

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE SACS SUMMER INSTITUTE

Individuals who arrive early may want to visit Space Center Houston, The Galleria, or attend a local church (a list of nearby churches will be provided later). Guests of institute participants are welcome to participate. Participants who are interested in substantive change can attend a post-institute workshop.

Sunday, July 19, 2008

Space Center Houston – Depart Hilton Americas at 9:00 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. - \$25 for admission and transportation (50 pp minimum)

Upon arrival, you will have the opportunity to take a self-guided tour, view actual spacecraft, spacesuits, moon rocks, and other artifacts. After exploring the Space Center Houston, you will take a guided tram tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center which will allow you to see behind the scenes at Mission Control and where astronauts train for their next mission. Plan to have lunch in the food court (*on your own*) and to visit the gift shop.

Shopping Trip to The Galleria – Depart the hotel at 11:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. - \$10 for transportation (63 pp minimum)

Have lunch, shop, and enjoy the scenery. With its stunning architecture, exceptional store mix, and distinctive style of entertainment, The Galleria has established itself as the #1 shopping and tourist destination in Houston with over 24 million annual visitors. Set beneath spectacular glass atriums, The Galleria features more than 375 fine stores and restaurants, an impressive [ice rink](#) and two Westin hotels. This world-class shopping complex showcases the best names in retailing including Neiman Marcus, Cartier, Gucci, two Macy's stores, Tiffany & Co., Saks Fifth Avenue, Ralph Lauren Collection, Louis Vuitton and Houston's only Nordstrom. With the expansion that opened in March 2003, The Galleria became the fourth largest mall in the nation highlighted by nine types of stone, suspended glass balconies, three types of wood, glass skylights, and plush leather seating. With three office towers, two hotels, 2.4 million square feet of retail space, and a variety of restaurants, The Galleria is a city within a city.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Post-Institute Substantive Change Workshop - 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (no charge)

Light refreshments will be provided.

Topics to be covered:

- What makes a change “substantive”?
- Real-life examples of substantive change and how to handle them
- Sources of information about substantive change
- General discussion of how to identify reportable changes
- An opportunity to meet with SACS staff to discuss institution specific questions.