

SAAS OUTDOOR & TRAVEL

NEW ORLEANS

June 13-27, 2025

12-20 Current 9th-11th Graders

Cost: \$3450

TRIP LEADERS: Rachel Leavitt-Baron, Rick Dupree,
Adam MacDonald, Kate Kerr

The New Orleans trip provides a meaningful service-learning experience through volunteer work, integrated cultural tourism, and daily reflective discussion. We spend the first week volunteering in the greater New Orleans area, rebuilding homes and assisting community projects. Week two is spent volunteering in the rural communities along the Southwest Louisiana coast, restoring wetlands. We visit a variety of historical and cultural museums, the French Quarter, and kayak down the Mississippi River all while eating delicious authentic southern food.

Prerequisites: Complete the NOLA 2025 Trip Application. Application preference given to rising juniors and seniors. Attend all four required trip meetings.

Meeting #1 (March) Get to know you, group values.

Meeting #2 (April) Introduction to Louisiana, New Orleans, and Hurricane Katrina.

Meeting #3 (May) Gear list/student panel.

Meeting #4 (June) Logistics/gear check.

Trip Goals:

Provide a service-learning experience where students stay and volunteer within the communities they serve.

Understand the broad social and political concepts behind the issues students are working to improve.

Reflect daily on the trip and service experience.

Galvanize as a group through a combination of large and small group projects and shared responsibilities for cooking, cleaning, and shopping.

Participate in cultural opportunities directly tied to the service-learning mission.

Steward the ongoing relationships with partners and community members.

Respect diversity and cultural norms within the group and the communities where students live and work.



Itinerary:

Day 1

Fly Seattle to New Orleans

Day 2

Stock house with food and supplies, explore French Quarter, and Hurricane and Mardi Gras exhibit at Louisiana State Museum

Day 3

Bicycle Tour; Tour of Tulane University

Day 4-5

Rebuild Homes (Youth Rebuilding New Orleans)

Day 6

Tour of Whitney Plantation; Tour of Superdome

Day 7-8

Rebuild Homes (Youth Rebuilding New Orleans)

Day 9

Swamp Tour @ Cajun Pride Swamp Tour; Tour of McDonough 19

Day 10-11

Kayak tour, French Quarter, Lower Ninth Ward Living with History Museum

Day 12-13

Wetland Restoration (Common Ground Relief); Swamp Tour

Day 14

Breakfast Out at Cafe Beignet; Clean House; Small Group Activities; Final Trip Meetings

Day 15

Breakfast Out at Waffle House; Fly home to Seattle



Contact Information:

For any further questions please email:

Rachel Leavitt-Baron

rleavittbaron@seattleacademy.org

To register for the trip, complete any necessary trip surveys and find more information, please visit our SAAS trips page by following the link here:



www.seattleacademy.org/student-life/outdoortravel



Matt Edenfield

SAAS Outdoor & Trips Program Director

medenfield@seattleacademy.org

www.seattleacademy.org/student-life/outdoortravel