

Report from New Orleans, Thursday, May 13

On Tuesday we were again separated into two groups. The smaller group of five went to the Heritage Gardens to again work with Ms. Kathy. She kept us busy painting and mounting signs, fixing an exhibit and straightening up the grounds. We finished our work in the early afternoon and took advantage of the extra time to ride the ferry back across the river. The Mississippi is muddy

Yesterday we went back to the village to help with the Agriculture Fair. We met some really cute kids and explaining that cheese does actually come from cows. Among other things we helped run some games. One was hot potatoes. After passing around the potatoes so that they could see that it was not actually hot we began lobbing it in all directions.

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On Wednesday, the entire crew went back to the Heritage Gardens to help with the Agriculture day fair. We got there early and helped with last minute preparations.

Students were assigned different stations and activities as we helped to welcome over 300 students from the surrounding



public and charter schools. Alex helped to introduce students to rabbits while the others played games with the kids. Several of our students also helped to ferry supplies around the fair and Kenneth ran the water stand, keeping everyone hydrated. The agricultural fair was an important activity in our work. Local service and restoration organizations are focusing on sustainable food development and supporting local communities and growers as a one of the many ways to revitalize the area. An appreciation and demand for local produce will help to generate and sustain economic development.

At the end of the work day we again took the ferry across the river and stopped at Café Du Monde for Beignets in the French quarter. The powdered sugar rush was the perfect antidote for a day in the heat.

