

2010 AMIGOS Latin American Projects
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(Note: All projects are subject to change.)

Overarching Goal for all AMIGOS Projects:

To build leadership and life skills of youth in the Americas through cultural exchange, civic engagement, and collaborative community development

General Objectives for all AMIGOS Projects:

- 1) increase active youth involvement in community service
- 2) increase knowledge and awareness of cultural, environmental, and health issues
- 3) collaborate with community members on Community-Based Initiative (CBI) process

* Denotes a project managed by one staff team and divided by two or more themes.

TBC indicates that the project specific theme will soon be confirmed with the partnering agency.

Project Area and Dates	Project Theme and Partner Agencies in Latin America	Number of Volunteers	Activities	Special Considerations
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COSTA RICA				
<p>Limón <i>6 weeks</i> <i>June 29 – August 10</i></p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Costa Rica</p>	<p>Environmental Health and Gardening</p> <p>Earth University</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through environmental activities and gardening. • Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children focusing on environmental health and gardening. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers with an interest in the environment are preferred. • Smaller rural communities. • Desire to collaborate with Earth University students to carry out gardening and community service projects. • Hot, rainy, and humid climate.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC				
<p>San Juan <i>8 weeks</i> <i>June 15 – August 10</i></p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Dominican Republic</p>	<p>Sports and Leadership</p> <p>Plan – Dominican Republic</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through sports. • Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in working with large groups of youth in a camp setting. • Volunteers who enjoy sports and games. • Larger communities that are semi-urban. • Dominican volunteers actively work with AMIGOS Volunteers the entire summer. • Hot and humid climate.

ECUADOR				
<p>Cotopaxi* 7 weeks June 22 – August 10</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Ecuador Cotopaxi</p>	<p>Youth and the Arts</p> <p>Plan-Ecuador</p>	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through the arts (dance, music, drawing). Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities may be at higher elevations. Climate is cold in all work areas. Volunteers may be working in bilingual schools (Spanish and Quechua). Volunteers interested in carrying out all types of creative cultural expression activities (dance, music, painting, language exchange) are preferred. There is also an opportunity to participate in Plan's radio program with older youth.
<p>Pichincha* 7 weeks June 22 – August 10</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Ecuador Pichincha</p>	<p>Sports, Leadership and the Environment</p> <p>Fundación de las Américas para el Desarrollo</p>	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through sports and environmental activities. Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in working with large groups of youth in a camp setting. Climate is cold in all work areas. Volunteers who enjoy sports, games and the environment.

HONDURAS				
<p>La Paz/Lempira 6 weeks June 29 – August 10</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> HON La Paz or Lemp</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>Plan-Honduras</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC. Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountainous geography (thus, may be strenuous walking around some communities). Communities are rural. Climate is cooler in more mountainous areas.
<p>Intibucá 6 weeks June 30 – August 11</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Honduras Intibucá</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>Save the Children</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC. Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children focusing on environmental issues (e.g. water cycle, trash pick-up, deforestation). Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountainous geography (thus, may be strenuous walking around some communities). Communities are rural and less likely to have electricity or indoor plumbing. Climate is cold in all work areas.

MÉXICO				
<p>Oaxaca* 8 weeks June 8 – August 3</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Mexico Oaxaca CN</p>	<p>Community Nutrition</p> <p>Puente a la Salud Comunitaria</p>	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with community members on nutrition issues, including amaranth planting, cooking demonstrations and community/family gardens. • Collaborate with local youth to conduct workshops about amaranth and general nutrition. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high level of conversational Spanish is required. • Volunteers who have an interest in nutrition are preferred for this project. • Complex community structure, with a consensus-based government. • The climate is dry and temperatures range depending on community location. • We work in a lot of artisan communities with a strong indigenous culture.
<p>Oaxaca* 8 weeks June 8 – August 3</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Mexico Oaxaca DC</p>	<p>Digital Culture</p> <p>Instituto Estatal de Educación Pública de Oaxaca (IEEPO)</p>	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and preserve local culture through the use of digital cameras, video cameras, web sites, blogs, etc. • Train youth on basic computer skills, introduction to the internet and how to operate digital cameras. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high level of conversational Spanish is required. • Project will incorporate use of technology, including computers, digital cameras and video. • Complex community structure, with a consensus-based government. • The climate is dry and temperatures range depending on community location. • We work in a lot of artisan communities with a strong indigenous culture.
<p>Oaxaca* 8 weeks June 8 – August 3</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> Mexico Oaxaca 3</p>	TBC	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC • Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complex community structure, with a consensus-based government. • The climate is dry and temperatures range depending on community location. • We work in a lot of artisan communities with a strong indigenous culture.

