

Costa Rica **Felines & Primates**

GSP - San Clemente High School | July 12-20, 2025

GSP - Corona del Mar High School | July 20-27, 2025



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COSTA RICA FELINES & PRIMATES

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Primate behavior and camera trap monitoring

Individual student research projects

Leatherback sea turtle hatchery (season dependent)



HIGHLIGHTS



Protect leatherback sea turtles



Enjoy a birding paradise



Hike through a lowland tropical rainforest

ACCOMMODATIONS



Local Hotel
Heredia, Costa Rica



Pacuare Reserve
Limon Provence



Tirimbina Biological Research Station
Heredia, Sarapiquí, Costa Rica



*Lodging and accommodations subject to availability. Exact accommodations are finalized 2-3 months prior to course.

Toilet type	flush	flush	flush
Running water	yes	yes	yes
Hot water	yes	no	no
Electricity	yes	no	yes
Students Per Room	up to 8	up to 8	2-4



EPI INSTRUCTORS

All instructors have a background in education and managing groups in the outdoors.

Instructors in Spanish-speaking program sites are bilingual.

Minimum of 2 trained instructors on each course.

Each course has at least 1 instructor with advanced first aid training.



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SAFETY FIRST!

The Big 5

- No tobacco
- No alcohol
- No sexual behavior/coupling
- No illegal drugs
- No disruptive behavior

24 Hour Phone

- EPI staff are trained in managing a 24-hour emergency response system
- No news is good news

Staff Qualifications

- All instructors trained and certified in advanced first aid or Wilderness First Responder



UNPLUGGED POLICY

No electronic devices (except digital cameras) are allowed on EPI courses.

“Our son came back inspired and he developed some valuable social bonds with his trip-mates. I think part of the reason it was so successful educationally and socially is because the kids were not allowed to bring phones and other devices. The opportunity to be with other kids without everyone staring at a screen was revelatory for him. Thank you for implementing this policy!”

What will happen to my phone?

Instructors will collect phones and keep them secured in a safe location for the duration of the course.

How do I take pictures on course?

- Digital cameras are allowed on EPI courses.
- Set up group photo sharing
- Buddy up and share digital camera

DATES & DEADLINES

Enrollment: **12/5/24**

Paperwork Due: **2/5/25**

SCHS Expedition Dates: **7/12/25 to 7/20/25**

CDM Expedition Dates: **7/20/25 to 7/27/25**

**Please note: Travel dates have not been finalized. Therefore, students will travel to and from the Pacuare reserve before and after the above expedition dates. Expedition dates may also be adjusted as travel plans are finalized.*