



*EcoTeach & Environmental Expeditions*  
**Amazon Rainforest Workshops**  
**2010 REGISTRATION FORM**



Environmental Expeditions, LLC's Amazon Rainforest Workshops are hosted by EcoTeach, Inc. Please direct questions about the educational program and experience in Peru to Frances Gatz, [frances@ee-link.net](mailto:frances@ee-link.net) or 301-585-7027 or toll free 1-800-669-6806 at Environmental Expeditions. And direct travel and logistical questions to Deb Smucker by: Email: [deb@ecoteach.com](mailto:deb@ecoteach.com) ; Phone/Fax: 800-626-8992; or Mail: EcoTeach, PO Box 604, Poulsbo, WA 98370. To make your reservation, please complete and sign this form, and return it by email, fax, or mail to Deb Smucker at EcoTeach. Your \$400 trip deposit may be made by credit card online at <http://www.travel2learn.com/amazon.htm> or by check payable EcoTeach.

**JULY 1 – 9, 2010 EDUCATOR'S AMAZON RAINFOREST WORKSHOP \$1848 (land), appx. \$300 (in-country air)**

*Land and air cost above does not include the cost of international flights from your hometown to and from Lima, Peru.*

**JULY 9 - 13, 2010 MACHU PICCHU EXTENSION** yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

*Please note important information about flights below and book your international air only after the group has a sufficient number.*

**PARTICIPANT LEGAL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(as it appears on passport) (First) (Middle) (Last)*

**PARTICIPANT BILLING INFORMATION:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

*As a courtesy, EcoTeach, Inc. and Environmental Expeditions, LLC (collectively "EcoTeach") purchase a post-departure travel insurance policy for each participant. Details on the policies can be found on your group webpage or by request from EcoTeach. As EcoTeach is not providing the coverage, you must review the policy terms and conditions and determine if the policy meets your needs. Please read carefully the information on travel insurance in the Medical Treatment/Travel Insurance/Medical Proxy/Release section below. Additional coverage includes these options:*

- **Comprehensive Insurance** provides cancellation coverage for specific reasons, and if purchased within 14 days of your deposit, the pre-existing condition exclusion will be waived.
- With the **Comprehensive Insurance**, you can also purchase the option to **Cancel for Any Reason**. This option provides for reimbursement of 75% of the trip cost (including airfare) for cancellations due to reasons not otherwise covered under the comprehensive plan, providing the cancellation is 2 or more days prior to scheduled departure. This plan **must** be purchased within 14 days of the initial trip deposit and is **not available in Washington State**.

*If you would like to purchase additional travel insurance coverage please choose only one option, either A or B. If you paid the deposit online, please send a check, along with this registration form, within 10 days of the initial deposit to EcoTeach, PO Box 604, Poulsbo, WA 98370.*

- A.  I have attached a \$100 check, payable EcoTeach, to purchase the Comprehensive Insurance policy.
- B.  I have attached a \$150 check, payable to EcoTeach, to purchase the Comprehensive Insurance with "Cancel for Any Reason" option.

*I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions outlined below and accept this Agreement. I understand that I fully assume and am solely and fully responsible and liable for any and all claims or expenses that may arise from my participation in this program, that are outside the coverage limits of whatever insurance plan I have chosen. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or EcoTeach's performance under this Agreement, shall be settled by binding arbitration to be held in Seattle, Washington in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing. All parties to any arbitration or litigation under or arising from this Agreement in any way shall bear their own costs, including legal fees. Participant, his or her family and heirs agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions below upon the earlier of payment of a deposit to EcoTeach or submission of this registration form.*

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Payment of your deposit constitutes agreement with and acceptance of the following Terms & Conditions:**

## Registration and Payments

Reservations are accepted and your space confirmed for the expedition named above upon receipt of this form accompanied by a deposit of \$400 per participant. Although the full payment is requested at this time, the deposit plus two equal payments are requested on April 1 and May 1.

## Limitations of Liability

EcoTeach contracts with service providers for transportation, hotels, meals, guides and tours. These services are not under our control. If flights are contracted through EcoTeach, we work with major airlines and book on regularly scheduled flights. EcoTeach acts only in the capacity of agent as to flights, and has no liability in that role. The airlines' liability is limited to the terms of the airline tickets. EcoTeach is not liable for any delays, inconveniences, accidents, expense or mishap of any kind whatsoever resulting entirely, or in part, from the negligence or actions of others or from causes beyond its control. EcoTeach does not accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or change in air services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes beyond its control. All such losses or expenses will be borne by the participant, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. EcoTeach reserves the right, in its sole discretion to substitute modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or appropriate or caused by changes in air schedules.

