

### ***Instructionally Related Activities Report Form***

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PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT: Please enter program

ACTIVITY TITLE: Please enter your activity title

DATE (S) OF ACTIVITY: Please enter date(s)

Please submit via email to the IRA Coordinator along with any supporting documentation at [david.daniels@csuci.edu](mailto:david.daniels@csuci.edu) within 30 days after the activity.

Thank you for your commitment to engaging our students!

#### **A. ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

- (1) PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY;
- (2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S) AND/OR LEARNING OBJECTIVES?
- (3) WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE STRENGTHS OF THE ACTIVITY?
- (4) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE/WERE THE ACTIVITY'S WEAKNESSES?
- (5) HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE THIS ACTIVITY FOR NEXT TIME?
- (6) WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE PROCESS?
- (7) WHAT ARE STUDENT RESPONSES TO THE ACTIVITY? ATTACH STUDENT EVALUATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH FERPA RESTRICTIONS YOU MUST REMOVE ALL PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE STUDENT INFORMATION)
- 8) GIVE A SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR THE ACTIVITY (DO NOT INCLUDE ACCOUNTING STRINGS)

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#### **B. ATTENDEE LIST- SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:**

In addition to the report form, *in a separate document*, attach to your email a list of attendees complete with each student major and grade level. This for IRA Committee reference only and will not be published on the IRA website. Include your name and the title of your IRA activity on the document.

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#### **C.IMAGES FROM ACTIVITY:**

Please embed 3-5 images in this document (or attach in .JPEG format) that demonstrate student participation with captions/titles.

#### **(1) PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY**

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agricultural business in our county. FIP guides students through a first-hand experience of typical farm work life in Ventura County. Students visited a local berry farm where they worked in strawberry fields while the farm manager gave instructions on how to harvest berries. Students also participated in a *Sembrando Salud* health education seminar, usually provided to farmworkers during their half hour lunch break. In the afternoon, we traveled to Villa César Chávez Apartments, an affordable housing community created for farmworkers and operated by Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC). Residents shared with students their housing experiences – both before and after moving into the CEDC community. Before returning to campus, students shared their reflections on the day's experience.

## **(2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S) AND/OR LEARNING OBJECTIVES?**

## **(3) WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE STRENGTHS OF THE ACTIVITY?**

The student feedback received is that this is a powerful event. A majority of the students who participated, either have parents/relatives who are farmworkers or know families who are farmworkers, this experience has allowed them to connect to those experiences (this information gathered from student feedback forms).

Other activity strengths:

- Collaborating with outside organizations
- Opportunity to interact with farm workers and their families
- Having a bus to transport the students to the various locations
- Coming together to reflect at the end of the day
- Students!

## **(4) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE/WERE THE ACTIVITY'S WEAKNESSES?**

This is our fourth year creating and implementing this event. We seem to have the planning and implementation down and it works well.

## **(5) HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE THIS ACTIVITY FOR NEXT TIME?**

Student responses noted that they would engage in a week-long alternative spring bring event exploring farmworker issues. We are planning to do this for spring 2017.

## **(6) WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE PROCESS?**

Solid planning and attention to detail continues to make this event very easy to implement. From student feedback, this event is something students want to participate in, it is a meaningful and powerful experience and an important piece of curricular/co-curricular programming.



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See attached

**(8) GIVE A SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR THE ACTIVITY.**

One 48 pax bus chartered from Roadrunner for 7 hours - \$798

**B. ON SEPARATE DOCUMENT, PLEASE ATTACH ATTENDEE LIST (PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFO REMOVED)**

**C. PLEASE INCLUDE UP TO 6 IMAGES IN THIS DOCUMENT TO DEMONSTRATE STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

