

¡Inmersión! Siempre Verde
Ecuador, South America
2009 Spanish Immersion Course
Saturday, July 11th through Friday, July 31st

Cost: \$2,850

Course This summer course is a Spanish immersion program, using Siempre

Description: Verde and Ecuador as an experiential learning environment. We will encourage the exclusive use of the target language in the classroom & surrounding cloud forest environment. The course will emphasize cooperative learning and will promote learning and achievement among students, create positive learning experiences, and improve students' abilities to retain information for longer periods of time.

The course will focus on communicative interaction as an instructional method for learning Spanish, with the goal of developing oral and listening proficiency, literary skills, and cultural knowledge in order to have a meaningful exchange with others through conversation, writing, listening, and viewing. The course will include 14 days of intensive Spanish instruction, bilingual participatory activities, and cultural interchange, as well as six days of touring the capital of Quito and the coast of Ecuador. In addition, students will create a portfolio/journal to document their experiences and memories in Ecuador.

In addition to the academic curriculum, this summer course will offer community service opportunities in the local community of INTAG, such as teaching through cultural interchange, organizing a field day with elementary school students, and building or tending to a community garden. These activities will promote team-building experiences while enhancing the bilingual learning environment.

Includes: All airfare on American Airlines and ground transportation; hotel stays in Quito and Otavalo; meals and lodging at Siempre Verde

Does Not Departure tax from Ecuador (\$40); tips (\$75 for Siempre Verde

Include: staff and bus driver); and purchases in Otavalo Market (personal discretion)

General Itinerary
Siempre Verde

July 11: Arrive in Quito
July 12: To Santa Rosa, Lunch Cuicocha; arrive at Siempre Verde
July 13 - 17: Spanish Classes at Siempre Verde
July 18: To Otavalo; Market in Otavalo; Night in Otavalo
July 19: Visit Lago Mojanda; Night in Otavalo
July 20: AM: return to Santa Rosa
July 21-24: Spanish Classes at Siempre Verde
July 25: Santa Rosa to Quito through Mitad del Mundo
July 26: Quito (Hotel Quito) a Puerto Lopez/Ayampe
July 27: Puerto Lopez/Ayampe; Tour Parque Nacional Machalilla
July 28: Isla de la Plata
July 29: Tour to see humpback whale migration
July 30: Return to Quito (Hotel Quito); City Tour
July 31: Transfer: Hotel Quito al Aeropuerto

Itinerary is subject to some change.

NOTE: Hiking is the primary activity at Siempre Verde. Trails range from moderate to strenuous. Participants should be in good physical condition.

Passport: Current passport valid for 6 months after return trip.

Pre-requisites: This course is available to rising sophomores through seniors. Course participants must have completed Spanish I, II, II Honors, III, or III Honors with a year-long average of 85 or higher. Students will be selected based on the above criteria and teacher recommendation.

Credits: Students will receive 0.5 foreign language elective credits. This credit does not count towards the foreign language graduation requirement. The final exam for the course will serve as a placement test for students who wish to move into the honors level or earn placement into a higher level of Spanish. Based on performance on this exam, students may be recommended to pursue their originally planned course of study, move into honors, move up a

level of Spanish, or move up a level of Spanish after completing additional summer tutoring (at an additional cost).

Medical Note: A tetanus booster is recommended before visiting Ecuador. Also, due to the visit to the coast, hepatitis A and yellow fever vaccines, as well as preventative malaria medication, are recommended for this trip. Please consult the CDC for more information.

For more information, contact Alex Reynolds, Director of Siempre Verde at areynolds@lovett.org or Angela Mitchell, US Spanish Dept. at amitchell@lovett.org

Part I

In an attempt to determine your motivation for this immersion course and your fit to this wilderness location, please respond to the following questions. (Attach additional pages as needed.)

1) What do you want to get out of this experience, both academically and personally?

2) Why do think you should be chosen to participate in this program?

3) What, if any, similar experiential programs have you participated in?

4) Have you ever been convicted of a Discipline or Honor Council offense? (If yes, please explain)

Part II

Spanish Courses Taken at Lovett (or elsewhere)

Course	Instructor	Grade (unweighted) <u>Fall</u>
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Courses and grades, Fall semester 2008

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OVERALL LOVETT GPA: _____ (weighted) _____ (unweighted)

Lovett extracurricular activities from which I will be absent, July 2008

- 1.
- 2.

Non-Lovett activities from which I will be absent, July 2008

- 1.
- 2.