



Community Service Week

2020

17-21 Feb.

Co-curricular Department



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Lomas de Barbudal Biological Reserve

Liberia, Guanacaste.

Many endangered deciduous trees are found in the reserve, as well as over 250 different species of bees – comprising almost 25% of the world's bee species. The reserve is the site of a small museum called Casa Patrimonio, which has details of the fauna and flora of the reserve. Lomas de Barbudal is home to several groups of white-faced Capuchin monkeys which, since 1990, have been the subject of the Lomas Barbudal Capuchin Monkey Project, an ongoing research project by primatologist Susan Perry of UCLA.

**13 STUDENTS + 2
EDUCATORS**

LODGING: DORMS

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Main tasks:

- Painting and general maintenance of facilities
- Getting to know more about the Bat Monitoring Program





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LODGING: DORMS

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Parque Nacional Volcán Tenorio, Río Celeste

Bijagua de Upala, Alajuela.

The jewel of the National Park is the volcano, from which it receives its name. Río Celeste, with its particular color due to the emission of sulphur from the volcano and precipitation of calcium carbonate, is the gem of this park. The upper area of the park is dominated by primary cloud forest, while the lower regions are carpeted with rain forest. The Tapir and the rarely seen Puma reside in the area.

Main tasks:

- Restoration and painting of the bridges and facilities
- Maintenance of the walking trails. These tasks consist of strengthen the trails with sacs filled out with rocky material, which have to be transported from the ranger's station all the way up to the walk trails.

This trip demands strong physical work.



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Parque Nacional Barra Honda

Nandayure, Guanacaste.

It is a park of great geological importance due to the limestone-formation cavern system with the presence of stalactites and stalagmites. The park protects a wide number of wildlife, including deer, coatis, agutis, anteaters, monkeys, many birds and of course, bats!

Main tasks:

- Trails restoration
- Maintenance and painting of the administration facilities
- Working together with the rangers to create systems to avoid wild fires
- Wildlife observation and monitoring (more bats!)

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LODGING: HOSTAL DORMS

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Monumento Nacional Guayabo

Turrialba, Cartago.

This protected area is of great importance as it houses an archaeological site, where you can see different architectural structures that are estimated to be built between 1000 A.C. and 1400 A.C. It was declared a World Heritage of Civil Engineering. This park will give the participants the opportunity to learn about the Costa Rican cultural heritage.

Main tasks:

- Maintenance of all fences from the park perimeter
- Improvement and painting of the tin roofs from administration facilities and educational spaces
- Maintenance of all walk trails





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EDUCATORS**

LODGING: DORMS

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Parque Nacional Barbilla

Siquirres, Limón.

This 29,500-acre region situated along the Cordillera de Talamanca is the least visited national park in the entire nation. Barbilla National Park is teeming with life.

Conditions in the national park support complex ecosystems and undisturbed regions to develop naturally. This area gives scientists, researchers and nature lovers an unique opportunity to study biological processes. The area is also a habitat for many endangered animals like jaguars, pumas, ocelots, tapirs, howler and spider monkeys and some rare birds like the sun heron or Tolomuco.

Main tasks:

- Creation of signs
- Cleaning and placing signs in strategic places
- Walks around the park to locate tramp cameras
- Conduct checks on the tramp cameras of the park
- Build stairs and rails around the park
- Participants will share with Las Brisas, an indigenous community close to the park.



PARQUE NACIONAL BARBILLA

BIENVENIDOS



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Parque Nacional Palo Verde

Bagaces, Guanacaste.

Palo Verde National Park is located in a tropical dry forest. These forests are considered the most endangered ecosystems in the tropics, providing with essential habitat to many endangered species of wildlife. It is recognized as one of the most important wetlands in Central America for migrating waterfowl.

Main tasks:

- Cleaning of all walking trails
- Maintenance of all administrative and educational facilities

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Parque Nacional Volcán Arenal

San Carlos, Alajuela.

This national park is one of the most popular in Costa Rica. It neighbors Lake Arenal, which is the site of the country's largest hydroelectricity project, the Lake Arenal Dam.

The Arenal Volcano National Park is popular with birders, as most of the 850 species identified in Costa Rica can be found within the park's borders.

Main tasks:

- Conservation programs support
- Maintenance of facilities and walking trails





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Bosque Eterno de los Niños, Estación Pocosol

Alajuela.

Participants will assist with biodiversity data collection for Natural Solution's Biodiversity and Peace program. An intense, nature-based, scientific exploration of one of Costa Rica's most pristine forests. Interested students are expected to spend long hours in the field (i.e., before breakfast and/or after dinner), possibly in rainy/wet/muddy conditions, collecting data/observations; and/or ... at the station analyzing data collected and archiving it in a database. You may be required to hike/walk multiple km each day. Preference is given to students in Biology with strong skills or interests in research and/or conservation (i.e., EEs in Biology/E.Systems/Sistemas).