Farm Immersion Attendance Sheet

Name	Last
Sarah	Alvarez
Antonio	Arredondo Juarez
Jatsiri	Carrillo Cuevas
Alejandra	Castellanos
Evelyn	Ceja
Saray	Flores
Ariana	Herrera
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Linda	Jimenez
Stephanie	Lopez
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Crystal	Malta
Arilenne	Mancillas
Angelica	Moreno
April	Navarro
Jonathan	Ortega
Cristina	Padilla
Elena	Perez
Jackeline	Platero
Jasmine	Reyes
Stephanie	Reyes
Angelina	Rodriguez
Susana	Rosas Palacios
Jennifer	Rueda
Patrisia	Saenz
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### César E. Chávez Day of Service and Learning Farmworker Immersion Project

#### Project Description

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#### Farmworker Issues

Farm workers face social issues such as lack of safe, affordable housing, low wages and wage theft, health issues (based on type of work and exposure to pesticides and outdoor elements), lack of affordable healthcare, as well as sexual harassment and abuse.



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#### Need for Farm Worker Housing

Farming and farm-dependent businesses provide an estimated 36,000 jobs in Ventura County, more than any other sector of the economy except services.

- Agriculture and agriculture-related businesses generate \$2.1 billion in revenue and \$76 million in indirect business taxes annually.
- There are believed to be about 36,000 Ventura County farm workers.
- An estimated 70% of farm workers reside permanently in Ventura County.
- The median age of farmworkers is 32 years with 53% Spanish speaking only.
- The annual salary of a farmworker is between \$20,000-\$25,000.

In Ventura County, the hourly wage necessary to rent a 2-bedroom home at fair market rent is \$28.83 with a cumulative yearly salary of \$62,200. As a result, farmworkers who pool their resources still live in over-crowded apartments or houses, and sometimes live in garages or sheds not intended for human habitation.

\* Serna, A. (Program Coordinator) (2016, March 22). Agriculture and Farm workers in Ventura County. The Farmworker Immersion Experience. Lecture conducted from House Farmworkers! Ventura County, Camarillo



#### Student Reflections

*"People don't give field workers enough credit for their skilled labor. Working in the strawberry fields for just 30 minutes was a difficult experience – it involved training and patience."*

*"What really caught my attention was how precise a farm worker must be while picking fruit. Working as a farm worker is very skilled labor."*

*"It is hard to believe that people do (this) every day. I can imagine there are a lot of health issues in the long run, since farmworkers are bending over for such a long time."*

*"The (CEDC) housing was great – I believe having a safe and decent home offers families opportunities to succeed in life."*

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## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

Working in the fields made me appreciate all the fruits and vegetables that I am able to eat daily. I have notice that working in the fields is not an easy job. Now I can say thank you with all my heart to all those hardworking people.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

Since I come from a agriculture family I know the life it is but I learned that there are opportunities for workers to succeed.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I can go out and talk about the issues and opportunities that are available to those people that can benefit from all of this. Another step I can do now is to try to become more intergrated with programs and help people. In regards to Villa Cesar Chavez I can probably come and talk about my life and how it can relate to them and giving them the support and encouragement to succeed in life. Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year? In regards to the field work I think it would be more of an experience if we were allowed to pick strawberries along the fieldworkers for more time. Allowing us to have more communication with workers and residents of Villa Cesar Chavez would expand our understanding, knowledge & appreciation for all of these hard working people. In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes, ofcourse I would be glad to.

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The skill that goes into picking the fruit, making sure it is the best quality, and the hard work that it is to be a full time field worker.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

There is the "Not In My Backyard" mindset that people have about affordable housing. Being able to come and see what the community is like really proves that the "NIMBY" mentality is wrong. These housings are more peaceful than some regular communities in Ventura County. I appreciate the importance of community and the responsibility that the people living here feel about maintaining a clean and safe living environment.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

- Volunteering is the biggest way of addressing this issue.
- Educating people about this experience and being aware of opportunities to educate others about this issue.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

- There could be more connection between us and the farm workers when we visit the field would help us better understand their work conditions.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

YES!!

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

It's Hard! Never realized how hard it was. I learned so MUCH from this experience that I would love to do again next year. Sometimes we need a reality check and appreciate our food & vegetables that we eat.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

Agriculture: No matter the weather condition the berries have to be picked.

