

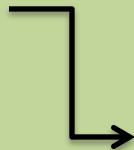
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Editor's Letter

Happy August for Everybody!

This is the August month and I am very happy to be share with all of 1 month more letting you know many of our important articles which are happening in this beautiful country. I invite you to be in touch with us, this is made for you, and I very thanks with everyone for keeping in contact with all of us throughout this version!

Laura Estrada

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Last Groups of 2 Weeks Special Care & Conservation

On July 19th and July 20th, Projects Abroad Costa Rica has received 2 different groups around; one of them was in Barra Honda National Park as part of the Conservation Project, and another one started at the Care program in Liberia City.

At the conservation project, volunteers had the opportunity to do many important projects at the park, as part of the activities such as planting trees, cleaning, garbage collection in 3 different towns, following of the Butterfly and monkey projects, cleaning paths, visits to the caverns. All of these activities were part of the 2 weeks special just conservation, and 2 weeks special one week care & conservation.

The 3rd group was part of the care program as well, at Liberia our volunteers enjoyed a lot sharing with the children at 2 different placements around one of them was "Jardin de los Amores y los Crecimientos", and the 2nd one "The Day Care Kidztown". At both places many valuable activities were done like: painted murals, painted a playhouse for the children, making crafts with them and more.

Our volunteers enjoyed a lot their different experiences around; they could know and learned a bit of the style life at the city and at one of the most important National Parks in the country. Thanks so much to them for choosing Costa Rica and be part of us at least for this little time in our country.



English Lesson for Adults in Liberia City.

On August 6th Projects Abroad started with English Lessons for adults in Liberia city. Many people were interesting to participate and be part of the group, that's why we have now 2 different groups of for beginners and an intermediate group for people with a bit more English knowledge.

The lessons are giving every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 pm to 6 pm, and the course will be extended during 3 months. People are very happy with this opportunity because is a nice option to learn and a free way with native English speakers. Projects Abroad is very happy to offer this overcoming option to learn the English language.



Social Event with the volunteers in program

Our volunteers in program have enjoyed a nice time together at one of the most delicious Ice Cream shops at the city. Volunteers like to go there because is at Liberia downtown. This place offers a variety of exquisite flavors at low cost. Here you have some pictures in order to show you how is the place and the environment around.



Conservation Article at Barra Honda National Park

➔ Barra Honda supporting control of the mosquito *Aedes Aegypti*:

With the onset of the rains begins one of the most problematic in the province of Guanacaste, the mosquito that transmits the dengue virus. But this year volunteers and staff help in controlling this mosquito, for the first time an entire province help with a problem that affects us all. This helps the people of Nicoya work was done in a full day, cleaning the entire city of Nicoya as tires, trash etc. The health ministry and the ministry of environment said thanks to the entire volunteer that supported this.

Bat Project "new specie"

This was a month of joy in the Barra Honda National Park, in the research of bats was found a new species that was not reported to the bat Barra Honda was found *Vampyrus spectrum* (Spectral Bat) a magnificent bat, our staff Eduardo and Macho were very excited to have captured this species, in addition to the volunteers who were on the expedition that night.

Bird Project "at start of an amazing project"

a new project starts in Barra Honda, with a new methodology bird project begins its initial stage, this is what it purports to quantify the number of bird species seen in transects, these transects are specific sites Barra Honda National Park.

When this project ends our idea is to write a book called "birds of Barra Honda National Park" having as assistants to all the volunteers who were in the process of research.

Nursery garden "new children of the forest"

Finally, with the onset of the rainy season started planting more trees, our goal for this year is to plant over 3 million trees of native species, we are planting these trees in schools and villages around the National Park.

Monkey project: "new methodology"

All of our research in the National Park must be APPROVED by the environment ministry Costa Rica, so finally the proposed investigations and feeding behavior of Monkeys will begin, everyone in the camp are waiting, with this research we will learn a lot, we will learn about the behavior of selected groups of monkeys, we will also know that they are eating these groups.

Other:

The butterflies project running normally, and also the start of the investigation of macro fungi in the Barra Honda National Park.

2WS "good job"

In addition, this month we received the "2WS groups" are volunteers who were in Barra Honda for a week, but these left a huge mark on its passage through the National Park. With over one hundred trees planted them in the National Park, plus butterflies perform research, on the other hand, two of

the villages were cleaned around the National Park, and also they cleaned the schools with the children.

See you next month

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