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Tree field studies is pleased to announce the inclusion of a primate behavior taught in Costa Rica by Dr. Lorna Joachim. To peruse our organization information and courses got to: website address: <a href="http://treefieldstudies.wix.com/treefieldstudies">http://treefieldstudies.wix.com/treefieldstudies</a>

**Educational Organization**: Tree Field Studies

**Date Posted**: 2016-02-24

## **Program Description**:

Primate Behavior In Costa Rica Taught by Dr. Lorna Joachim (June 12 – July 02)

This course is designed to teach undergraduate and graduate students the basic skills necessary to study primate behavior in the wild. Throughout students will learn techniques in ecological and behavioral data collection and complete an independent study on one of three primate species native to the area (Ateles geoffroyi, the black handed spider monkey; Cebus capucinus, the white-faced capuchin; Alouatta palliata, the mantled howler monkey). While our course cost may be a bit higher than some similar field courses, we take pride in the fact that our students have the advantage of doing work in two forests, help educate local needy high school students, and take a few fun field trips and help educate local students.

This course Each course will take place in Costa Rica at the Estacion Biologica El Zota. El Zota is an inland tropical wet forest site comprised of primary, secondary, and regenerating forest. The end of each course will be held at Tortuguero, a fragmented coastal lowland tropical forest comprised of riverine, palm, and secondary forest areas surrounded by the canals of Rio Tortuguero and the Atlantic Ocean. Tree Field Studies believes that the generosity of the Costa Rican people should be rewarded for allowing us to work and visit their country. Therefore, a portion of the course fee will cover the high school fees of local Costa Rican students. Our hope is that this connection will foster a relationship between the field school and local students, encouraging them to work towards conservation in their own community.

Finally, we take a number of fun side trips in Costa Rica; which are hugely popular and a lot of fun. We have taken students to visit cloud forests and coffee/chocolate plantations, white water rafting, zip lining, sea turtle watching, and snorkeling. Space is limited so contact us soon!

## **Entrance Qualifications:**

APPLICATION: Completed Tree Field Studies application: <u>http://treefieldstudies.wix.com/treefieldstudies#!apply-now/lc4s4</u>

SCHOOLING OR EXPERIENCE: Currently registered in or having graduated from a college or university. Or have experience in a relevant field.

TRANSCRIPT & GPA: Copy of official or unofficial transcript with a GPA (for at least the past or current semester) of at least 3.0. GPA accommodations can be made for those with lower GPA's, but, such accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis. Contact Tree Field Studies directly for clarification,

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS: At least 2 Reference Letters are required. Please use our website to access the Tree recommendation form. This form can be sent to your recommendation folks - and they can send them back to us. Here is the link to

the recommendation form: <u>http://treefieldstudies.wix.com/treefieldstudies#!apply-now/lc4s4</u>. And here is our email address: <u>lfjoachim@comcast.net</u>, <u>gmccabe@bristolzoo.org.uk</u> **Tuition / Fees**:

\$500 USD deposit due with application. This fee goes towards your final tuition.

Session 1 is \$2895 US dollars (June 12th - July 02nd 2016.

Fee includes all room, board, and instruction whilst in Costa Rica. These fees do not cover airfare to and from your home city to Costa Rica. Nor does it include room and board on June 11th (when you should arrive in Costa Rica) or July 3rd (when you should leave Costa Rica).

Support (scholarships, travel): none.

Get up to 50% off of your tuition! Recommending others to this course could get you up to 50% off of your tuition. Discounts amount to about 5% of the cost of tuition. Discounts cannot exceed 50% of the tuition or 10 successful recommendations. Students you recommend must sign up for the course and pay tuition for discounts to apply.

Start + End Dates: June 12 - July 2 2016)

**Application Deadline**: March 12th late applications will be considered on a one-to-one basis.

**Comments:** Attendance is on a first come first serve basis: so please apply early!

## **Contact Information**:

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