

2010 Student Rainforest Fund Ethnobotany Adventure to Costa Rica with an extension to Cuba



The Expedition begins....June 23-29, extension June 29-July 5, 2010

Dear Student:

I am proud to announce that the fifteenth expedition of the Student Rainforest Fund will travel back to the beautiful Central American country of Costa Rica. This will be our third trip to this natural wonderland. SRF will help to provide the means for 20-25 students (studying the health professions) to travel to the rain forest to study natural products and ethnopharmacy. This will be our most ambitious expedition- for in addition to exploring the rain forests of Costa Rica we are planning an exciting extension to the 'hidden' country of Cuba- truly a 'natural medicine' country. I know, I've been there 4 times.

If you are considering this trip please contact us as soon as possible for this trip will fill up quickly. I know it will be a fantastic trip. We will be staying for 4 days at Luna Nueva Organic Ginger and Turmeric Estate in Central Costa Rica. Often referred to as the "Garden of Eden, this 74 acre estate (owned and operated by *New Chapter, Inc.*) radiates with lushness and vibrancy that reflects their commitment to environmental preservation and ethnobotany.

The final 3 days we will spend at the world-famous Wilson Botanical Gardens on the east coast. The rich gardens and the collection of unique plants (many of them with medicinal qualities) is the largest collection of tropical plants in all of Central America. This lush 25-acre site is part of the Las Cruces Biological Station that is operated by the *Organization for Tropical Studies*. They are good friend with the SRF staff and we have worked with them before.

The exciting extension trip will by precedent-setting for the SRF team. We will take a short flight from San Jose, Costa Rica to Havana for 5 days. We will visit a few hospitals and clinics that have concentrated on "holistic" medicine treatment. Plans have not been finalized for this extension, and more details will be forthcoming.

Of course there will be exceptional educational classes available to the students offered by SRF faculty members Dr. Dan Wagner and Dr. Steve Morris. Expert guides and traditional healers will also be part of our 'green' faculty.

This is truly a trip that can change a student's life and career- for the better! The price inclusive from Houston (via Continental airlines) will be \$1,900. The extension will be approximately \$800, but we have not been able to determine the final price yet. To reserve your spot please send a \$500 (refundable) deposit ASAP to: SRF: PO Box 238, Wildwood, PA 15091.

In spirit and adventure,

Drs. Dan & Steve

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