

## Humane Borders

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## Mission Groups and Visitors Information

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**Activities:** This is a combination service and educational experience. Volunteers learn about the social, political, economic and theological complexities of border issues with far reaching effects throughout the U.S. Participants actively engage in a life-saving humanitarian effort to maintain water stations in remote desert areas where large numbers of migrants are at risk of dying from dehydration. Locations include Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, Ironwood Forest National Monument, Bureau of Land Management sites in the Ajo Block and along Border Road, and privately owned ranch land.

Tasks may include trips to water stations with water trucks, routine maintenance and cleaning of vehicles and equipment, assembling, painting and maintaining water station equipment, picking up migrants' trash in fragile desert environments along the border, sewing flags and making flag poles for water station sites, plus office work including filing, copying, mailings, media research, and maintaining the libraries of articles, videos and CDs.

**Time:** Welcome all year. Average group stay is 3 or 4 days. Longer stays available.

**Group Size:** If group size is 25 or larger, call to discuss arrangements. Youth groups should have one adult sponsor for every 5/6 students.

**Facilities:** Housing is in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) fellowship hall and classrooms. Facilities include showers, full kitchen with utensils, meeting space, worship space, 25 cots with pillows, washer/dryer for laundry, large screen TV with video and DVD players, wireless internet in the building. Evaporative coolers. Groups provide their own transportation, meals, bedding, towels, toiletries. Some groups may be requested to bring tools, paint brushes, etc. \$10 per person per night.



**Guest Room:** One small guest room is equipped with two twin beds, shower, lavatory, toilet, sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, desktop computer, access to wireless internet in the building. Access to laundry and kitchenette with refrigerator, coffee pot, microwave. \$20 per night for one person, \$25 for 2 people. Refrigerated air. Classroom adjacent to the guest room is available for one or two additional people.

**Related educational opportunities south of the border:** (1) visit colonias and maquiladoras (2) visit Casa de la Divina Misericordia in Nogales (3) visit/work at an albergue (shelter) (4) visit Iglesia Sagrada Corazon or Iglesia Sagrada Familia in Agua Prieta (5) visit Iglesia San Juan (6) visit migrant center in Altar (63 miles south of the border).

**Educational opportunities:** Humane Borders will be available to schedule a powerpoint presentation about their mission and show immigration/border related documentary films, TV specials, and news program videos with discussion following. More than 10 hours of video available.

**Local resources include:** University of Arizona, The Sonoran Desert Museum, Pima Air Museum, Titan Missile Museum, Saguaro National Monument, mountain hiking trails, ski area on Mount Lemon.