Farm workers: They get health counseling during their lunch.

Housing/health: It's affordable for farm workers and a <sup>united</sup> community.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Definitely, support any projects for farm workers.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

For next year maybe speak to the farmers and spend a day w/ them.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes most definitely!  
can't wait!

We thank you for your participation!

definitely

Thank you  
for making this  
possible!!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The training required to properly get the job done  
the fact that it truly is a labor intensive job  
& people should learn to respect farm workers

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

I loved that they provide educational health programs because many latinos suffer from <sup>the</sup> bad choices they unknowingly make.

The housing was great, i believe that having a safe & decent home offers families opportunities to succeed in life

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Everyone should come to events like these to learn about the struggles people face. we can become involved with different organizations or volunteer our time

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

Outreach is a big thing to improve, students need to know about the opportunities that CI has to offer

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes i would definitely consider it especially if it included different variety of issues they face

We thank you for your participation!

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## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

it's hard to believe that people do that every day. I can imagine there are a lot of health issues in the long run for bending over for such a long time.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

I learned that it takes a lot of skill to pick a good fruit. Also about the long process of ~~being~~ qualifying for a home.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Spread awareness and become part of the organizations that help farm workers.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I would have liked to talk to the farmworkers while they were on their lunch.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes! I would love to

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

THE SKILLS THAT ARE REQUIRED & HOW HARD  
THIS TYPE OF WORK IS ON THE BODY.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

THE HEALTH PROGRAMS PROVIDES HEALTH  
AWARENESS TO & SERVICES

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

TEACH OTHER FIELD WORKERS KNOW  
ABOUT THE HEALTH PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

HAVE THE STUDENTS INTERACT w/  
WORKERS DURING THEIR LUNCH BREAK

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

One of the biggest eye-opening I learned how working in the fields is skilled labor. Working in the fields is not easy, and especially working under the sun from dawn - Dawn, it's hard-breaking because within 10 minutes of picking strawberries I began to have back pains I can imagine every day.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

Personally, coming from a background where my parents work in the fields I was able to learn about affordable housing. Now, after learning about this I can pass it on to people/relatives I know. I also learned about Sembrando Salud.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

One of the helpful things I can do to help out address farm worker issues is by attending advocate meetings to learn/educate myself on the issues. I have never heard of this opportunities given to farm workers.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

One of the things will be eye opening is being able to speak to Farmworkers. Being able to interact and ask question to them will help everyone learn the a different perspective of farm workers.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes.

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out the most was how we have to be careful w/ the strawberries and how its skill work. You have to know what you are doing.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

One thing that I learned about ag. workers is that they work in hard conditions for low pay. About housing I've learned that people are actually here to help.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

What I can do now is <sup>volunteer</sup> and get people informed.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

~~the~~ work w/ farm workers.

In the future, would you attend a **weeklong** alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yeah

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

- What really caught my attention was how precise a farm worker ~~has~~ to be, when picking fruit. Working as a farm worker is skilled labor.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

I learned that there is a lot of programs to help farm working families, but families need to be aware of the programs. I learned that a lot of farm working families ~~need~~ need help with health. I'm happy and glad that

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I feel like being apart of this and with these non-profits, makes me want to get involved in this community.

there is help

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I honestly feel like, it would make a bigger impact if we worked in the fields for 2-3 hours... and actually feel the pain.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Why not? That would be great!

We thank you for your participation!

