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What is SOUL Camp?
SOUL Camp is a 3 night 4 day extended orientation program offered at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The acronym “SOUL” stands for Service, Outreach, Unity and Leadership. SOUL Camp begins in Lafayette, where we complete a variety of community service activities in the local community, have a SOULcial at our campus recreation center, then spend the first night on campus at UL Lafayette. The next morning, we travel to Woodworth, LA to Tall Timbers Retreat Center for the final three days of camp. The goal of SOUL Camp is to assist the transition of freshman from high school to college. Students who attend SOUL Camp are armed with the additional tools that assist with the transition to UL Lafayette. Some of these tools include:

- Moving into University Housing early (Camps A & B)
- Friends and upper class mentors
- A greater awareness of campus involvement activities
- An understanding of campus traditions & history
- An introduction to Lafayette & Acadiana
- Appreciation of community service and giving back
- An appreciation for campus diversity
- A personal leadership plan

Students who attend camp have a greater likelihood of being engaged, perform better academically, and have higher rates of retention and graduation. Did you know:

- Fall 2015 SOUL Camp attendees earned higher GPAs than non-SOUL Camp attendees.
- Fall 2015 SOUL Camp attendees earned more academic credits their freshman year than non-SOUL Camp attendees.

Dates
SOUL Camp offers three separate Camps during the summer of 2016. The dates of each camp are listed below.

Camp A: August 6-9, 2016
Camp B: August 11-14, 2016
Camp C: August 16-19, 2016
Registration

Before you register for SOUL Camp, you are required to first register for an Orientation session. You can follow the instruction to register for Orientation at the link below http://orientation.louisiana.edu/registering-for-orientation

Please note that registration for SOUL Camp is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to register ASAP! Once a camp fills up, we will not be able to add anyone else to that camp.

Once SOUL Camp has reached capacity, you may register to be placed on a first-come first-serve basis waitlist in the instance that earlier registrants no longer can attend camp.

The link to register for SOUL Camp 2016 is: http://orientation.louisiana.edu/soul-camp/registration

Cost and Scholarship Eligibility

The cost of SOUL Camp is $200.00. This cost includes:

- Lodging
- Meals
- Transportation
- Program facilitation
- Two camp t-shirts
- Bag
- Water bottle

SOUL Camp Scholarships (Registration Fee Waivers) are available for students who are Pell Grant Eligible. To apply for a scholarship/registration fee waiver, follow the link below: http://orientation.louisiana.edu/SOUL%20Camp%20Scholarship
Transportation, Housing, and Meals

*Transportation, Housing and Meals are all included in the $200 fee for SOUL Camp.*

**Transportation:**
After arriving on campus for the first day of camp, all transportation will be provided.

**Housing:**
- On the first night of SOUL Camp, freshman will reside in the on campus dorms. If they will be staying on campus in the fall, they will stay in their assigned room for the year. All other campers will be assigned to a room just for the first night. **Please note that per UL Housing policy, parents/guests are not allowed to stay in the residence hall with the participant.**
- We will then travel to the next morning to Woodworth, LA and for the next two nights, campers will be staying in cabins at Tall Timbers Retreat Center.

**Meals:**
If a student has any special dietary needs, please indicate those requirements on the online registration form.

The following meals will be provided during camp:
- Day 1: Lunch and Dinner
- Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- Day 4: Breakfast

There is the option for campers to **purchase** concessions with their own cash at the Tall Timbers camp site during free time.
What to Bring

- **Medical Information/Liability Release Form**
- Tennis Shoes/Closed-Toe Shoes (required for Day of Service)
- Casual Summer Clothes (T-shirts, shorts, flip flops, etc.)
- A light jacket (the rooms at Tall Timbers do get cold)
- Swimsuit/Beach Towel (Tall Timbers requests that two piece swimsuits not be worn. Please bring a t-shirt cover up if you choose to wear a two piece swimsuit)
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray
- Poncho/umbrella (in case of rain)
- Sleeping Bag and/or Bed Linens (twin size mattress)
- Pillow
- Personal Toiletries
- Wash Cloth and Towel
- Plastic Bag (for wet/dirty clothes)
- Personal Spending Money (for snacks at The Hub on the camp ground)
- High School Memorabilia (for “Swap Yo’ Swag”)
- iPods/personal music (for traveling)
- Camera

