Sorry we are a bit behind schedule this month with *The Bridge* but we are excited about the upcoming semester which is only about 6 weeks away.

This edition of *The Bridge* addresses your questions so far and hopefully gets you thinking about what else you need to know as you prepare for the upcoming semester.

**Snapshot: A Typical Week at Rehoboth**

**What is life going to be like at Rehoboth during the semester?**

- You will be living in dorms at Rehoboth, dorms include bedrooms, kitchen, computer room, bathrooms down the hall, and lounge with TV and WiFi.
- Breakfast will be on your own in the kitchen with a variety of options available.
- Lunch will be on-campus with the Rehoboth students or provided in the kitchen.
- Dinner will be eaten together with people taking turns helping with preparation and clean-up. On Wednesday night you will eat dinner with the church’s mid week program. On the weekends dinners may be out in town or brought with you on your excursions. You will have a lot of input into weekly grocery lists.
- Classes will be scheduled Monday through Thursday in the afternoon or evenings with mornings free for homework and service-learning placements (students will do between 5 to 10 hours of service-learning each week).
- Fridays will be unscheduled, to allow for homework, service-learning hours, as well as time for some extended field trips (e.g. Mesa Verde and the Grand Canyon).
- Friday nights in town will be optional themed movie nights with the Haney's.
- Saturdays are reserved from shorter trips to such places as Chaco Canyon, El Morro, Flea Market, Sky City etc.
- Sundays are your day of rest and will include worship options and hanging out in the community. You will have plenty of time to explore Gallup and the area around Rehoboth by yourself or with the group.
Connecting to life back at Calvin

One advantage of doing the NM semester is you will have your DCM core completed, most first year students take this course during interim. Since you will have this course completed you will have the opportunity to take a wider range of classes during interim. You could choose to take a class together or even take another off-campus course. The list of off-campus interims can be found by clicking here. The list for on-campus interim classes will be available this fall.

Answering your Questions:

What kind of facilities will be available to us at Rehoboth?

You will have access to a wide range of facilities such as a fitness room, you should also have access to a piano and other musical instruments, there are also over 162 acres to roam and explore with great hiking in the Hogbacks behind the school. Other facilities include a large library (with over 14,000 titles), the Navajo Code Talkers Communication Center, Ropes course, the Calvin-Rehoboth Observatory, and Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church.

How do I buy books?

Some of your books are already bought and included in the price of the semester (e.g. Geology), others may need to be purchased. We will try to get a book list to you by August 1.

Will we have roommates?

We will look into the living arrangements, originally we were planning on two students to a room and this still may be the case but with fewer students there will definitely be more room in the dorms.

What to bring? What to ship? What about camping gear?

You may want to bring some of your own personal camping equipment (e.g. sleeping bag and mat) but we will also bring a lot of the group gear ourselves (tents, cooking equipment, etc.).

At this point, we don’t see the need for you to send anything to NM we should be able to accommodate everyone’s luggage in the van. We will be generating an extensive packing list soon and including it in the next edition of the Bridge but remember most people always bring to much stuff.

What will be a good weekend to have visitors come?

Trips will take place every weekend but we will reserve one weekend in October for visitors. In the next issue of the Bridge we will try to have a tentative weekend trip schedule along with a definite free weekend for visitors.

Would it be possible for me to be able to have a paid job while in New Mexico?

Although there are no rules against working it will be extremely difficult to find something that would work in your schedule. Remember that most weekends you will be out exploring the American Southwest and during the week (Monday to Thursday) you will be busy with classes, service-learning placements and connecting with individuals from the Rehoboth community.

List of Field Trips

- Chaco Canyon
- El Maipais Lava Tubes
- Reservation Home stay
- Grand Canyon
- Sky City
- Bisti Wilderness Area
- Pueblo Trip
- El Morro
- Balloon Rally
- Canyon de Chelly
- Navajo Rug Auction

You can check here to read more about each of these potential field trips.

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