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**Subject:** 2016 Field Courses in Tropical Biology and Primatology

ANNOUNCEMENT: New Summer Field Courses in Southeastern Peru.

Our courses are organized around several discrete modules in the fields of tropical biology and primatology. At the start of the course, students begin by learning basic orienteering and navigation skills, while becoming familiar with safety and ethics concerning living and working in the Amazon rainforest. Then, accompanied by assigned literature (primary research conducted in the area or at the site itself), the course leads students through a diverse range of topics, including ornithology, primatology, herpetology, entomology, mammalogy and botany. Along the way, students receive training in a variety of practical skills, such as behavioral observation, radio telemetry, recording and manipulating spatial data, and tree-climbing. Finally, we stress at each stage the importance of considering the conservation of this special habitat, and the impact we have on it.

Other Course Activities:

-- Along the way, participants will undergo a variety of experiences which may include boat trips up the Los Amigos River, exploration of oxbow lakes, lifting prints from pug-marks, night hikes, a visit to a mammal clay lick, and climbing a canopy tower.

COURSE DATES:

- Session 1: May 20 – June 10, 2016
- Session 2: August 1 – 14, 2016

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

- Both sessions: April 17, 2016

ELIGIBILITY:

- You must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the course.
- You must have medical insurance, and provide proof of such insurance to us to complete your reservation.
- We have no citizenship requirements. Anyone is welcome to apply. You must obtain visas independently if necessary.
- You do not need any training in biology or primatology: our course is structured to accommodate people from a variety of backgrounds.
- Courses have a maximum capacity of 20 participants. If you are concerned that you will lose your spot, please contact us to confirm how many spots we have left.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Visit course webpage here: <https://fieldprojects.org/participate/courses-2/>
- Submit a registration form here: <https://fieldprojects.org/participate/applications/>

TAKE A COURSE FOR CREDIT:

- Both sessions of the course are being offered for credit through Washington University in Saint Louis, cross-registered in the biology and anthropology departments. View the details on our website ([fieldprojects.org](http://fieldprojects.org)).

COSTS:

- Session 1 (May/June): \$2200, Session 2 (August): \$1950.
- Course fees do not include personal travel to Puerto Maldonado, Peru
- When you apply, you will be asked to pay a fee of \$400 to reserve your place in the course
- The remaining amount is due by the application deadline only.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

-- We have several competitive scholarship options that open Feb 1st.

-- View options here:

<https://fieldprojects.org/participate/courses-2/scholarships/>

\* For any questions, please contact [info@fieldprojects.org](mailto:info@fieldprojects.org)