

***2009 Student Rainforest Fund  
Ethnobotany Adventure to  
Belize, Central America***



**The Expedition begins....Friday, June 26 thru  
Saturday, July 4, 2009**

Dear Student:

I am excited to announce that for the fourteenth consecutive year, the *Student Rainforest Fund* will help to provide the means for twenty or more students (studying the health professions) to travel to the rain forest to study natural products and ethnopharmacy. This year we will be traveling back to our original destination (where it all began in 1995), the beautiful coastal country of Belize, Central America. We have made many wonderful connections with indigenous Mayans and outstanding native healers during the first eight years of SRF's history. Belize is a remarkable country that offers the rainforest experience, visits to ancient Maya ruins, mountain caving, river canoeing, and ocean snorkeling, all within a few hours travel.

If you are considering this trip please contact us as soon as possible for this trip will fill up quickly, and we are limited to taking only 25 students. I know it will be a fantastic trip. Airfares have been skyrocketing, but SRF is providing \$400 per student from our fund to help defray surmounting costs.

We will have as our primary instructor the world-renowned natural doctor and herbalist Dr. Rosita Arvigo. In all the years of our travels, we have never had a more proficient and exciting natural medicine teacher than Dr. Rosita. She has written many books on plant medicine and rainforest products. Her most famous book, *Sastun*, would be a great read for anyone planning to attend this year's expedition. Additional exceptional educational classes available to the students will be offered by SRF faculty members Dr. Dan Wagner and Dr. Steve Morris. There will be other members of the Belizian Healers Association that will be our guides and instructors while we are there.

Other highlights of our 2009 itinerary include:

- An afternoon excursion to climb *Xunantunich*, the highest and oldest Mayan ruin in Belize.
- Sessions with Dr. Rosita and other indigenous healers on medicinal plants, ethnobotany and collection of plant species in the wild for research in the U.S.
- A day-long trip to the great Mayan ruin *Tikal*, located in Guatemala, neighboring Belize to the West.
- A visit to 365 acre Rainforest Reserve, with guided tours and a visit to the Natural History Centre and Butterfly Farm.
- Access to the Ruta Maya Trail System and the Panti Medicine Trail.
- Caving and afternoon swimming at Frias Falls in the Pine Forest Mountains of Western Belize.

We will be lodging at Macal River Camp inside the World famous Chaa Creek Reserve. (Google 'Chaa Creek, Belize' for more information).

This is truly a trip that can change a student's life and career- for the better! The total STUDENT price inclusive from Houston, Texas will be only \$1,950, and from Pittsburgh, PA will be only \$2,100!

Reserve your spot today! Please send a \$500 (refundable) deposit ASAP to: SRF: PO Box 238, Wildwood, PA 15091. Attn: Dr. Dan Wagner. We need to have a head count within 4 weeks in order to get the best prices and fully reserve our spots.

In spirit and adventure,

Drs. Dan & Steve

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