Welcome to Summer!

We have decided to stay local this year. The field trips were chosen from recommendations you have given to us over the past semesters. We will explore some of the newly constructed, restored, and renovated buildings in our area. Here’s hoping that we will see you at one or more of the scheduled field trips.

Shirley Bruegman
Director

University High School Tour – Fresno State campus
Wednesday, May 25, 2011 • 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Fee: $20 per person • Minimum 20/maximum 100 participants • Meet at UHS; park in Lot C, V or A, using parking code 1908 0015 at any parking dispenser

You will not want to miss seeing the interior of this contemporary building we have watched being built over the past two years. University High School is a 9th-12th grade free public charter high school located on the Fresno State campus. UHS provides an accelerated college preparatory education to approximately 400 students who share a common interest in music. Students receive a strong foundation in music and the liberal arts and science in a small high school environment. The December, 2007, issue of U. S. News and World Report, ranked UHS the 36th best public high school and 5th best charter school in the nation. And, it has been ranked by the magazine every year since.

Refreshments will be served on the patio prior to comments by UHS Principal Dr. James Bushman, followed by tours led by UHS students.

Activity Level 1: walking and standing for the duration of the tour.

Tour of the Old Administration Building at Fresno City College
Tuesday, June 14, 2011 • 9:00 am - 11:00 am • Parking will be relaxed in Lots A and C on campus (corner of McKinley and Van Ness Avenues) • Fee: $25 per person • Minimum 30/maximum 40 participants

The historic Old Administration Building holds a position of unique historical and educational significance to the San Joaquin Valley. Completed in 1916, the building was the first permanent structure on the Fresno State Junior College campus. It shared the site with Fresno State University until 1948. Fresno City College purchased the campus and from 1956 to 1976, utilized the classrooms, office and auditorium. This expansive building has two outdoor courtyards totaling over 100,000 square feet.

After enjoying refreshments in the south courtyard, Brian Speece, Vice Chancellor of Plant Facilities (who oversaw the entire restoration) will be our tour guide. You will be amazed at how the architect was able to restore windows, light fixtures, and the beautiful wooden flooring. You will sit in the spectacular auditorium where Brian will inform
you about some of the challenges encountered during the restoration, will visit the old library (now a community meeting room), view classrooms, and also browse through the Gary Soto Museum.

**Activity Level 1:** walking and standing for the duration of the tour.

St. George Greek Orthodox Christian Church
Tour and Greek Lunch
Wednesday, June 29, 2011 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Fee: $35 per person, lunch included • Minimum 20/maximum 75 participants • Meet at the church, 2219 North Orchard Avenue, one block south of Clinton and one block west of First Street (behind the Fresno Art Museum).

St. George Greek Orthodox Christian Church of Fresno was established in 1924 by Greek immigrants who settled in the Central Valley. It was in the early 1950s that the new site on Orchard Avenue was chosen, the church was built and services began in 1955. When the church was consecrated, only the ceiling remained without iconography. The parish had to postpone the completion of the iconography until more funding was available.

The quest for an iconographer who could complete the ceiling and replicate the art style of those early artists began in 1999. After much searching, Valery Buyrosky, a graduate of the prestigious Academy of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, and a member of its faculty, was chosen. Preliminary work was begun in Russia. He, with his wife Larisa as his assistant, relocated to Fresno and began work.

Father James Pappas will lead you through the intricate steps taken since 1999 in making the ceiling of the church an unbelievable and remarkable work of art.

The tour of the church will conclude with a traditional Greek meal in the social hall—complete with grape leaves, pilaf, baklava, Greek coffee, etc.

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Clovis Performing Arts Center Tour
Thursday, July 7, 2011 • 8:30 am to 10:00 am • Fee: $20 per person • Minimum 20/maximum 40 participants • Meet at Clovis North High School, northwest corner of Willow and International. Turn left on International and the Performing Arts Center is at the end of the street.

The Clovis Performing Arts Center, located at the new Clovis North Educational Center, was constructed to fulfill the district’s vision of providing outstanding accommodations for music, drama, and musical theatre for all performance groups within the District. The Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall, which was designed primarily as a music performance venue, features 750 seats and has been designed in the classic “shoebox” music hall configuration.

Within the same building a “Black Box” theatre which seats between 150-250 people was designed to support dramatic performances that feature the spoken word. This venue was named the “Dan Pessano Black Box” to honor the performing arts coordinator for Clovis Unified who is now the Managing Director of the Good Company Players.

We will begin the morning at 8:30 a.m. with a cup of coffee on the patio at entrance to the Center. Dan Pessano will talk (and no doubt entertain us) followed by a tour of the building by Brent Moser. Although there will be no live performance, Brent will play some recorded audio pieces so you can experience the amazing acoustics. After the tour of the Center, Principal Norman Anderson will take us on a brief tour of the only 7-12 grade campus in the Clovis Unified School District.

**Activity Level 1:** walking and standing for the duration of the tour.

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TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: $________

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