Remember this is a four day camp experience. We will be spending ample amount of time outdoors. Please bring enough clothes or any other objects not listed above to ensure your own personal comfort.
SOUL Camp Rules and Policies

**Rules & Policies**
Students who participate in SOUL Camp are required to abide by the following rules and regulations as well as the UL Lafayette Code of Student Conduct. If a student does not comply with the rules below or with the UL Lafayette Code of Student Conduct, they may be asked to leave the program without a refund and referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

**Alcohol & Drugs**
SOUL Camp is an official University event and is and will be both drug and alcohol free. Any camper who brings either of these will be subject to the UL Lafayette Code of Student Conduct and will be asked to leave camp immediately. Also weapons or other destructive devices are NOT welcome at SOUL Camp.

**Smoking**
SOUL Camp will be held at tobacco free locations. UL Lafayette and Tall Timbers Retreat Center are both tobacco free campuses.

**Cell Phones**
At SOUL Camp, campers are allowed to keep their cell phones with them throughout the program. We ask that students be respectful of all staff, guests and presenters and refrain from using your cell phone except during breaks and free time. If you are carrying your phone to scheduled activities, please ensure that it is set to vibrate or silent.

**Buddy System**
As a safety precaution, please do not venture off campus alone at night. We encourage students to bring another participant with them when walking around campus or Tall Timbers. If you must leave camp outside of scheduled program activities please notify your SOUL Camp Mentor or the program advisor.

**Leaving a SOUL Camp Program**
No student is allowed to leave the program early without permission from a parent or guardian AND notification of SOUL Camp Staff. If you need to leave for any reason, please have a parent or guardian contact the SOUL Camp Staff.
Participation

Participants are expected to attend all scheduled events. Some of the events for each program are physically strenuous, and several are conducted outdoors. Participants always engage in these activities by choice, no student will be forced to participate. Students with concerns about participating in any of the events should speak with the SOUL Camp Staff.

Sorority/Fraternity Recruitment:
Although SOUL Camp does not interfere with the scheduled recruitment events, campers will be able to learn about all Greek Life has to offer in one of our breakout sessions at camp. There, those that are interested in Greek life, or just want to know more about it, will have the opportunity to ask any questions they wish. However, our staff does disaffiliate from their Greek organizations during the summer to allow campers to make unbiased opinions on the organization of their choice.

Band Camp
Band Camp interferes with SOUL Camp Sessions B & C. If you are in the Pride of Acadiana Marching Band, and wish to participate in SOUL Camp, you will need to register for SOUL Camp A.

Cajun Connection & UNIV 100
Students attending SOUL Camp C will NOT attend Cajun Connection on August 18-19, 2016. Camp C participants will need to register for SOUL Camp specific sections of UNIV 100, which will be discussed at Orientation.
Parking

Parking will be available in the Taft St. Parking Garage located on the corner of E. St. Mary Blvd & Taft Street. The physical address is: 714 W. Taft St. Lafayette La 70503. Follow the link below for a map of the university: http://www.louisiana.edu/sites/louisiana/files/CampusMap%202013.pdf

Campers will be able to leave their cars over the duration of camp at no cost. Campers are encouraged to not leave valuables in their car. We are not responsible for items that may be lost or stolen during Camp.
Check-in & Check-out

Students attending SOUL Camp A & B will have the opportunity to move into the Residence Halls early (Camp C will already have moved in by the time we get to August 16th).

Student not living on campus in the Fall will receive instructions before each camp for where to check in and pick up their overnight key.

Check In

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM, Day 1 of camp.

During Check-In students will pick up their SOUL Camp materials, room key for their overnight stay (non-residents in Baker Hall) OR their Fall Residence Hall Room Key (if staying on campus during Fall Semester).

Check in will take place in the lobby of each assigned Fall Residence Hall. Please check in at your assigned building. Commuter Students will check in inside Baker Hall.

Confirmation emails will be sent ONE WEEK prior to the camp you will be attending. This email will be sent to the email address provided when you registered for SOUL Camp.

Check Out

On the 4th day of camp, we will travel back to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where mentors will facilitate a special ritual for their Krewe, followed by a reception. After all activities are complete, campers are free to leave.

Questions?
If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email ulsoulcamp@gmail.com.