Participants will collect data for already established research questions but are encouraged to design and conduct their own independent investigations/contributions to the program (i.e., scientific and/or artistic/creative).







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LODGING: HOST FAMILIES

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Namu Nekupe, Pequeño Cielo

Hojancha, Guanacaste.

This project aims to make visible the Chorotega culture through indigenous activism.

Participants will learn about positive and sustainable development while doing community service and sharing educational spaces with the community.

Main tasks:

- Collaborative design of intercultural workshop for the community
- Improvement of the communal gathering facilities





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Cirenas

CIRENAS is part of Hacienda Ario, a 4,700 acre working cattle ranch that encompasses the Caletas-Ario National Wildlife Refuge. This location is one of the last large stretches of undeveloped coastline on the Southern Nicoya Peninsula. CIRENAS promotes “slowing down” to live in harmony with natural cycles and with minimal impact. This means, putting away cell phones and computers and focusing on the present and the community. They develop consciousness about living simpler in a supportive community which forces participants to think about energy, waste, water and technology.

Main tasks:

- Permaculture & Beach Cleanup
- Painting of signs for the reserve and the turtle nursery



Ancho de la boca y cuello 30-35 cm

Largo del cuello 35-40 cm

Profundidad de la cámara 40-45 cm

Profundidad total 75-85 cm

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Ancho de la boca y cuello 20-25
Largo del cuello 10-15
Profundidad de la cámara 25-30
Profundidad total 35-45



LORA

ANCHO DE LA BOCA Y CUELLO 20-25 cm
LARGO DEL CUELLO 15-20 cm
PROFUNDIDAD DE LA CAMARA 25-30 cm
PROFUNDIDAD TOTAL 40-50 !

VERDE

- o Ancho de la boca y cuello: 20-25 cm
- o Largo de cuello: 20-25 cm
- o Profundidad de la cámara: 25-30 cm
- o Profundidad total: 45-50/55 cm

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**12 STUDENTS + 2
EDUCATORS**

**LODGING: UWC COSTA
RICA CAMPUS**

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¡Manos a la obra! at UWC Costa Rica

Santa Ana, Costa Rica.

During Service Week, we promote positive social impact through service in different communities. This is an opportunity to act according to UWC Costa Rica mission and values to put hands on things that need to be improved at school to keep developing the necessary skills from our six competencies.

Main tasks:

- Build two more recycling stations (residential and academic area)
- Improvement of the Green House structure
- Clean the warehouse behind maintenance facilities and rethink the potential of this space

MAINTENANCE STAFF WILL SUPERVISE THE TASKS ALL THE TIME

A photograph of a UWC Costa Rica building. In the foreground, a large, thick tree trunk stands on the left, and another thinner tree trunk is on the right. The building is a long, single-story structure with a brown roof and white walls, featuring a covered walkway with columns. In the center courtyard, there are several stone tables and benches. The background is filled with lush green trees under a blue sky with light clouds. The text "UWC COSTA RICA" is overlaid in white at the bottom, preceded by two circular icons containing world maps.

  UWC COSTA RICA

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LODGING: HOSTEL

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Agents of Change Tour

Guanacaste and Puntarenas.

Together with the Admissions Department, this project aims to increase the number of Costa Rican applicants and to inspire youngsters to follow the UWC mission through Challenge Days based on the Agents of Change program. Participants will co-facilitate the workshops with staff members in private and public schools around Nosara and Santa Teresa.



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Cooperativa Los Campesinos

Quepos, Puntarenas.

This organization is dedicated to promote sustainable options for tourism. Through community service and collaborative work, the Cooperativa seeks for positive impact in the community of Quebrada Arroyo.

Main tasks:

- Educational workshops for the community
- Maintenance of main access bridge
- Communal structures painting
- Maintenance of access roads





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QUITIRRISÍ

**7 STUDENTS + 2
EDUCATORS**

ZAPATÓN

**13 STUDENTS + 2
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LODGING: HOST FAMILIES

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Centro de Investigación Indígena

Oropopo: Quitirrisí y Zapatón

Puriscal, San José.

This non-profit organization promotes the Costa Rican indigenous culture and identity through education, research, workshops and sustainable projects. This year, we will work in two different locations: Quitirrisí and Zapatón.

Main tasks:

Quitirrisí:

- Creation of a recipe book to preserve the culinary heritage of the community
- Creation of a video to document cultural identity of the community through story telling
- Maintenance of the communal center and the JUJUCA handcraft shop

Zapatón:

- Mapping of touristic resources and spots
- Creation of signs to identify the touristic spots





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<https://www.globalgiving.org/fundraisers/service-week-at-uwc-costa-rica/>



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