

Towson University
TU Environmental Education and Service Learning in the Tropics
Summer 2020
(subject to change)

Saturday, May 30	<p>Depart from U.S. Arrive in San Jose and transport to hotel Orientation and program briefing Dinner at the hotel Overnight at the Country Inn & Suites (or similar) in San Jose</p>
Sunday, May 31	<p>Breakfast Early morning departure to Tortuguero Lunch Visit Tortuguero village and turtle conservancy center Class Class activities: Project Learning Tree “Loving it Too Much” Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 1; Honey Ch. 1 Dinner at the lodge Overnight at Laguna Lodge in Tortuguero</p>
Monday, June 1	<p>Breakfast Morning boat tour of Tortuguero National Park. We will explore the waterways in search of wildlife! Lunch Afternoon beach walk and site lecture covering coastal ecology and plant adaptations to salinity. Afternoon beach walk and site lecture. Discussion of ocean plastics issue and plastics activity. Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 4-5 Reflection Due for A Group Dinner at the lodge Overnight at Laguna Lodge in Tortuguero</p>
Tuesday, June 2	<p>Breakfast Depart Lodge for the Caribbean coast Drive to Cocles with lunch on the way Arrive at the hotel in the afternoon Class activities: Project Learning Tree “Web of Life”. Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 6 Reflection Due for B Group Dinner at the hotel Overnight at Villas del Caribe in Cocles (or similar)</p>

<p>Wednesday, June 3</p>	<p>Breakfast Morning Kekoldi indigenous reserve. Lunch Coral reef tour and optional snorkeling. Class activities: Project Learning Tree “Climate Change & Forests” and “The Global Climate” Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 2 & Ch. 3 Reflection Due for A Group STUDY FOR QUIZ Dinner at the hotel Overnight at Villas del Caribe in Cocles (or similar)</p>
<p>Thursday, June 4</p>	<p>Breakfast Morning departure for Sarapiquí area Ethno-botanical walk by Jaime Alvarado. Arrival at hotel in the afternoon. Lunch Class Activities: Rainforest lecture. Project Learning Tree “Tropical Treehouse” Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 7 & 10 QUIZ 1 Reflection Due for B Group Dinner at the hotel Overnight at Selva Verde</p>
<p>Friday, June 5</p>	<p>Breakfast Morning guided hike at La Selva Biological Station. Lunch Afternoon community service project. Dinner Evening night hike. Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 12 Reflection Due for A Group Overnight at Selva Verde</p>
<p>Saturday, June 6</p>	<p>Breakfast Morning community service project. Lunch at the hotel Afternoon Whitewater rafting trip. Conservation & Environmental Education lecture. Concept of ecological succession and succession activities. Class activities: Project Learning Tree "Dynamic Duos", “Nothing Succeeds Like Succession”, and "Story of Succession" Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 9 Reflection Due for B Group Dinner Overnight at Selva Verde</p>

<p>Sunday, June 7</p>	<p>Breakfast Departure for Arenal Volcano National Park with guided nature walk. Check into hotel after lunch. Project Learning Tree activities “Mapping the World’s Forests” and “Understanding the Effects of Forest Uses”. Discussion Assignment: Read Green Planet Ch. 8 & Ch. 11 Reflection Due for A Group Dinner at the hotel Overnight at Magic Mountain</p>
<p>Monday, June 8</p>	<p>Breakfast Morning visit to a local school to participate in a service learning project. Lunch Afternoon visit to local hot springs. Discussion Assignment: Read Honey Ch 5 Reflection Due for B Group Dinner at the hotel Overnight at Magic Mountain</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 9</p>	<p>Breakfast Departure for Monteverde area Arrival at hotel for lunch Afternoon hike at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve Review Focus on Forests p. 17-28 Overnight at El Establo (or similar)</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 10</p>	<p>Breakfast Lunch Final exam Final Reflection Due for Both A and B Groups Farewell dinner at the hotel Overnight at El Establo (or similar)</p>
<p>Thursday, June 11</p>	<p>Breakfast Early morning drive to airport for returning flights Return to the U.S.</p>