

# Kino Teens Leadership Days

## What?

Four days to journey with migrants at the border, to engage in reflection and trainings to help you be a leader in your school and community, and to meet teens from across the US who are also motivated to make a difference in the world.

## When?

June 24-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please confirm your attendance by April 1st!

## Who?

One to two leaders from invited schools, all of whom have sent immersion programs to the Kino Border Initiative in the past year.

## Why?

To "be the change we wish to see" first requires getting to know and journeying with people directly impacted by the injustices of society, in this case recently deported migrants and Central Americans travelling north. Along that journey, we can grow our own skills as advocates and youth leaders and join a supportive network of peers from across the US to discuss, plan, and commit to taking action in solidarity with marginalized communities at the borderlands and beyond.

**"I feel empowered and compelled to start a Kino Teens club in my school so that everyone can share in the experience."**

**- 2016 Leadership Days Participant**



Photo Credit: Juan Lopez Salazar

**"It has made me realize the difference we can make and gave me a sense of responsibility to improve the lives of these migrants and all others." - 2016 Leadership Days Participant**



## Where?

Tucson and Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora. Time will be spent at the Kino Border Initiative comedor, the women's shelter, Fr. Kino's mission at Tumacacori and court in Tucson, Arizona. All participants will sleep at Casa Saeta, which is the Kino Border Initiative house for visiting groups and is equipped with multiple bedrooms, bathrooms, a living/dining room, and a full kitchen.

## How Much?

\$50 registration fee to help cover food, lodging, and a Kino Teens t-shirt. Scholarships are available.

## What do I need to do?

By deciding to attend, you are committing to reading articles and engaging in conversations via Internet with other participants to prepare before June. While here, we ask for an open mind, engagement, critical thinking, compassion, and respect, which includes following all KBI guidelines and staff instructions. Once back home, you commit to implementing the ideas you have generated and doing your best to continue to accompany migrants!



## Kino Border Initiative Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

### Proposed Activities

Prayer every morning and reflection time every afternoon/evening  
Visits to the comedor and shelter  
Desert walk  
Visit to Operation Streamline, where migrants are prosecuted for the crimes of illegal entry and reentry  
Presentation on immigration dynamics, statistics and resources  
Training on advocacy and how schools can become involved  
Leadership skills and organizing training  
Games/team-building activities



**“This program was amazing, awe-inspiring and life-changing.”**

**- 2016 Leadership Days Participant**



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## Information for Parents

### Safety

Parents should be aware that the Mexican state of Sonora is under a State Department Travel Warning. However, Nogales is a major city for travel and trade and the State Department Warning primarily raises concerns with other areas of Sonora. Moreover, the Kino Border Initiative has a security protocol for both the comedor and the women’s shelter and trained staff who are constantly alert to recognize and address potentially risky situations.

There will be male and female staff or volunteers to chaperone students during the day and at night. All Kino Border Initiative staff have undergone background checks and are trained under the Safe Environments Program.

Ultimately, the Kino Border Initiative can provide as safe of an environment as possible but cannot guarantee nor assume liability for your child’s well-being. Please reach out to Joanna Williams, Director of Education and Advocacy, [jwilliams@kinoborderinitiative.org](mailto:jwilliams@kinoborderinitiative.org) to discuss any safety concerns you might have.

### Permissions and Additional Information

All students who plan to participate in Leadership Days must mail or fax liability release and medical authorization form, signed by the student and parent/guardian to the KBI Office at least two weeks prior to the beginning of program dates. This paperwork as well as additional logistical information, such as a packing list, will be sent once students have confirmed their participation.