



- Summer Camp program - Pablo Arenas - Ecuador

Monday - Friday

8:30AM - 13:30PM

Duration: 1 week

of participants: 25 kids

Ages: Around 10 years old

Close up ceremony: Saturday

Xplorer, in collaboration with La Montaña de Luz, saw an exciting opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the community of Pablo Arenas. In the summer of 2021, we launched a free pilot program that brought 13 children together for a week of immersive learning. Each day, participants enjoyed five hours of English lessons, thoughtfully combined with environmental education. The lessons were led by a native English-speaking instructor from the United States, supported by two additional native English-speaking assistants, while local nature experts enriched the program with hands-on environmental activities.

Every child received daily snacks and a tablet to keep, allowing them to continue practicing their English skills at home. At the conclusion of the week, each participant proudly earned a certificate of completion, marking the start of their journey toward bilingualism and a deeper connection with their environment. The program not only provided valuable skills but also inspired the children to dream bigger and envision new opportunities for themselves and their community.



English Lessons



Arts & Crafts



Snack time

The pilot program was developed based on three key ideas:

1. Government initiatives for rural development: The new government of Ecuador have promoted opening borders and fostering international trade and tourism. They are also investing in technology and infrastructure in small towns to ensure rural areas have access to faster communication, improved healthcare, commerce, education, and economic growth.
2. The importance of English for tourism: As international tourism increases, basic English proficiency is essential to develop and manage sustainable social tourism programs. Knowledge of English enables residents to provide foreign visitors with quality services and meaningful experiences.
3. Environmental education for sustainability: Understanding the local ecosystem and the role individuals play in protecting it is crucial for fostering environmental awareness and appreciation, supporting a sustainable future for the community and the land.



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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