

ASU Creating Ties To And Awareness Of Life In Uganda

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ASU students and faculty have two trips to Uganda scheduled for this summer. ASU Professor Dr. Jacob Matovu is planning a 5-week study trip for students and others that departs July 2nd.

Matovu is a Ugandan native and hopes to introduce 15 students, associates and non-degree seeking participants to his country. The trip includes study at Kyanbogo University, visiting families, Queen Elizabeth National Park, national communications facilities, and cultural activities. The trip has peaked the interest of faculty at East Tennessee State University and Winthrop University who may also attend. This group is hosting a Ugandan Food Day tomorrow from 11am to 2pm to raise funds for their trip. Go by Dougherty Hall, make a donation, and try Ugandan delicacies such as Chicken in Groundnut Stew and Mashed Sweet Potatoes. On a separate trip, psychology student Kelsey D. Smith has organized five students to provide assistance to children in Gulu and Kampala. That group leaves May 18th. Smith was motivated to organize the trip after watching the film "Invisible Children" which documents the Ugandan war and the impact on the nation's children, including kidnapping and forced army service for children as young as five. You can see the film tonight and tomorrow at ASU's Greenbriar Theatre and Friday night at Calloway. Both theatres are on campus. Both screenings are free, and begin at 7pm.