



Restoration Internship in Playa Esteriolls

Palm Springs Costa Rica is an eco-community development with plans to preserve, restore and reforest areas within our community. Currently our team of green developers is seeking interns to help design a native restoration plan. Located in the rapidly developing area of Jaco Beach, this internship offers students an interdisciplinary opportunity to study native restoration, learn the principles of green development and planning and become familiar with development impacts on the local community and wildlife.

Restoration Volunteer Internship Opportunity

Location: Playa Esteriolls, Costa Rica

Dates: Jan 2008 – ongoing

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Seeking student interns to join a team of eco-conscious developers to study the existing site and help create a native restoration/reforestation plan for an eco-community development. The site is formerly a cattle ranch in Playa Esteriolls, just south of Jaco Beach.

Students must have knowledge of local ecology, native flora, fauna, invasive species and habitat restoration practices. Must work with an academic advisor or mentor in relevant field to review recommendations and plan.

Prefer majors in biology, ecology, environmental science or related fields or equivalent naturalist knowledge.

Responsibilities:

- Catalog existing flora and fauna on the site. (native, non-native and invasive species)
- Document weather and animal sightings, tracks & signs
- Visit local national parks and gather information healthy eco-systems and native flora and fauna
- Design a restoration plan to include:
 - Map of restoration site
 - List of native and invasive species found currently
 - List of recommended species for reforestation and native plants for restoration
 - Methodology on native plant choices including a canopy diagram and description of ecological benefits.
 - Recommendations for sourcing of trees and plants for planting
 - Work with academic advisor or mentor to review recommendations and plan

Students seeking this internship should be self-directed and physically capable of walking steep mountain terrain in all weather conditions. Students will report directly to the project developer on a weekly basis and attend any relevant project meetings. Project developer will help provide direction and facilitate the earning of college credit hours in exchange for 20 hours of work per week. Internship is not paid. Students will need transportation to the site by bicycle, motorcycle or car.

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