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## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

people don't give field workers enough credit for their skilled labor. Working in the strawberry fields for just half an hour was a difficult experience. I noticed it involves training and patience. I wouldn't have known this without actually being in the fields picking.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

Something I was able to become more knowledgeable about was the lack of information these workers have on their health. This could be because most do not have health care or could afford it. As for housing, ~~people~~ I think it's important for farmworkers be provided with assistance ~~in~~ in knowing housing opportunities.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I think informing people about the issues with farmworkers. As for me, I will be writing my farm worker's experience in my English capstone.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

- Maybe having the field picking in the early morning hours
- Working beside farm workers
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In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

of course

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The amount of skill required in order to really succeed as a farmworker.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

As far as agriculture, I was unaware about how much land and ~~farm~~ farmworkers are needed to get this food out. I also learned the type of work done for minimal compensation that farmworkers complete. Lastly, I didn't know and am very glad to have learned about the Villa Cesar Chavez Housing's helpfulness throughout the years and also the other programs in the works.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I can try to look more into these volunteer programs and also look into becoming a part of the board committee to helping create a fairer and healthier life for all farmworkers.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

More advertising of the event so that more people are aware and get to be a part of this great experience.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes, I would.

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out were the conditions, heat, and hard labor  
it is to be a farmworker. My back started hurting in  
four minutes, I could not imagine how it is to work  
all day, and that this is where my food is produced.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

I learned that farmwork/agriculture is not easy & requires so much  
skill, patience, knowledge & hard work, but seeing the success  
stories, and the beautiful housing made me happier  
emotional in Villa Cesar Chavez.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Being involved with house farmworkers, and advocacy,  
address issues on news, media; ask my professor for  
more resources.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

maybe a week-long, or more intimate, common  
involvement throughout the year.

In the future, would you attend a **weeklong** alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

!!Yes!!!

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The hard weather conditions, that they really do not have any resources for their work. That the place had "benefits" ~~but~~ which is really nice.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

That not all places get paid by the amount and not all places give much benefits to their workers.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

To get more involved and learn more. To talk about the issue with others.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

To at least take an hour working at in the fields.

In the future, would you attend a **weeklong** alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes! The student want the opportunity to get involved more and learn.

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The difficult thing was to ~~make~~<sup>choose</sup> the right strawberry, I felt very bad when I had to throw the strawberries just because they have something wrong, I have to say that it was hard, but I enjoyed.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

I learned that working in the fields is a very hard work and that is something that probably I wouldn't be able to do because during this little short time that I work I was tired of my back. Also, that I have to care more about my health and for the people who work in the field.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I can do many things between them is to help people to fight for their rights. Also.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I honestly have to say that everything is very organized, but probably the experience working in the fields will be better if we start in the very morning.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes,

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

~~The difficult~~ <sup>hard</sup> job I did. The posture  
and the How ~~a~~ I feel my back.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

there are institutions and organizations  
interested in helping them.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

More time on the fields

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes, I would

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out was how hard it was for me to pick strawberries the correct way. It was very challenging for me and even though we only worked for 30 minutes, I felt very tired. Those 30 minutes felt like an hour and I can't even imagine what it's like doing such job for 8 hrs. or more.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

I learned the true hard conditions of workers. What I didn't know was how much education most of them have when it comes to their health and the importance of attending the doctor.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Some of the steps I can take is pointing out any resources that I know about to the farmworkers I know.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I believe it would be a great experience to interact with the farmworkers as we are picking berries to learn more about ways in which we can help them.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes! I think a weeklong program would give us much knowledge and opportunities to help farmworkers.

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

In reality, working in the fields those first 30 minutes was hard. I have thought that working in the fields is easy but it is not.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

I didn't know that there are individuals who work at the fields to educate the farm workers about health and nutrition.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

One way I can help address it by informing individuals who are and are not field workers to get the chance to get housing.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

So far I loved everything about the Farmworker Immersion event. Good Job.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes I would!

We thank you for your participation!

but it would be easier if the event took place in one day so everyone can make it.



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

It is not easy picking strawberries.  
It is actually hard labor and there are many conditions one can get.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

One thing that I learned is that the women that got to their ~~upper~~ higher job could be anyone, not men like we say there. They have to work for it.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

The steps that I would take now would be the 5 ways for a better living that they taught us.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I would like to be able to talk to some of the actual workers to have a conversation about their work and what they think of it.

