

Memo from Gene Boutilier to California Boycott Staff
and SDS-SNCC Colleagues. 1966

National Farm Workers Association
Student Summer Project
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From Student Summer Project—Gene Boutilier

Enclosed are last minute details on the summer project for NFWA which begins June 19 in Del Rey. Please read the enclosure over and then do three things:

1. Try to arrange your schedule and finances to be present for all or part of the week. In some cases Phil has asked you to attend. In all cases where you will be supervising or working with students who have attended this orientation it will be helpful if you make every effort to attend. The morale and relationships between you and the students requires that you have as much experience with them as possible under our hectic and low-income circumstances. Especially important would be your presence over the last three or four days. By then the students will know exactly where their summer assignments will be.
2. We invite you to ask students and your adults who will not be part of our summer project but will be working on the boycott or other efforts in their hometown to attend the orientation as a sort of summer conference. This invitation is for people you are personally acquainted with and may not be publicized.
3. If you will be receiving summer project students to work with you, now is the time to start making arrangements for housing and finances.

Please call people who decide to come to drop. A note to Gene Boutilier, P.O. Box 130, Delano, California or call (805) 725-0751 to let us know when they will be arriving. Thanks for the help.

Dear Summer Volunteer:

Things look good for the summer project—we are delighted by the quality and experience of applicants and pleased by the number. Plans are made for orientation and most of the plans are made for summer assignments which will be discussed with each of you after you arrive. The enclosed schedule gives you a good breakdown of orientation week. Be sure to bring it with you.

TRAVEL: If you arrive by car, go to the intersection of Morrell and Wildwood in Del Rey. (Del Rey is about 10 miles S.E. of Fresno. Take Central or American Aves from Highway 99, drive 7 miles east.) If you arrive by thumb, plane, bus, or train come to Fresno, and we will get you to Del Rey. If you are coming several days early, come to Delano, 102 Albany. In Fresno come to the NFWA office, 719 "G" Street, phone (209) 485-2502. This is on the west side of the Southern Pacific tracks, a few blocks from the shut-down Greyhound station and the Continental station. Someone will be there all day Saturday and Sunday plus Saturday overnight until 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Our phone in Del Rey is (209) 888-2337. (California Center for Community Development) Registration will be at the CCD office. Meals, sack, and sessions will be at the Mexican Baptist Church across the street. For travel pool information, contact us quickly in Delano, (805) 725-0751.

DRESS: As you know, don't bring much stuff. It will be hot almost everywhere, but bring one outfit for winter (June-Sept.) in San Francisco just in case. Pants for girls are o.k. but have a dress along. A sleeping bag is absolutely necessary. Very little else is.

MONEY: \$10 registration (as indicated in the application form) is expected from you for maintenance during orientation week. After that you are asked to provide funds if you can bring or raise them, but NFWA will see to it that you have a minimum subsistence of housing, food, and travel, plus when necessary as much as \$5.00 pocket money weekly.

ASSIGNMENTS: Will be personally arranged. You can expect the following rough breakdown:

20—Boycott with local team in California big city.

20—Boycott and working with farm workers in California small towns, alone or team.

20—Boycott in eastern big city in team.

20—Boycott coordinator in smaller eastern city.

15—Scab control along border.

? —Work in Texas or Delano-Bakersfield on strike organizing or as leafleter-picket.

3 or 4—mornings; secretarial pool in Delano—afternoons; door-to-door on co-op, or as public information person.

1 or 2—legal work.

7-10—Research work, centered in San Francisco, housed with SDS, supervised by Clive Knowles.

Assignment policy will be that you will be assigned for travel experience—easterners will stay out west, etc., unless you request a return to your own area.

See you very soon!!

VIVA LA CAUSA

Gene Boutilier
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Of the
National Farm Workers Association
June 19 through August, 1966

Orientation Schedule
(Tentative—subject to revision)

Sunday June 19

Registration (3:00 p.m.).....at California Center for Community Development
in Del Rey—Ruth Robinson in charge. Lounge
with reading materials and exhibits.

Dinner (5:30 p.m.).....Mexican Baptist Church

General Session #1.....Cesar Chavez Master of Ceremonies
(7:00 p.m.) Welcome “An Learning of Huelga” general
remarks, introductions
Slides—Jon Lewis Movies
Songs—Luis Valdez in charge
Reception—refreshments, dancing, getting to know.

Adjourn (11:00 p.m.)

Monday June 20

General Session #2.....The National Farm Workers Association—
(9:00 a.m.) Cesar Chavez speaking (background and nature of
the NFWA, the role of students this summer)

Plans (10:00 a.m.).....Plans and Expectations for the Student
Summer Project Orientation Week—Gene Boutilier

Break (10:20 a.m.)

General Session #3.....The Strike In The Grapes: What’s Been Happening?

A panel—Dolores Huerta in charge. (Early days of the strike, picket line incidents; grievances, beginning of boycott)

Lunch (12:00 p.m.)

General Session #9.....Mobilizing People For Action And Support—
Cesar Chavez. (releasing potential in others; how to organize; how to scrounge support)

Adjourn (9:00 p.m.)

Thursday June 23

Picketing and meals (6:00-1:00)

Rest (1:00–2:00 p.m.)

General Session #10.....Introduction Of Support Groups: Their roles with
(2:00 p.m.) the Huelga and reasons for support.
1) Migrant Ministry and Protestant 2) Roman
Catholic Church 3) SNCC and other civil rights
groups 4) SDS and other student groups 5)
California Center for community Development and
other action groups.

Break (3:45 p.m.)

Workgroups (4:15 p.m.).....First meeting of Workgroups (division by summer
assignments)

Dinner (5:00 p.m.)

Evening Program (7:00 p.m.).....AWOC—Larry Itliong
Farm Workers Cooperative—LeRoy Chatfield
AFL-CIO—William Kircher

Workgroups (8:30 p.m.).....Second Workgroup Session.

Adjourn (10:30 p.m.)

Friday June 24

Picketing and meals (6:00–1:00)

Rest (1:00–2:00 p.m.)

General Session (#11.....The Legal Situation—Alex Hoffman, attorney
(2:00 p.m.)

Break (4:00 p.m.)

General Session (#12.....Budget And The Realities Of Subsistence:
(4:15 p.m.) Jim Drake

Dinner (5:00 p.m.)

General Session (#13.....A Time Of Vision—a panel and open discussion:
(7:00 p.m.) (Open interchange concerning future possibilities; total social significance; goals of various committed participants.
Chris Hartmire—moderator

Saturday June 25

Picketing and meals (6:00–1:00)

Workgroups (1:00 p.m.).....Third Workgroup Session (assignments made at this time)

Free Time (2:00 p.m.—)..Lake Woollomes etc., etc.

Dinner (5:30 p.m.)

General Meeting (7:00 p.m.).....Travel Plans—unanswered questions—:unfinished business.

Fiesta!! (9:00 p.m.—)

Sunday June 26

WorshipProtestant (10:00 a.m.) (optional)
Mass (11:00 a.m.) (semi-optional)

Lunch (12:30 p.m.)

Workgroups (3:00 p.m.).....Fourth Workgroup Session—Specific Assignment Plans; make specific travel arrangements.

Dinner (5:00 p.m.)

Free Time (7:00 p.m.).....Packing, departure details, etc.

Monday June 27

Early departure for assignments (except for those staying here).