St. Anne’s Mission  
Klagetoh, Arizona

**Mission Statement:**
The mission of this internship is:
To bring energy, optimism and openness to each day’s projects, challenges and opportunities.
To be a source of hope and aspiration for local children.
To be a respectful listener and receiver of Navajo culture, tradition and lifestyle, as imparted by the people you meet.
To seek out every opportunity to learn, serve, foster joy and sow hope.

**Internship Title:** Summer Intern; Youth Activities Organizer

**On-site Supervisors/Co-educators:** Brother Charles Schilling and Sister Monica DuBois

**Title:** As members of Catholic religious orders, Brother Charles (Brothers of the Sacred Heart) and Sister Monica (Dominican Sisters) are referred to as “Brother” and “Sister,” respectively.

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Klagetoh, AZ

**Additional Contact:**
*Terrill Piechowski was a valuable teacher, guide and friend during our time on the Navajo Nation. If he is willing, I would include his contact information here.*

**Duties/Project Description:**
- Organize activities and field trips for the local Navajo children
- Assist Brother Charles in the hosting of volunteer groups:
  - Participate in the group’s daily activities
  - Help out at Bible School

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iii. Assist in work/construction projects (for example: shoveling corrals, hauling water, digging outhouses, building fences, shearing sheep)
iv. Cook meals and wash dishes

- Attend Sunday Mass and visit with community members
- Do general upkeep, cleaning and construction tasks at the mission
- Be willing to immerse yourself in whatever the day brings! This is not a 9-to-5 job; you must be flexible and versatile.

Qualifications:
- Flexibility: the schedule is always subject to alteration and each day brings its own unique opportunities and challenges.
- Interest in working closely with children and teens: Organizing youth activities is a large part of the experience.
- Cooperation with your fellow intern: It is critical that you develop a strong, open and candid relationship with your fellow intern. The two of you will spend every day together. You are partners; you are a team; you are good friends.
- Acceptance of blurred boundaries between “home” and “work.” As stated above, this is not a 9-to-5 job; because you are living at the mission, you must be ready to serve whatever needs arrive at the door. It is difficult to fully flip the “off” switch.
- Willingness to do manual labor and menial tasks: You can expect to do construction work, as well as basic cleaning, cooking and washing.
- Openness to various religions and forms of spirituality: You are expected to attend Catholic Mass, and also engage in some Native American spiritual traditions.
- Acceptance of limited technology/communication: There is spotty cell service in Klagetoh, so calling and texting may be difficult. The mission does have a landline for your use. Likewise, the mission does have wireless Internet for your use. That being said, it is a mostly “unplugged” kind of summer experience.

Supervision/Mentor Schedule:
Brother Charles provides guidance and assistance in planning a schedule. When a volunteer group is at the mission, there is a set schedule and the interns simply immerse themselves in that schedule. When a volunteer group is not visiting the mission, the interns must take more initiative in creating projects and planning activities.

Non-English language requirement?
No. There is no non-English language requirement. You can expect to learn a few words of Navajo, though!

Working Conditions:
- You will live in a single room at the mission.
- Mission will provide towels, pillows and linens.
- Most meals will be provided by the mission, but you and your fellow intern will prepare your own meals occasionally.
- Be prepared for outdoor work.

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• Bring work or hiking boots, hat, water bottle, sneakers, athletic clothes, and nice clothes for Sunday Mass.
• Be prepared for lots of driving – both on the Interstate and on poorly-maintained dirt roads. You will be driving either a large pick-up truck or a large van, so experience with these kinds of vehicles is helpful but not mandatory.

**Preparation:**
[Ask Terrell Piechowski for good literature and articles that focus on the Navajo Nation.]
Recommended Novels:
- *Ceremony*, Leslie Marmon Silko
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie

**Is the organizational accessible via public transportation?**
No.

**Does the internship require use of personal vehicle?**
No. The mission provides a van for the interns’ use.