



Biosphere Stewardship Program Bali Barat National Park Bali, Indonesia June 17 - June 27, 2014

Program

Biosphere Foundation (BF) invites high school students aged 15-17 to join their Balinese counterparts for an environmental stewardship program set in beautiful Bali Barat National Park (BBNP), located on the northwest coast of the island. The park is a treasure with an abundance of wildlife and contains a rare combination of earth's ecosystems: a coral reef, rainforest, monsoon forest, mangrove forest and savannah.



During this ten-day program, students will have the opportunity to participate in a unique approach to learning about our biosphere and how to care for it. They will experience the beauty of nature, study the park's ecosystems and discover their interconnectedness and interdependence. Students will also learn about critical challenges to these ecosystems such as climate change, explore sustainable solutions and join together for a series of service projects in stewardship of the park's environment.

Students will be encouraged to build awareness about the need to preserve coral reefs and all the ecosystems of the national park and to take action for their protection. These efforts will be viewed in a global context and students will be offered tools for becoming stewardship leaders as well as concrete ways they can make a difference upon their return home through activities such as blogging, presentations and environmental stewardship projects in their local communities.





Students will engage in team-building exercises and outdoor activities such as hiking, swimming, snorkeling and boating. They will also have the chance to build bridges of cross-cultural communication and understanding and to experience Balinese traditions such as ceremonies, dance and Gamelan music.

Background

In 2008 BF began working in collaboration with BBNP, NGO's and the local community to protect the coral reefs around Menjangan Island, which are suffering increasingly from dynamite fishing, anchor damage and climate change.



In 2011, BF and *Yayasan Dwi Asih Sejahtera* (a local Balinese charity partnered with the Jakarta-based Sustainable Management Group), co-founded *Friends of Menjangan (FOM)*, a community-based association dedicated to the care and protection of Menjangan Island's coral reefs. Since then, BF has worked with FOM to carry out environmental education/outreach programs and events for over a thousand local students and NW Bali stakeholders and establish community conservation

projects to preserve the biodiversity of BBNP and the surrounding NW Bali bioregion. In 2012, BF established an annual Biosphere Stewardship Program in BBNP for students from around the world, creating a demonstration of international cooperation for the benefit of earth's environment. Our local educational partner is Yayasan Anak Pemuteran, who prepares and sends Balinese students to participate in the program.



Details



Students will stay in a dormitory style field station in Bali Barat National Park. The fee for the land portion of the program including meals, accommodations and airport transfers to the national park is \$2,125 USD, exclusive of airfare. Students are required to obtain international travel/medical insurance and should arrange to arrive at Denpasar International Airport on June 17th and depart on June 27th.

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Student & Parent Testimonials About the Biosphere Stewardship Program

This program impacted my life so greatly, that I am moved to start a revolution. I, with the help of others, want to change the world for the better. I want to do everything in my power as a humble fifteen year old to make the world a healthier place for my children and generations to follow. I would absolutely recommend this program to anyone and everyone because there is something in it for any kind of person. It was wonderful in every way. I got to know and learn about different cultures and people from around the world and help save the planet alongside some of the best people I will ever meet, that's the best combination if you ask me.

MacKenzie K.
California, USA

I learned that happiness is simple and does not need material things. Happiness is when we can make other people smile and foster togetherness. I learned that we should preserve nature, as every tree and sea animal are like a family that will never be separated from ourselves and our lives, so we must keep the beauty of nature and follow the beauty way.

Ni Putu Diah S.
Bali, Indonesia

I had a life changing experience being able to learn and interact with what I love during the trip. I am planning to share my experience with my school community and recommend this program to my peers so that they would be able to have the same life changing experience that I had the privilege to be able to attend. I am also planning to continue the work in the environment club that my friend and I set up in my school. This amazing program helped me realize the importance of preserving the beauty of nature for the next generation and taught me the ways in which actions can be taken to care for our planet.

Fumika A.
Singapore



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I am going to use my dancing to bring awareness and share what I have learned in the Biosphere Stewardship Program.

Dhara K.
Bali, Indonesia

We are still in awe of the great stories Allegra shared with our family when she returned from her trip. It has caused a ripple effect with her two younger siblings being more environmentally aware of our world. Our daughter's experience was priceless.

Olivia K. Parent of
California student Allegra K.

Spending time in Bali Barat National Park opened my eyes to a different world. The different language, the different lifestyle, and the different foods were all so intriguing, yet so easy to adapt to. The students from Bali were so welcoming and enthusiastic and I made so many friends and memories that have become a part of me. The language barrier didn't restrict any part of the experience, and the image of the beautiful landscape and my first time snorkeling the underwater world of coral reefs and tropical fish will stick with me forever. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience that widely broadened my outlook on the world.

Kazumi K.
California, USA

The Biosphere Stewardship Program not only gave me the opportunity to voice my environmental concerns and solutions, but also allowed me to interact with a culturally diverse community with whom I have made many friends. It was an honor to take part in such an innovative program.

Charley H.
Massachusetts, USA



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These last 10 days have been life-altering, eye opening, and beautiful. The Biosphere Foundation has inspired me to take action and truly make a change for the better in our world.

Emily L.
California, USA

I enjoyed experiencing a new culture, very much different from where I come from but with some small things in common. I loved the hike in the rainforest, monsoon forest, the mangroves and the time I snorkeled at Menjangan. Simply saying, I enjoyed every single second of the program.

Ali F.
The Maldives

The diversity of young stewards involved with the program reawakened feelings within me that I have never known or have long forgotten. Every young person spoke with a powerful sense of integrity that few adults can rearticulate.

Roman N.
Hawaii, USA

The best thing for me was meeting with friends from the international school, and walking in places I had never visited, like the monsoon forest and the mangroves. I liked learning how to farm without chemicals.

Ni Luh S.
Bali, Indonesia

These last ten days with the Biosphere Foundation have been an adventure that opened doors in my life I had previously thought unimaginable.

Kuki'i F-W.
Hawaii, USA



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