



Costa Rica Science Research Trip Application & Instructions

Course Description:

The SOC Costa Rica trip will embark on a science driven experience **from July 12-22, 2022**, to the research site two hours outside of Liberia, Costa Rica. While at this site (8 days), students will be immersed in a tropical rainforest research program where they will develop their own research questions and experiments focusing on leaf cutter ants and butterfly caterpillar instars. After their tropical field research project is complete, students will travel to El Jobo on the Pacific coast (2 days). Here students will do marine biology research and learn about community-based marine conservation: They will compare sea turtle nesting habitats and snorkel to learn how to find, capture and release stingrays!

Student Requirements:

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to apply.

- It is best if the student has had basic biology or chemistry.
- Students will be required to attend 7 pre-trip classes at Providence Academy beginning in January of 2022.
- Students will be required to attend a post-trip event and present their research to parents and other guests. This event will happen at Providence Academy.
- There are 16 “spots” for students on this trip that are available on a first come first serve basis.
- If all the spots are taken and more students are interested a waiting list will be started for those who could replace a student who might have to drop out for any number of reasons prior to the trip departing in the summer months

Application Process:

The following requirements will need to be met in order to complete your application

- Submit SOC Application to your group’s lead teacher with a \$150 check made out to Seeds of Change or printed receipt from online payment of \$150 application fee: <http://www.soc-cr.org/registration-1>.
- All participants must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate.
- Students who are accepted will fill in a detailed registration form and parents/guardians will E-sign waivers (SOC will send form and waiver link via email).
- Students obtain any other necessary travel vaccinations:
[US Center for Disease Control Costa Rica Recommendations](#)
- SOC strongly recommends families opt to purchase 3rd Party Student Travel Insurance (refunds for program costs only through insurer)
 - o [Trawick Voyagers](#)
 - o [World Nomads](#)
 - o [Allianz Global Assistance](#)
 - o other Insurer of your choice
- Families pay remaining \$3800 program funds (full pay or Nov-March \$760/month payment plan by check (turned in to Dr. Boldt at Providence Academy), or pay online with a credit card → for this option there is an added fee of 3%)

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: *Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7 PM in the Biology Room or contact Dr. Boldt at yvonne.boldt@providenceacademy.org*

**Applicant Information
Summer 2022**

Providence Academy Science Research Trip

Student Name _____

Student Grade Level and Science Class in 2021-2022 _____

Parent Name _____

Parent email _____

Parent Phone(s): home _____ cell _____

other phone _____

List any science related extracurricular activities or summer programs you have participated in:

Parent Permission for Registration

Please include \$150 installment check made out to “Seeds of Change, Inc.” or a receipt

from online payment: <http://www.soc-cr.org/registration-1>

I, _____ (parent name(s)), give my child _____ permission to attend the Providence Academy Science Research Trip in the Costa Rica rainforest during July of 2022.

Date: _____

(parent signature) _____