

## Oaxaca Foundation for Education and the Arts (OFEA) Summer 2025 Program Overview

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### About OFEA

OFEA is a **U.S. non-profit organization** with facilities and programs operating in **San Francisco Tutla, Santa Lucía del Camino, Oaxaca, Mexico**. This small town, located **20 minutes from downtown Oaxaca** and **10 minutes from El Tule**, provides an enriching cultural environment for students.

📍 **Location:** San Francisco Tutla, Oaxaca, Mexico

✈️ **Nearest Airport:** Oaxaca International Airport (OAX)

✈️ **Direct Flights From:** Los Angeles, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Tijuana (via the cross-border bridge from San Diego)

☑️ **Airport Pickup:** Students will be greeted by hosts **Victor Tenorio Vasconcelos & Debra Carlson Wood**

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### Meet Your Hosts

#### Debra Carlson Wood (Debra Tenorio Carlson)

- Bilingual (English-Spanish)
- Studied **Political Science & International Relations** (Carleton College, MN)
- Studied **Law** (Washington University School of Law)
- Over **30 years of experience** in higher education in the U.S. and abroad


#### Victor Tenorio Vasconcelos


- Bilingual (Spanish-English)
  - **Oaxacan-born OB-GYN** with over **30 years of medical experience**
  - Former **Medical Professor at Oaxaca School of Medicine**
  - Advocate for youth health education
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### OFEA's Mission

OFEA is committed to providing **educational, health, and cultural opportunities** for children and young people in Oaxaca. Many families in **San Francisco Tutla** work in

traditional industries such as food preparation and small businesses. Our goal is to **empower the next generation** through education and the arts.

 **Art & Culture:** OFEA connects students with **Oaxacan master artists**, museums, and exhibitions.

 **Education:** Foreign students teach **English, arts, music, and sports** while improving their Spanish.

 **Community Service:** U.S. students engage in meaningful **volunteer work** while gaining cross-cultural experiences.

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## Summer 2025 Program Timeline

### April – May: Registration & Planning

- Students collaborate with **Debra & professionals** to prepare lesson plans.
- They choose **teaching subjects** (art, sports, music, English, etc.) and develop a schedule.

### June 13-15: U.S. Student Arrivals

- Students **arrive in Oaxaca** and get settled.
- Early arrivals can **explore Oaxaca** (extra cost may apply).

### June 16-20: Week 1 – Teaching & Community Service

- Students **work with local children** (Grades 3-6) on educational activities.

### June 21-22: Enrichment Days

- Cultural excursions & activities for **students staying 2+ weeks**.
- New students arrive for **Week 2**; first-week students depart.

### June 23-27: Week 2 – Teaching & Community Service

- Continued work with local children.

### June 28-29: U.S. Student Departures

- Students return home unless continuing for **Week 3 Cultural Stay**.

### June 30 – July 6: Week 3 – Cultural & Educational Stay

- Students participate in **guided tours, workshops, and excursions**.
- Parents & siblings are **welcome to join** (space permitting).

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## Daily Schedule

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:30 AM	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Personal time before children arrive
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Teaching & activities with local children
2:00 PM	Children depart
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Comida (Main meal)
4:00 – 10:00 PM	Social, educational, or excursion time
Evening	Cena (Light evening meal)

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## Housing & Facilities

Students stay at the **OFEA enclosed compound**, featuring:

- **5 bungalows** with private & shared rooms
- **Common areas, gardens, and patios**
- **Large palapa** for group meals & activities
- **Solar-heated pool & exercise room**
- **Wi-Fi, kitchen, and modern amenities**

⊘ **No smoking or alcohol allowed.** Violation may result in dismissal from the program.

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## Housing Options

### Bungalow 1 (Ground Level, 3 People)

- 2 private bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Air-conditioned rooms

### Bungalow 2 (Second Floor, 3 People)

- Private bedroom (2 twin beds)
- Fold-down sofa bed in living room
- Shared bath

### Bungalow 3 (Ground Level, 2 People)

- Studio with **2 twin beds**

- Small shared bath

#### **Bungalow 4 (Second Floor, 3 People)**

- Private bedroom (2 twin beds)
- Living room with **custom trundle bed**
- Shared bath

#### **Tour the property on YouTube:**

- [Bungalow 1](#)
- [Bungalow 2](#)
- [Bungalow 3](#)

### **Program Costs**

✈ **Airfare:** Students book & purchase their own flights.

 **Passport:** Must be valid **30 days beyond stay**. Visa requirements apply.

#### **Option 1 – 1 Week Experience**

 **Cost:** \$2,500 per student


✦ Includes: Housing, meals, community service, recreation, excursions

#### **Option 2 – 2 Week Experience (Recommended)**

 **Cost:** \$4,500 per student

✦ Greater **cultural immersion & impact** on the community

#### **Option 3 – Week 3 Cultural Stay**

 **Cost:** \$2,500 per week

✦ Includes: **Guided tours, artist workshops, music events, cooking classes**

✦ Parents & siblings can join (space permitting)

### **Excursions & Activities**

-  **Monte Albán Archaeological Site** ([Learn More](#))
-  **Oaxacan Artists & Music Scene**
-  **Hierve el Agua Natural Springs**

- 🌳 **El Tule - One of the world's oldest trees**
- 🍲 **Traditional Oaxacan Cooking Classes**
- 🌿 **Mezcal Distillery Visit ([Loma Noble Agaves](#))**

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