## More Legalese

EcoTeach, its owners, and associated agents act only as agents for the owners, contractors and suppliers providing means of transportation and/or all other related travel services and disclaim all liability for property loss or damage, and/or any damages or claims resulting from death, illness or personal injuries, including loss of services which may be sustained on account of, or rising out of, by reason of, or while engaged on any trip, automobile, boat, vehicle, horseback, canopy riggings, inn, common carrier, aircraft, interaction with other participants, or otherwise caused by failure, delay, or by any transportation or travel service company due to any cause whatsoever occurring during a tour under its management, sponsorship, procurement or otherwise. Basically, there are some things that are just not under EcoTeach's control.

## Important Information on Flights

Please contact Deb Smucker by email: [deb@ecoteach.com](mailto:deb@ecoteach.com) or phone/fax: 800-626-8992 for assistance in checking air schedules. Note that reduced rates online are non-refundable. If you are arranging your air travel independently, it is imperative that Deb Smucker at EcoTeach receive a copy of your flight itinerary at [deb@ecoteach.com](mailto:deb@ecoteach.com). **Pay careful attention to the dates when booking your flight tickets as the return flights depart Lima before and after midnight and can be confusing.** You are responsible for any penalties associated with flight corrections when you are booking on your own.

We recommend booking your flights on Continental, American, or Delta Airlines. Please allow **at least 2-3 hours connection time** on your international flights to Lima. Airlines are often delayed, making it easy to miss a connection that has no back-up flight until the next day.

If you are interested in the Machu Picchu Extension, we will advise you immediately when we have the required minimum number of participants needed to confirm this extension group (by or before February 15). Please do not book your international air flights until after this group is confirmed if you would like to continue your travels with group members.

Please note that we will meet arriving passengers at the Lima Airport during the evening of July 1. Transfers for participants arriving into Lima at an alternate time need to be arranged ahead of time and will be billed separately. We are arranging travel for your group on LAN Airlines to Iquitos the next morning, July 2. After our Amazon program, you will arrive back into Lima July 9 for activities in Lima. The trip will end early evening on July 9 and you will be responsible for any costs incurred after the trip ends.

## **Cancellation and Late Fees**

- **150 days plus prior to departure:** \$95 cancellation fee + any nonrefundable deposits or payments made by EcoTeach on behalf of the participant
- **149 to 95 days prior to departure:** \$395 cancellation fee + any nonrefundable deposits or payments made by EcoTeach on behalf of the participant
- **Less than 95 days prior to departure:** no refund

A \$25 late fee will be imposed on all late payments. If any payment is not made by the required date, EcoTeach may, in its sole discretion, cancel the trip for that participant and impose the cancellation fee set forth above. Returned and NSF checks will be charged a \$20 fee.

## **Services Provided**

Our trips are an exceptional value because they include nearly everything. The price includes: ground transportation in the Amazon, accommodations, lodges, naturalist/guides, meals and activities as specified in the itinerary, and departure taxes (unless otherwise specified). Costs not included are specified optional activities, and expenses of a personal nature such as beverages, artifacts, and phone calls. Tips to staff and guides on the workshop are collected as a group and presented at the end of the trip. Tipping directly, however, is always appreciated by local staff for special deeds or assistance. If a trip must be extended or an itinerary modified due to safety, weather, road conditions, lack of transportation, political or civil disputes, medical emergency or other causes beyond our control, all associated costs, including any non-recoverable costs are extra costs, and thus are not included in the trip rates or refunds, and you will be invoiced for and agree to pay such costs.

## **Accommodations**

Field sessions take place at established jungle lodges in the upper Amazon Basin of Northern Peru. These lodges are rustic, thatch-roofed, comfortable, clean, and spacious. Each lodge houses private rooms equipped simply with a wash basin, mirror, shelves, and two single beds each covered with mosquito netting. The kitchen, dining area, showers, latrines, and sleeping quarters are all connected by picturesque thatch-covered walkways. Meals are served buffet-style, featuring a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, meat or fish, and desserts. Hiking trails surround each of the lodge facilities.

## **Medical Treatment/Travel Insurance/Medical Proxy/Release**

As a courtesy, EcoTeach purchases a travel insurance policy with emergency medical treatment and emergency evacuation for each participant. The description of coverage can be obtained from your group webpage or by request from EcoTeach. As EcoTeach is not providing the coverage, it makes no warranty as to the terms of the coverage – Participants/Parents must review the policy terms and conditions and determine if the insurance meets their needs, as EcoTeach can not and does not make any representations that the policy it purchases meets a Participant's needs. Participants should always consider obtaining their own coverage for any trip to make sure their concerns and needs are met.

