



Dear Parent:

I am excited to introduce you and your child to an amazing travel opportunity being offered to high school students in Buffalo and surrounding areas. We invite your student to embark on an educational journey to the African savannahs of Tanzania in 2011! Ms. Katie Biggie, Program Manager for Civic Pathways, is spearheading this open enrollment program and will accompany the group of students throughout their experience.

Ms. Biggie has elected to work with Global Explorers to provide this life-changing travel opportunity. Global Explorers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring responsible global citizenship through comprehensive educational travel programs. We work with schools, zoos, museums and other educational institutions across the U.S.A. Learn more about our unique programs and our philosophy at [www.GlobalExplorers.org](http://www.GlobalExplorers.org).

### Why Travel?

Travel inspires us. Travel teaches us. Travel empowers us to know that we can accomplish whatever we want. Travel with Global Explorers is a unique and challenging leadership and service experience. Much more than just a trip, the Global Explorers program includes preparatory curriculum and a follow-up service leadership initiative in your home community.

Global Explorers helps students understand their role in the world and discover a path that's right for them. Colleges and employers understand the impact that travel can have and recognize the value it has in a young person's life. Independent studies from Duke University and Texas A&M University show that Global Explorers program alumni exhibit increased:

- ☺ cultural awareness, acceptance and tolerance
- ☺ leadership skills, self-awareness and interpersonal abilities
- ☺ awareness of global interdependence
- ☺ understanding of the importance of community service
- ☺ sense that they can make a positive difference in the world

We encourage you to consider this once-in-a-lifetime experience for your child. For details, contact Katie Biggie at [kjbiggie@buffalo.edu](mailto:kjbiggie@buffalo.edu) or (716)-829-6170. You may also contact me, Jordy Oleson, at [Jordy@globalexplorers.org](mailto:Jordy@globalexplorers.org) or 877-627-1425.

I hope that you are excited about this opportunity and I invite you to visit [www.GlobalExplorers.org](http://www.GlobalExplorers.org) to learn more about our nationally-recognized programs, which have been featured on ABC World News Tonight, CBS Sunday Morning and the Travel Channel. Come Discover Classroom Earth!

Sincerely,

Jordy Oleson  
Outreach Coordinator – Global Explorers

### LEARN MORE

Visit <http://www.globalexplorers.org/news/BuffaloTanzania> to learn more and to register for this program. Also:

**\*Please join us for a parent and student information session:**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** 100 Allen Hall, UB South Campus

**\*You may also join an informational webinar and conference call with a Global Explorers representative:**

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00-7:30PM

### Instructions for Joining:

- 1) Dial 1-866-740-1260 (toll-free)
- 2) Enter your access code: 4843633
- 3) If you have a computer available, you can see slides during the call by going to: [www.readytalk.com](http://www.readytalk.com) and entering your access code: 4843633 at the top left. Please allow five minutes prior to the call for the ReadyTalk slides to load.

Can't join the call? It will be available on the Global Explorers website for download on May 5 at the web address listed above.

\*Participation in info session or webinar not required to register.



Global Explorers

## WHERE // African Discovery: Tanzania

In Partnership With:

 **Center for Educational Collaboration**  
University at Buffalo The State University of New York

### Program Highlights

- 📍 Search for lions, cheetahs, giraffes, wildebeest, leopards, elephants and more as we camp under the stars on multi-day safaris in the savanna.
- 📍 Experience life as a tribal Maasai villager, cook a traditional Tanzanian meal and learn Swahili alongside local students with our partner youth organization, Roots & Shoots.
- 📍 Work side-by-side with students from the Moshi area on a meaningful service project that will support the community.

“I learned that there are no limits to what I can do as long as I give my best.”

- Dana, Student Explorer

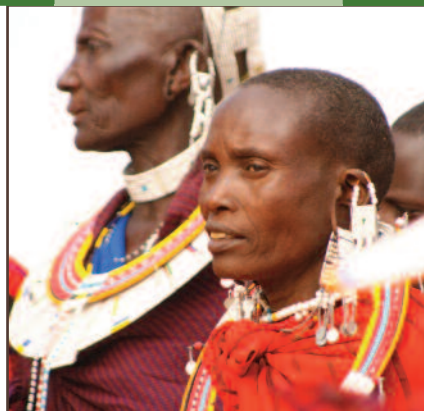


### Program Description

Tanzania is truly a gem that reveals Earth’s amazing cultural and ecological diversity. Under the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro, it’s easy to feel a deep personal connection to this region known as the “Cradle of Life.” On safari in Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater we enjoy an abundant array of animal life that rivals any wildlife experience on Earth. We also learn about human life in Tanzania, past and present, through a visit to a Maasai boma and several days of cultural activities with local students in Moshi. On safari in Africa’s grasslands or side-by-side with Tanzania’s local residents, the African Discovery program shows us a new world and opens doors to personal reflection like nowhere else. For more details, photos and a downloadable flyer, please visit our website.

### Pre-Travel Curriculum

- 📍 Grasslands ecology, wildlife management and conservation issues in Africa.
- 📍 Tanzanian history, Maasai culture and Swahili.
- 📍 Leadership skills, service learning and responsible travel knowledge.



## Program Itinerary

### Days 1 – 2

We leave our home city and spend the day in transit to Tanzania. We arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport on the evening of our second day and spend the night at a hotel in Arusha.

