

EXTERNALLY SPONSORED TRIP

Externally sponsored trips involve travel to a foreign country, are voluntary in nature, and are not sponsored or approved by Independent School district No. 709. In addition, all staff who accompany students on such foreign travel trips must obtain a liability release and waiver from the students' parents/guardians and submit them to the Office of the Superintendent prior to the trip. All externally sponsored trip proposals must be sent to the Assistant Superintendent's Office to be placed on the Education Committee Agenda for informational purposes.

Externally Sponsored Trip Information

Date of Submission: 3/9/15 Destination: COSTA RICA

Organization/Group Planning Trip: COSTA RICA Contact Person: Annette Strom
Science - EF. TOURS

Overview of Trip: _____

See attached!

_____ Trip Dates: April 6 - 14, 2015

Externally Sponsored Trip Action

Participant List/Signed Waiver Release Forms Attached

Lina Kivil
Principal's Signature

3/9/15
Date

Participant List/Signed Waiver Release Forms Received

Assistant Superintendent's Signature

Date

Days 1 – 3

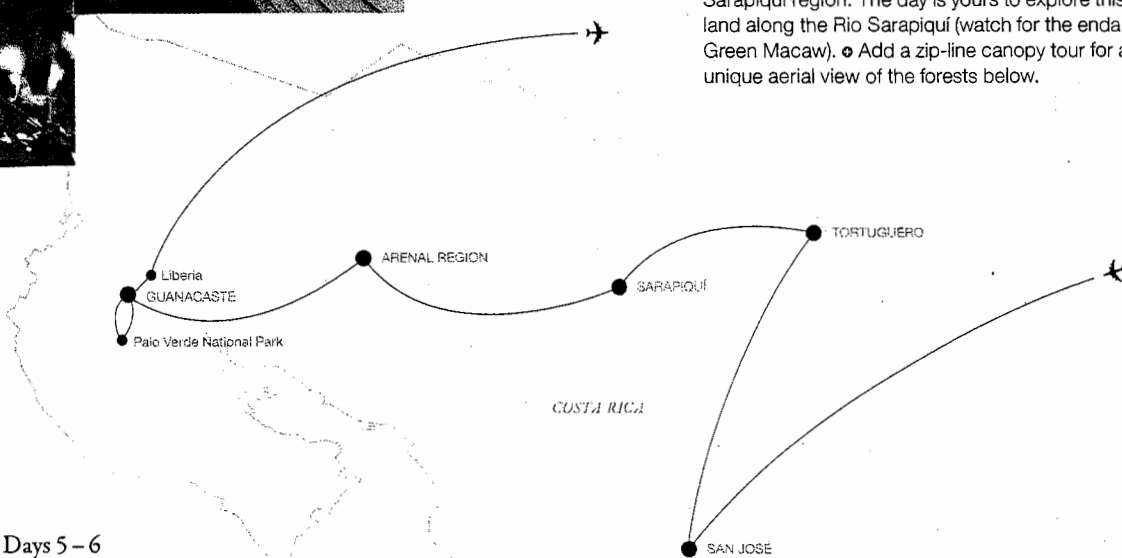
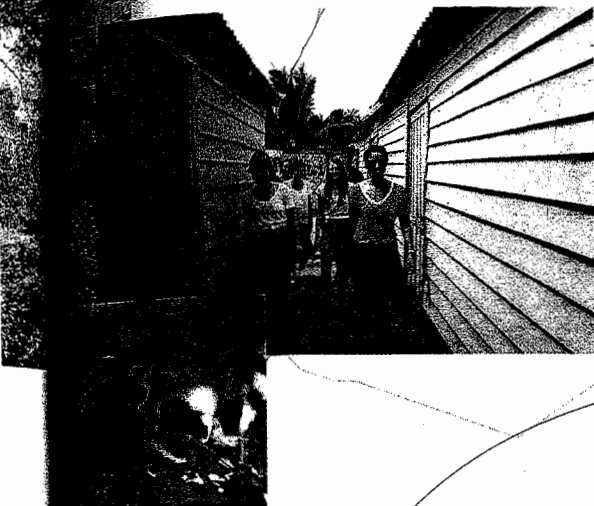
TORTUGUERO

Your Tour Director meets you at the airport in San José and introduces you to rainforests and cloud forests on your way to Braulio Carrillo National Park. Take a boat to Tortuguero ("land of turtles") and visit Tortuguero National Park, home to green sea turtles for more than 100 million years. Try to spot toucans and caimans as you cruise the Tortuguero Canals.

Day 4

SARAPIQUÍ REGION

Nature-lovers and adventurers alike enjoy the lush Sarapiquí region. The day is yours to explore this fertile land along the Rio Sarapiquí (watch for the endangered Green Macaw). Add a zip-line canopy tour for a unique aerial view of the forests below.



Days 5 – 6

ARENAL REGION

Spend more time in Sarapiquí or add a whitewater rafting trip before traveling to the Arenal region. Consider the benefits of geothermal energy as you take a dip in local hot springs. Learn about the mile-high Arenal Volcano while kayaking on Lake Arenal and take in the spectacular La Fortuna Waterfall.

Days 7 – 8

GUANACASTE

En route to Guanacaste, explore the mountains, volcanoes and pristine forests of Rincón de la Vieja National Park before contemplating the brilliant sky-colored waters of the Blue Lagoon. Enjoy guided snorkeling and take a boat tour through Palo Verde National Park, one of the best wildlife and bird watching spots in all of Central America.

Day 9

RETURN HOME

Your Tour Director takes you to Liberia, the capital of Guanacaste province, for your flight home.



Red-eyed tree frog

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From the turtles to the treetops, explore the incredible biodiversity that makes Costa Rica truly unique.

As you observe the coastal nesting ground of green sea turtles, float down twisting and turning canals, scan the rainforest canopy for endangered species and relax in a geothermal hot spring, you'll understand why scientists and educators from around the world come to study Costa Rica's rich ecosystems.



“The educational aspect was exactly what I was hoping for—it brought the concepts I teach in my environmental and biology classes to life.”

Alana A., Teacher

*Price is valid for students under the age of 20 at the time of travel for tours departing from and returning to Miami, Chicago or Los Angeles between Oct. 1, 2015 and Jan. 31, 2016 on a Monday–Thursday that room in triples or quads. Minimum participation is required. Change and cancellation fees of up to the total price will apply. Additional costs may be applicable for high season (12/12/15–1/5/2016) and weekend travel. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at eftours.com/baggage. Prices may be subject to change.