Participant gives EcoTeach and their contractors permission to arrange emergency medical treatment for participants if deemed necessary in EcoTeach's sole discretion, and Participant agrees to hold EcoTeach harmless for the provision or non-provision of such services, and waives any and all claims for injury, illness or death arising from or relate to this proxy other than those claims arising from EcoTeach's willful conduct or gross negligence.

Participants agree that neither they, nor any of their heirs, personal or legal representatives, or family members will bring suit or make a claim for illness, injury, loss or damage to property, or loss of life resulting from the negligence (but not the willful or fraudulent conduct) of EcoTeach, its employees, directors, owners, officers, agents, contractors or affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in this trip. Participants also agree that they knowingly waive any and all claims of any nature they may have against EcoTeach other than those arising solely from EcoTeach's willful or fraudulent conduct.

## **Responsibility / Documentation:**

The responsibility for the participants' well-being and behavior will rest with the participants, and not with the EcoTeach. EcoTeach expects participants to act maturely and assume personal responsibility at all times. The use of alcohol by minors and illegal drug consumption is not permitted. Participants will be returned to the U.S.A., at their expense, if their behavior is considered inappropriate or unsafe by EcoTeach in its sole discretion.

U.S. citizens traveling to Peru are required to carry a passport valid for at least 60 days or more after arrival date. Participants carrying passports from other countries should check with the Peruvian Embassy on entry requirements. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure they carry proper and valid documentation.

### **Immunizations / Health / Warnings:**

Potable water is provided at all lodging locations. While no immunizations are required for travel to Peru at this time, it is advisable that you consult your local travel clinic or physician regarding vaccinations for concerns such as tetanus, polio, yellow fever and hepatitis A, and precautions against chloroquine-resistant malaria should be considered. Neither EcoTeach, Inc nor Environmental Expeditions, LLC is qualified to make medical recommendations. We distribute a letter from the physician in residence in the Amazon, and strongly recommend that you consult the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. Their website ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) is an excellent source of information as to travel preparation.

Though we have taken participants from 8 to 80 years old, our trips are not for everyone. Many of our activities require hiking or walking on uneven trails and swimming and therefore require a high degree of physical fitness and stamina. If you are a hardy and flexible traveler, you will enjoy the trip. We suggest that you consult with your personal physician if you have any health-related problems, concerns or questions. Although we have not had a problem to date, we have been advised to inform you that venomous snakes are found in all parts of Peru and may pose a health hazard.

### **Photo and Media Release**

Workshop participants are often included in photos and other media that we create onsite during our environmental expeditions. Our purpose is to produce educational and outreach materials associated with the subject matter and logistics of our expedition programs. We appreciate being able to use the images and recordings that we create during the course of our expeditions and do not publish images that are labeled with last names to protect each traveler's privacy. By signing your Registration Form you are granting permission for discretionary use of your picture, recording, writing, or projects to be used in our educational resources, website, or other printed information related to our expedition programs.

### **Waiver and Release**

Environmental Expeditions, LLC has entered into an agreement with EcoTeach, Inc. to handle trip management. Environmental Expeditions, LLC will be working under the auspices of EcoTeach, Inc. for travel arrangements and logistics, including registration, accommodations, transportation, and contracts related to the onsite management of the field study in Peru. In this document Environmental Expeditions, LLC and EcoTeach, Inc. are collectively referred to as "EcoTeach".

In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the trip, I agree to the following: I have read the information provided about the trip and recognize and accept any risks thereof. I understand and agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, executors and assigns, to abide by the conditions set forth in this release of liability and release, discharge and hold harmless EcoTeach and any of its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, licensees or representatives from any and all liability, damages or loss arising out of or relating to the trip, however occurring, including injury, death, delays, cancellation or loss or damage to property, other than those arising solely from EcoTeach's willful misconduct, gross negligence or fraudulent conduct. I intend to be fully bound to the maximum extent permissible under laws, having been informed of the trip activities. While I understand that EcoTeach has made every effort to secure a safe program, I do recognize the inherent risk of travel, including personal injury or death, as well as the risk of property damage or loss of property taken on this trip.

**WARNING:** Although EcoTeach stresses safety in all aspects of its programs, PLEASE BE AWARE that travel of any type, and participation in the real and exciting activities of eco-tourism and cross-cultural studies, can be inherently dangerous and always involves the risk of serious injury, illness or death.