### Days 3 – 5

Our experience begins with a visit to the Country Office of the African Wildlife Foundation to learn about their important work on enhancing and creating wildlife corridors. Our Roots & Shoots student partners join us for all of our activities throughout these first days. Together, we hike, practice Swahili, conduct soil samples and learn how conservation issues affect wildlife and human settlements in the region. We also have the chance to shop at a vibrant local market in Moshi and visit Mweka Wildlife College. We spend our nights at a hotel in Moshi.

### Day 6

Today we visit a rural community to participate in an exciting program supported by our Service Partnership Grant Program. In Tanzania, Global Explorers supports Roots & Shoots to provide students, teachers and community members with skills, knowledge and practical approaches to help conserve the surrounding Mt. Kilimanjaro Forest Reserve. We may plant trees or build fuel efficient stoves before we have a celebratory meal that we cook and share with our Roots & Shoots partners and local community members. Tonight we stay in Moshi.

### Days 7 – 8

We begin our safari experience in Ngorongoro Conservation Area and visit a rural Maasai village, or boma, along the way. We settle into our beautiful campsite on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater and spend the next day touring one of Africa's best-known wildlife viewing areas. This stunning 20 km-wide crater is home to the world's largest density of predatory animals and humans alike, and we have the unique opportunity to become a temporary part of this symbiotic relationship.

### Days 9 – 10

In the morning we head to Serengeti National Park. After a stop at Olduvai Gorge to learn about the Origins of Man, we continue on to an official park campsite within the Serengeti plains. Day 10 is filled with game drives in the Serengeti, during which we can expect to see lions, elephants, buffalo, cheetahs, antelopes and hippopotamuses. We camp again tonight under the Serengeti skies.

### Days 11 – 12

This morning, we bid farewell to the Serengeti with a final game drive. Our return to Arusha affords us a welcome hot shower at our hotel and a chance to do some last-minute shopping. After a late lunch on Day 12, we head to the airport to begin our journey back to the U.S.

### Day 13

Arrive home.

## Program Details

### Program Fee: \$3,330\*

\*Students who register & submit deposits before July 1, 2010 receive a \$100 early sign-up discount

### How to Sign Up:

1. Register online at:  
<http://www.globalexplorers.org/news/BufferoTanzania>
2. Submit \$200 nonrefundable deposit by July 1, 2010. You can pay online at the address above or submit a check to Katie Biggie. Make checks payable to Global Explorers & send to:

Katie Biggie  
101 Allen Hall  
Buffalo, NY 14214

### Travel Dates:

Summer, 2011 - specific dates to be determined based on group needs

### What's Included:

All lodging in Tanzania; all meals and drinking water in Tanzania; all transportation in Tanzania; all daily activities and related fees; Global Explorers Expedition Leader; local guides and drivers; all gratuities; basic travel insurance; airport departure fees; preparatory materials and support; t-shirts and journals; carbon offsets for international air travel.

### What's Not Included:

International airfare between your home city and Arusha, Tanzania; passport and visa fees; immunization fees; spending money (for souvenirs and extra snacks); expenses as a result of travel delays or cancellations that fall outside of Global Explorers' control.

### Who's Traveling:

Any high school student in the Buffalo area or surrounding school districts; Ms. Katie Biggie, Program Manager of Civic Pathways, will travel with students as an adult Group Sponsor in addition to at least one other Buffalo area high school educator, Global Explorers staff and local guides.

### Accommodations:

Students stay in safe, clean and modest dormitory-style hotels in shared rooms with bunk beds, fresh linens and electricity. On safari, students camp in tents with access to pit toilets. Food is delicious and healthy local cuisine. Fresh drinking water is always available.

# WHAT WE TEACH

## EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

**Scientific Curiosity & Competence:** Students develop a curiosity towards the natural world and understand the complexity of interrelationships between human and environmental systems.

**Cultural Curiosity & Competence:** Students build curiosity, respect and tolerance for different ways of life and experience our connectedness with people around the world.

**Career Exposure & Leaders that Inspire:** Students learn about the motivating factors behind career choices made by a diverse group of professionals and develop ideas about fulfilling careers for themselves.

**Service Knowledge:** Students explore the meaning of service-learning and civic responsibility and navigate the challenges of working with communities to identify and evaluate needs.

## DISCOVER THE LEADER WITHIN

**Self-Awareness:** Students explore the ways they see themselves, others, the world and their place in it.

**Communication:** Students learn to listen, to appreciate diverse perspectives and to improve their peer-to-peer communication skills.

**Collaboration:** Students learn about creating a shared vision and utilizing the skills of all team members.

**Critical Thinking Skills:** Students practice problem solving, analysis, logic and reflecting on the big picture using systems thinking.

**Self-Direction:** Students explore their personal passions, adaptability, sense of responsibility and personal vision.

**Information Literacy:** Students investigate various forms of knowledge acquisition, source discernment and management of complex information to deepen the quality of their analyses.

Our Mission is to inspire responsible global citizenship by providing life-changing travel experiences for students and educators of all abilities and backgrounds.

Our unique educational model equips students to explore science and culture for a deeper understanding of the world, to discover their personal interests and to tackle community issues with passion and wisdom.

## INSPIRE CHANGE

**Appreciation for Life:** Students deepen their appreciation for the opportunities they have in life and recognize that there are many ways to make a difference in the world.

**Take Action:** Students take action and engage in service before, during and after their Global Explorers expedition.

**Service Attitude:** Students develop confidence in their ability to inspire change and demonstrate an ongoing willingness to spend time bettering communities at home and abroad.

“I not only gained academic knowledge, but also learned about the importance of an open mind and an open heart, the power of smiling at a stranger and so much more. Global Explorers is a family that gives young adults incredible opportunities and teaches life skills that make us all better people.”

- Laura, Student Explorer

