student during the Governor's Honors Academy, please call Jared Wilcken at 435.572.0678.

You may communicate with your student during GHA via email by e-mailing gha@suu.edu. E-mails will be printed off and delivered each morning during announcements.

If you would like to send your student any mail, please mail it to:
Governor's Honors Academy
ATTN: "your student's name"
351 West University Blvd
Cedar City, UT 84720

We will distribute mail and messages to students every morning before the day starts. Also, during the Academy, if you'd like to see what your student is participating in, please go to www.suu.edu/gha and select the GHA 2015 blog. We will update our GHA blog daily and we'll include photos, videos, comments and experiences from the participants, counselors, and directors.

Opening & Closing Ceremonies
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The Opening Ceremony will be held on June 19th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Starlight Room of the Sharwan Smith Student Center [351 West University Blvd.] Parents and friends of participants are invited to attend. The Opening Ceremony will be a chance to learn the basics of GHA. The Closing Ceremony, in honor of the participants, will be held June 27th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall at the R. Haze Conference Center [310 West University Blvd.] An Academy graduation and awards presentation will be held at this time. Academy administrators, faculty, staff, and special guests will also be in attendance. Parents and friends of the participants are again invited and encouraged to attend. Guest reservations should be made prior to June 20, 2015 and are \$15 per guest. Reservations after June 19th will cost \$25 per guest.

Questions or Comments
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If you have additional questions after receiving all of the necessary information, please feel free to call our office at 435.586.7741 or email, gha@suu.edu, or contact your counselor.

Rules & Expectations

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SUU's Housing & Residence Life Office has its own set of rules, but for the Governor's Honors Academy we are adding a few additional IMPORTANT rules to follow. Thank you for your cooperation.

- ✦ Participants must observe the rules and regulations of Southern Utah University and the Housing and Residence Life Office.
- ✦ Cell phones and portable electronic devices must be left in participants rooms each morning. Participants who violate this policy will lose their phone/portable electronic devices for the remainder of the Academy.
- ✦ You must attend each event, activity, or study session ON TIME!
- ✦ You may not leave your building after 9 p.m. unless supervised by a counselor.
- ✦ "Lights out" is at midnight each night; however, quiet hours begin at 10 p.m.
- ✦ You are only allowed to visit participants of the opposite sex in the lobby areas of the building.
- ✦ You may not leave campus. If you have a special need, see your group counselor.
- ✦ You will need to check-out of your rooms prior to the Closing Ceremonies.
- ✦ In case of emergency or illness, report to your group counselor.
- ✦ Evaluations and mini-reports are due on Saturday, June 27th, by 11:00 a.m. Turn in assignments to your group counselor. Late assignments will not be accepted.
- ✦ Final essays are due August 7th, 2015.
- ✦ Students who fail to follow these rules may be asked to leave the Academy at their own expense.

We ask that you help us make this a positive and memorable experience. The Governor's Honors Academy appreciates your cooperation. If you have any questions, please consult your counselor or the director.

Dress Code

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All students are expected to dress professionally. Most days will be business casual dress. Below is a detailed list of the dress code and following this page you will find a suggested packing list. We do not expect participants to purchase new clothing, however, we do expect professionalism. **Please note that dresses and skirts should touch the ground when kneeling.**

Business Attire [1-2 outfits suggested]

Suits and ties for MEN are recommended or shirt, tie & professional dress slacks

Business suits or nice dresses for WOMEN are recommended

No tank tops, sleeveless tops or mini skirts

Name tag is mandatory (will be provided by the Academy)

This attire will apply to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and possibly any other given day during GHA when we have a special speaker or dignitary at the Academy. It is imperative that you maintain a highly professional, business image.

Business Casual Attire [7-8 outfits suggested]

A polo shirt or button up shirt with a collar and slacks for MEN

Dress shirts are recommended

Skirts, dress pants, or dresses for WOMEN are recommended

Khakis and a collared shirt for WOMEN are also approved

No jeans

No sleeveless

No shorts

Name tag is mandatory (will be provided by the Academy)

No athletic or "tennis" shoes

Dressy sandals only – FLIP FLOPS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

*We will be doing a lot of walking, so we encourage students to wear professional, but comfortable shoes.

This attire applies to the majority of our time at GHA.

Casual Attire [5 outfits suggested]

Jeans, shorts (length should be to tips of your finger, T-shirts are recommended

GHA T-shirt [when specified] (will be provided by the Academy)

Comfortable shoes – athletic shoes, hiking shoes, etc. recommended

Name tag is mandatory (will be provided by the Academy)

No sleeveless, halter tops, tank tops, or mid-drifts

Keep in mind that on casual attire days you will be doing activities such as rock climbing, hiking, service projects, leadership ropes course, swimming and exercising. You will wish to wear clothes in which you can move and feel comfortable. Each night during free time, participants typically enjoy changing from business casual to casual attire. We suggest you bring 5 different outfits, although some students choose to bring more.

One set of sheets, a pillow and a blanket will be provided. Coin operated laundry facilities will be available if needed. You will have breaks and also organized physical activities (aerobics, swimming, sports) where comfortable attire is important. DO NOT OVER-PACK! Bring only those items on the packing list below and others that you feel you might need.

Packing List

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ITEMS YOU WILL NEED

- 8-9 outfits - Business casual clothing to meet dress standards (see breakdown on page 11)*
- 5+ outfits – Casual clothing to meet dress standards*
 - 1 - Light jacket
 - 2 - Hiking shorts (no short shorts)
 - 2 - Comfortable clothing for physical activities (no tank tops)
 - 2-3 Comfortable pants (jeans permitted for hiking & service project)
 - 2-3 T-shirts (no sleeveless)
- Underwear
- Socks
- Pajamas (no sleeveless or short shorts allowed – please be modest)
- Athletic Shoes (for hiking and outings)
- Towel & washcloth
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Personal toiletries
- Personal medications
- Pen & pencil
- Laundry detergent (if you are planning on doing laundry)
- Quarters (for laundry & vending)
- Additional spending money
- Swimming suit (we will be having a pool party)
- Come prepared to share your talent at the GHA talent show

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Chapstick
- Sun screen
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Hat
- Hiking gear (camel back, shoes, etc.)
- Card games
- Personal pillow or blanket – SUU Housing will provide sheets, a blanket & a pillow for each student, however, some students prefer bringing another blanket or their own pillow.

*Typically, participants will change their clothes from business casual to casual clothes or something more comfortable each night during “free time,” so although you will only be here for 9 days, there are several days where you will be able to change your clothes during the day.