NICARAGUA				
<p>Boaco* 6 weeks June 15 – July 27</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> NICA Boaco DC</p>	<p>Youth and Media</p> <p>Plan International</p>	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through the use of technology. • Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children focusing on children's rights. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project will incorporate use of technology, including computers, digital cameras and video. • Boaco is a mountainous region, hot during the day and a little chilly at night. • Communities will be smaller and more rural. • Hot, humid, and rainy climate.

<p>Boaco* 6 weeks June 15 – July 27</p> <p>Application Code: NICA Boaco YA</p>	<p>Youth and the Arts Plan International</p>	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through the arts (dance, music, theater). Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers with an interest in the arts are preferred. Boaco is a mountainous region, hot during the day and a little chilly at night. Communities will be smaller and more rural. Hot, humid, and rainy climate.
<p>Matagalpa 7 weeks June 22 – August 10</p> <p>Application Code: NICA Matagalpa</p>	<p>Safe Water and the Environment CARE</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through environmental activities. Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children focusing on environmental issues (e.g. water cycle, trash pick-up, deforestation). Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primarily rural communities in the mountains. Volunteers who have an interest in the environment are preferred. Climate is humid and rainy.

PANAMÁ				
<p>Coclé 6 weeks June 15 – July 27</p> <p>Application Code: Panama Cocle</p>	<p>Environmental Health Ministry of Health Panama Verde</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children focusing on environmental health. Work with youth leaders to organize a presentation for the project-wide Youth Festival. Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers who have an interest in the environment are preferred. Hot, humid and rainy climate during the day. The region of Coclé is known for its indigenous arts and crafts.
<p>Azuero 8 weeks June 8 – August 3</p> <p>Application Code: Panama Azuero</p>	<p>Environmental Health Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) Panama Verde</p>	55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote leadership skills, team building, and youth empowerment through environmental activities. Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children. Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. Work alongside Panamanian volunteers from MIDES to promote civic engagement and volunteerism in the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of rural and semi-urban communities. Volunteers who have an interest in the environment preferred. Hot, humid, and rainy climate.

PARAGUAY

<p>Paraguari* 8 weeks June 14 – August 11</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> PARA Paraguari SWE</p>	<p>Safe Water and the Environment</p> <p>Ministry of Health (SENASA)</p>	<p>28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build 15-20 family latrines in each community. • Facilitate educational activities on latrine maintenance with families using curriculum developed by SENASA. • Partner with local youth to run camps for for 5 – 12 year old children. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. • Some Volunteers may be partnered for 10 days with Paraguayan youth from the Junior Achievement program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's winter and climate can be cold (ranges from 30s to 90s). • Communities are rural and require a great deal of walking. • Meat and yucca are staples of the daily diet. Volunteers who are not willing to eat meat during the summer will not be accepted. • Volunteers will be working with communities where the native language is Guaraní, though Spanish is also spoken to varying degrees.
<p>Paraguari* 8 weeks June 14 – August 11</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> PARA Paraguari EH</p>	<p>Environmental Health</p> <p>Plan-Paraguay</p>	<p>28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with local youth to run camps for 5 – 12 year old children focusing on environmental health. • Run 2-week long day camp for children during the Paraguayan winter break. • Collaborate with Plan-Paraguay youth groups and community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. • Some Volunteers may be partnered for 10 days with Paraguayan youth from the Junior Achievement program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's winter and climate can be cold (ranges from 30s to 90s). • Communities are rural and require a great deal of walking. • Meat and yucca are staples of the daily diet. Volunteers who are not willing to eat meat during the summer will not be accepted. • Volunteers will be working with communities where the native language is Guaraní, though Spanish is also spoken to varying degrees.
<p>San Pedro 6 weeks June 21 – August 4</p> <p><i>Application Code:</i> PARA San Pedro</p>	<p>Reforestation and Nutrition</p> <p>Plan-Paraguay</p>	<p>54</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build 8-10 fuel-efficient stoves in each community. • Facilitate educational activities with youth counterparts on nutrition, reforestation, and benefits of stoves. • Participate in reforestation initiatives, including both tree-planting and educational activities. • Collaborate with community members on the planning and implementation of a CBI. • Some Volunteers may be partnered for 10 days with youth from the Junior Achievement program in Paraguay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's wintertime and climate can be cold (ranges from 30s to 90s). • Communities are rural and require a great deal of walking. • Meat and yucca are staples of the daily diet. Volunteers who are not willing to eat meat during the summer will not be accepted. • Volunteers will be working with communities where the native language is Guaraní, though Spanish is also spoken to varying degrees.