



2009

Leading the Way: Costa Rican Adventure



Come Discover Classroom Earth!

Costa Rica is a spectacular home...

to some of the most accessible rainforests in the world. From parrots to howler monkeys, poison dart frogs to tree sloths, its mountain and coastal ecosystems host amazing diversity. In this Leading the Way program, a combination of high school students who are **hard of hearing, deaf and hearing**, will learn field science techniques, delve into cultural studies and work hand-in-hand with Costa Rican students on a service project.

A nationally recognized program with Erik Weihenmayer, as featured on ABC Nightline, the Travel Channel and CBS Sunday Morning.



Embark on an extraordinary journey with an unlikely team of students.

Lead: → STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND LEARN TO USE ADVERSITY AS AN ADVANTAGE

Learn: → EXPLORE NEW CULTURES, ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND STEP UP TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL CITIZEN.

Live: → EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF TRAVEL AND DISCOVER THE POWER THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.



The Global Explorers Experience:

If a single trip could change your life, would you take it? Travel inspires. Travel is fun. Travel teaches us. Students will study ecotourism and learn about sustainability and fair trade issues. In the process, they build the independence, interpersonal skills, and attitudes that empower students to become leaders in their communities. Through this academically rigorous Leading the Way adventure, students will also help raise awareness in their communities and abroad about the culture of deaf and hard of hearing communities.



Itinerary Snapshot:

- April 9: Travel to Costa Rica; visit INBio; overnight San Jose
- April 10: Travel to Monteverde; walk in cloud forest; overnight Monteverde
- April 11: Zip through the rainforest canopy; visit town and sustainable dairy farm; overnight Monteverde.
- April 12: Conduct cloud forest research; overnight Monteverde
- April 13: Travel to Sarapiquí; rainforest exploration at Tirimbina; overnight Tirimbina
- April 14: Conduct community service project; pineapple plantation and boat tour; overnight Tirimbina
- April 15: Lowland tropical forest research and conservation; overnight Tirimbina
- April 16: Return to San Jose; travel home

Program Essentials

PARTICIPANTS

High school students who are deaf, hard of hearing and hearing.

Applicants may use assisted technologies and do not need to know ASL. You will be joined by a group of hearing students who have been learning ASL for the past year as well as professional interpreters.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online, call 877-627-1425 email leadingtheway@globalexplorers.org to request an application

PRICE

\$1,995 We fundraise with you!

TRAVEL

Prior to Departure:

Participate in group meetings & fundraise

International Field Workshop:

April: Travel with team to Costa Rica

After you return:

Service Project in your home community

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