



La Asociación Sostenible para el Desarrollo Integral y Turístico de Loma Linda (ASODILL)

Internship: Environmental Projects Coordinator

EntreMundos is a non-profit organization working with local projects and organizations in Guatemala to increase its institutional capacities.

The Internship Program is designed to match qualified individuals with organizations that need specific support, ensuring that both parties can benefit to the fullest from this experience.

Host Organization Description:

The Sustainable Association for the Integral and Tourist Development of Loma Linda (ASODILL), was founded in 2,008, is a non-profit organization that promotes the formation, training and education of its members and the community in general. Work community tourism taking advantage of local natural resources without degrading them; It promotes organic agriculture, birdlife monitoring, forest nursery with native plants, executes the management plan of the reserve and manages and coordinates training with NGOs.

Job Description:

ASODILL Association executes a conservation project, where the intern must integrate and coordinate works that are aimed at conservation: local forest nursery and reforestations, vermiculture, biological monitoring and hiking:

a) Local forest greenhouse and reforestation

The object of the nursery is the reproduction of native plants which will be planted in areas of interest in the community forest (water sources, and naturally degraded areas in the reserve). The nursery involves several important activities such as seed collection, seedbeds, substrate preparation, transplant, weed control and diseases.

b) Vermiculture:

It is an initiative aimed at the use, the transformation of organic matter (coffee pulp) and the enrichment of soils in order to provide nutrients to agricultural crops produced in the town, thus contributing to the conservation of soil resources. The project involves the transfer of organic matter (pulp) to the pools where the matter is transformed by earthworms (red coquet), maintenance of



the premises, constant monitoring and collection of processed material (vermicompost) and leachates.

Biological Monitoring

Activity that is implemented with the purpose of evaluating and knowing the different species of plants and birds mainly. Monthly assessments must be carried out in a defined route within the forest, emptying the information into a database which must be socialized with the community.

c) Trekking:

ASODILL has three trails located in strategic places in order to appreciate and live with nature; however, it implies several works that must be done constantly to avoid damage to the environment and prevent soil erosion mainly. Maintenance should be given to the bleachers and drainage of the path, preparation and installation of signposts of information and signage.

Responsibilities will be expected from to the intern, and include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Coordinate work with the directors of the ASODILL Association.
- ✓ Coordinate and participate in the works that will be implemented in the local forest nursery (seed collection, seedbeds, substrate preparation, control and maintenance).
- ✓ Coordinate the planting of native plants in the Loma Linda forest
- ✓ Participate in the weekly meetings of the board of directors and assemblies of the Association.
- ✓ Train members of the ASODILL Association, young children and adults in the community on environmental issues.
- ✓ Perform biological monitoring (plants and birds) monthly.
- ✓ Create a database to empty information on the biological monitoring of vegetation and birds.
- ✓ Deliver a monthly report on the activities carried out, including the results obtained.
- ✓ Respect ASODILL rules and regulations and the community in general.

Requirements:

- ✓ Intermediate level of Spanish.
- ✓ Willing to know and share with the local community.
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- ✓ Knowledge of the activities mentioned before (preferred but not required)

Experience and preferred skills:

- ✓ Teamwork experience
- ✓ Experience in audiovisual equipment management

Benefits offered to interns:

The intern becomes a member of the Loma Linda community; This position has a minimum of 2 months and is possible at all times during the year. Other internship opportunities are also offered if the intern is interested in other activities.

Costos o apoyo:

This Internship Program asks for a donation of US \$ 100.00 per month (up to 3 months- US \$ 300.00 for 3 months) which will be shared between the host organization and EntreMundos. This donation includes full advice before leaving your country of origin, a packet of information about Guatemala, support and a contact person during your stay in Guatemala, as well as monthly and final evaluations of your work as well as a diploma- certificate. In addition, EntreMundos will strive to fulfill and facilitate with all bureaucratic functions, taking into account our capabilities as a small non-profit NGO.

This donation does not include air flights, insurance, medical or internal travel expenses, food and lodging.

Costos Adicionales:

The intern will pay for their stay in the Loma Linda Community, which will provide basic services such as food (three times a day) and lodging for a cost of \$ 300 per month.

Cómo solicitar la posición:

Contact us by email at volunteering@entremundos.org. Please include the Application Form, a motivation letter written in Spanish, and your curriculum vitae. Our Volunteer Program Coordinator will be in contact with you and if the participating / receiving organization feels that you are a promising candidate, an interview will be scheduled.