Application Deadline: 10 January 2007
or until spaces are filled (limited to 18 participants)

To apply, detach and fill out this form. Include a check for $675.00 payable to “NCHC Honors Semesters Committee.”

NCHC Faculty Institute
Registration Form (AZ/MEX)
Please Type or Print Clearly

NAME: ____________________________
INSTITUTION: ______________________
ADDRESS: __________________________
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PHONE: _____________________________
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ACADEMIC AREA(S):

Are willing to share a room with another participant?

Yes                                  No

If not, a single-room surcharge will be added to the cost.

Please attach a brief description of why you are interested in attending this institute and how it might be useful to your own teaching at your home institution.

Enclosed is a check for $_________.
NCHC Federal ID# 52-1188042
Feel free to photocopy form for multiple registrations.
Program Costs

A fee of $675.00 ($100.00 of which is non-refundable) will cover ground transportation during the program, camping fees, group equipment, instructional fees, books and handouts, and meals (except four) from 16-21 March. This fee does not include airfare, hotel costs, transport to and from airport, four meals, other snacks and souvenirs. Personal camping gear can be rented if needed ($60).

Cancellations will be accepted until 16 Feb.

Schedule

Sat. 15 March • Arrive Hotel Congress, Tucson.
Sun. 16 March • Tucson, San Xavier Mission, Tohono O’odham Nation, Organ Pipe NM – camp at Organ Pipe
Mon. 17 March • Explore Organ Pipe – camp at Organ Pipe
Tues. 18 March • Depart Organ Pipe for Mexico via Lukeville and Sonoyta – camp at Pinacate Biosphere Reserve, Sonora, MX
Wed. 19 March • Pinacate Volcanoes, Puerto Peñasco, and Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans (CEDO) – bunk at CEDO.
Thurs. 20 March • CEDO, Estuary, and Puerto Peñasco. Pinacate Dunes enroute to Tucson – stay at Hotel Congress.
Fri. 21 March • Tumamoc Hill and Arizona State Museum, Wrap-Up and Farewell Dinner – stay at Hotel Congress.
Sat. 22 March: Depart Tucson

Institute at a Glance

Borders are a fascinating component of life in the desert Southwest. Near Tucson, they define differences in the environmental, cultural, political, and economic characteristics of southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico.

These borders are also varied in their origin: some are obviously political; others are environmental and define habitat types (such as presence/absence of water); still others are more subtle and describe the cultural and social differences between human arenas. We will explore the role of borders, beginning in Tucson, then heading to the Tohono O’odham Nation and to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

After two days of camping and exploring, we will cross the US-Mexico border. Just south of the border, we travel through border-town Sonoyta, Sonora, for a night at the Pinacate Biosphere Reserve, and then spend a night in Puerto Peñasco on the shore of the Gulf of California.

All along the way, we will be using Place-as-Text™ methodology; meeting local residents, politicians, and biologists; and examining the environmental links and divisions in this arid desert.

The fascinating juxtaposition of ecology, policy, and politics will appeal to a broad range of participants, who will be encouraged to apply their experiences to courses at their home institutions.

Honors directors, deans, and faculty from all subject areas are encouraged to explore this hands-on approach to field-based interdisciplinary learning.

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Approximate hotel costs at Hotel Congress in Tucson are $120 per person for all three nights (15, 20, and 21 March) if participants share a room. Tent camping in ORPI (2 nights) and Pinacate Biosphere reserve (1 night), and bunking at CEDO (1 night) are included in program cost.

Transportation will be by 15-passenger vans with a 4WD support vehicle. Most meals will be prepared by participants with supplied foods. Ability to hike and camp is critical. Make room reservations directly with Hotel Congress (www.hotelcongress.com) 1-800-722-8848 in Tucson. Give the name Bonine when reserving rooms.