



Group experienced sights and sounds of New Orleans

Eleven individuals and three staff members went to New Orleans for six days on August 25th through the 30th. Individuals and staff toured various venues and enjoyed the many sights and sounds of New Orleans. Their first stop was Mardi Gras World.

The tour at Mardi Gras World educated the group about the making of the famous Mardi Gras Floats as well as the history behind Mardi Gras. The group actually got to try on some of the authentic costumes that are used in the parades. (photo on right, second down)

The next stop was the National World War II Museum. At the museum they viewed a 4D film on WWII and had an interactive tour inside a real submarine. (photo bottom right)

Another venue was the Swamp Tour. Individuals on the Swamp Tour were able to see all types of wildlife, including quite a few alligators. Not only did they see the alligators up close, they got a chance to try and feed them too!

During the group's visit to New Orleans, they dined at various authentic restaurants while trying new foods like jambalaya, crawfish, oysters and alligator. The group also listened to some live New Orleans-style jazz, went on a few shopping trips and explored Bourbon St.





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What did everyone enjoy the most? Deyone Harris, a DT Administrator from Homewood responded, "The Swamp Tour was, by far, the favorite outing of the entire trip. No one in the group had ever had an experience quite like this one; feeding alligators right off the boat is something I personally will never forget!"



Above: Group Photo at The Swamp Tour



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