



- Summer Camp, pilot program - Xplorer - Montaña de Luz Pablo Arenas - Ecuador 2021

Monday June 28th - Friday July 2nd

9:00AM - 13:00PM

Duration: 1 week

of participants: 12 kids

Ages: Around 10 years old

Close up ceremony: Saturday July 3rd

Xplorer, in cooperation with La Montaña de Luz, have seen the opportunity to contribute to the community of Pablo Arenas and its members in a meaningful way. In summer of 2021 Xplorer completed a free pilot program in which 13 children received four hours of English language lessons, mixed with environmental education daily for a period of one week. The lessons were conducted by a native English speaker from the United States who had two assistants who were also native English speakers. Nature experts were brought in to assist with the environmental education portion of the curriculum. Each participant received daily snacks and a tablet to keep. They also earned a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the curriculum.



English Lessons



Arts & Crafts



Snack time

The pilot program was created based on the below three ideas:

1. The new government and president of the Republic of Ecuador have promoted the idea of opening the borders and motivating international trade and tourism. They have also committed to investments in technology and infrastructure in small towns to ensure remote rural areas have access to faster communication, healthcare, commerce, education, information access, and economic growth.

2. An increase in international tourism necessitates at least basic knowledge of the English language in order to develop and run sustainable social tourism programs. Knowledge of additional languages, English in particular, is essential in providing foreign visitors with adequate services and valuable experiences.

3. Environmental protection through education; it is essential for individuals to understand the ecosystem and their role in protecting the environment and their appreciation of the land for a sustainable future.



The objective of this program is to contribute to the development of children through a mixture of English classes and environmental education. The goal is to strengthen the students' education both academically and environmentally, helping them to increase their knowledge through an experience that enriches their lives and brings collective benefits.

Following the success of the pilot program, Xplorer and La Montaña de Luz plan to offer this social and ecological service at no cost to participants annually. The expected positive results will allow the growth of the project in future years. It is anticipated that the program will include more children and be conducted for a longer period of time. Xplorer is in the process of reevaluating the curriculum in order to improve student experiences, as well as finding ways to fund the program through fundraisers, grants, collaborations, sponsorships, etc. It is also recruiting native teachers for this year's program and is expecting a real impact in the community in the coming years.

Xplorer would like to thank its partner Montaña de Luz that contributed with the location and the environmental education area of the program and Andrew Tulman for enthusiastically teaching English to the children.

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