

GAP SEMESTER: LATIN AMERICA SERVICE LEARNING SUMMARY

Location	Theme(s)	Field Experience	Your Once In A Lifetime...
Costa Rica Sea Turtle Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment & Conservation • Microfinance & Economic Growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with biologists to help protect nesting turtles by conducting night patrols in search of hatchlings - Assist with conservation outreach programs in local communities 	Document the world's largest Arribada <i>the wildlife phenomenon of up to 55,000 Giant Sea Turtles swimming to shore to lay their eggs</i>
Costa Rica San Isidro Village Conservation Project & Groupstay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microfinance & Economic Growth • Environment & Conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work alongside community members to complete an environmental & economic improvement project - Live in a mountain community in a groupstay and participate in daily chores and activities on the farm & the local school 	Co-host a Community-Based Symposium <i>on improving the economic standing of the village through eco-tourism, while maintaining cultural values</i>
Ecuador Napo Province Rainforest Homestay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanization & the Movement of Peoples • Microfinance & Economic Growth • Environment & Conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shadow cacao growers in the fields and live amongst their families - Interview farmers and gas and oil workers alike to understand their opinions and interests in the future of the Amazon 	Paddle a canoe deep into the Amazon <i>with an indigenous family to examine the endangered rainforest</i>
Ecuador Amazon Petroleum Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment & Conservation • Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit an illegal gold dredge with a local politician to compare the pros and cons of mining in the area - Participate in a water sampling project to see what the dredges are doing to the local water source 	Interview Community Members <i>to explore the positive and negative effects of gold mining on this part of the Ecuadorian Amazon and its communities</i>
Ecuador Andean Village Homestay & Construction Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy & Education • Environment & Conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work alongside community members to reconstruct the library; teach in the classrooms in the afternoons - Live with a Quechua family and participate in daily activities such as farming with oxen and cooking 	Live a Day in the Life <i>of the Quechua people by participating in daily chores, family traditions, and community celebrations</i>
Peru Cusco Education Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy & Education • Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer at an orphanage for girls & refurbish the home of one of the sponsored students - Examine how access to education is limited to young girls, particularly orphans 	Film a Documentary Short <i>highlighting the backgrounds of these young girls, their educational goals & the importance of receiving an education</i>
Peru Sacred Valley Clean Stoves Project & Guinea Pig Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microfinance & Economic Growth • Environment & Conservation • Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partner with families to build clean stoves for cooking and heating in the home - Interview community members to learn the impact that Guinea Pig farming has had on income security for indigenous people 	Design, build and install clean stoves <i>with Quechua people to improve health for local women and put a halt to harmful deforestation practices</i>
Peru Lake Titicaca Nutrition Study & Homestay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health • Literacy & Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work in conjunction with a nutritionist on food & nutrition education - Participate in nutrition outreach to women & families 	Create a pamphlet on healthy nutrition <i>that can be used in the community as a resource of healthy & nutritious food options</i>
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