In the future, would you attend a **weeklong** alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes, maybe just the weekend or a couple days.

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out to me the most from my time working in the fields was how much effort and delicacy it took to pick the strawberries and how much of a strain it puts on your back.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

One thing I learned was how some pesticides sprayed on the product required an interval of time in which the product can not be picked.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Get more involved and do more research on these issues in order to understand them more.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I felt that this year was pretty good in giving us this experience but next time maybe we can talk with normal field workers more.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Maybe not the whole week but 3 or 4 days I would.

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The detail for having to pack. How everything matters when picking them and putting them into the baskets.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

Well I didn't know how the farm workers receive workshops from Sembrando Salud, the different services they receive and the benefits; including the clinic how its open to them and costs goes depending on the issue.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Getting involved and with this experience I can start informing others; mentioning Sembrando Salud that really focuses on helping and informing farmworkers about health issues.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

Maybe to start very early around sunset and work for a little longer time to get more of a real experience about working in the fields.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues? Yes.

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The thing that stands out the most to me is learning about how the fruit was picked and skills it took to pick the right product.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

One thing that I learned was about the unlivable conditions people live in, in order to survive.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I can take this experience to help inform others in what it takes to be a farmworker.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

Maybe when we drive around inform the students in what type of fields are around us. I also suggest ~~working~~ working a bit longer as well.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

If I was still attending <sup>CI</sup> ~~the~~ yes I would.

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

The labor and how ~~careless you~~ you need the right knowledge and skills to pick the berries just right.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

Farmworker work long hour shifts and don't get payed enough. It is a modest and humble job and i give all my respect to them.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Participate in community events that talk about the work and living conditions of the workers.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

One thing is probably to speak to the actual farm workers about their concerns and thoughts.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

YES!

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

what stood out to me was the discomfort of having  
~~to~~ to repeatedly bend down to pick the fruit & the  
pain the it caused your back & how workers go  
through this everyday

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

I didn't think to much of how  
the workers get paid by the pound &  
how unfair that is.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I want to be more involved in organ.  
that strive to help farmer's families  
housing & work conditions.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I enjoyed it very much because  
we heard inspiring stories of families  
& ~~in~~ experienced first hand the  
struggles it is to farm.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes I would be willing  
to do a weeklong  
event.

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out the most, which I had initially expected, was how hard the farmworkers work and how some of these workers do this for a living, this is their main income.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers, health and housing that you didn't know before?

I learned that for this company specifically, picking strawberries is very particular. Small, bruised, or strawberries with no leaf have to be discarded. They are held to very high standards.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

I am glad we learned about the housing options because this was into. I didn't know. I can now better refer other families to programs like these.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

I would like to see an earlier time to be out in the fields to make it like an actual work day, get the full experience.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

Yes, I think people would be interested in that alternative

We thank you for your participation!

## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out to me the most was the amount of skill & how much your body works to pick fruit. I didn't think it would be that difficult.

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

I learned that there are many regulations when it comes to how the fruit is picked, and when you can or can't pick fruit.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

When people look down or speak negatively about farm workers to teach them & inform them on what it's like to actually work in the fields.

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

If possible have the students be able to talk to the workers & possibly pick for a longer period of time.

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes i would attend a weeklong event to get a better sense of the life of a farm worker.

We thank you for your participation!



## Farmworker Immersion Project Debrief Questions

What stands out the most to you from your time working in the fields?

What stood out the most in the time that I was in the fields was the worker's/ leader's passion for their job. Also, the good care they have for workers & the safety

What is one thing you learned about agriculture, farm workers and housing/health that you didn't know before?

Their struggles, the way they take their safety seriously. They all don't have the same struggles.

What are steps you can take now or in the future to help address one of these issues?

Telling them know about the programs & the education given

Do you have any suggestions or comments on how we could improve for next year?

Maybe next time interact with an actual worker to ask them questions

In the future, would you attend a weeklong alternative spring break event exploring farm worker issues?

yes!

We thank you for your participation!