



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



Environmental Expeditions, LLC's Amazon Rainforest Workshops are hosted by EcoTeach, Inc. Frances Gatz at Environmental Expeditions works with Group Leaders on the educational program and experience in Peru (frances@ee-link.net or 800-669-6806). Travel and logistics are handled by EcoTeach. Please return this completed form to your teacher with your \$400 deposit.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Group/School: _____ Participant Legal Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: M F Citizenship: _____ Passport # _____ (if available)

(For Our Private Online Community) Participant Email: _____ Participant Cell: _____

BILLING INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, and Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

(For Students) Address above is the address of: Father Mother Both Other

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

As a courtesy, EcoTeach, Inc. and Environmental Expeditions, LLC (collectively "EcoTeach") purchase a travel insurance policy that covers things such as emergency medical care, emergency evacuation, etc. It does not cover Trip Interruption or Trip Cancellation. 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. You can upgrade your coverage to include Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption by purchasing one of the following options:

These plans must be purchased at the same time as the initial trip deposit. Insurance premiums are nonrefundable.

- **Comprehensive Insurance with the Cancellation and Trip Interruption Option (Cost \$100)** provides coverage for specific reasons.
- **Comprehensive Insurance with the Cancel for Any Reason Option (Cost \$150)** provides for reimbursement of 75% of the trip cost for cancellations due to reasons not otherwise covered under the comprehensive plan, providing the cancellation is 2 or more days prior to scheduled departure and is **not available in WA**.

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- ____ I have enclosed **\$400** (deposit)
- ____ I have enclosed **\$500** (deposit plus nonrefundable payment for the Comp. Insurance with the Cancellation and Trip Interruption option).
- ____ I have enclosed **\$550** (deposit plus nonrefundable payment for the Comprehensive Insurance with the "Cancel for Any Reason" option).
Not available in Washington State.

I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions outlined below and accept this Agreement. 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 (Please Print Legibly): _____

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

If Participant is under 18 years of age, a Parent or Guardian Signature is also required.

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Signature of Parent(s) if under 18: _____ **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 with the Group/School named above upon receipt of this form accompanied by a deposit of \$400 per participant. Payments should be made to EcoTeach with a \$1,000 payment due 6 months prior to departure, a \$1,000 payment due 4 months prior, and the full payment due 2 months prior to departure. Please consult your trip leader for the exact program fee. The participant passport number requested on the Registration Form should be valid for 6 months after the return date of the trip. Please list only a passport number which will be valid for the trip. If you do not have a passport at this time, please leave this blank, submit your form, apply for your passport ASAP and forward your passport number to EcoTeach immediately when your passport arrives. Under normal circumstances, estimate 6-8 weeks for passport processing. Internal flights within Peru are purchased 3 months prior to your trip departure date. All passport numbers for your group are needed to purchase internal flights within Peru. Your delay could mean that your group pays a higher rate for these internal flights.

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 Flight Costs

For groups booking flights through EcoTeach a service fee of up to \$25 per ticket will be assessed. Occasionally EcoTeach will purchase several blocks of tickets for a group at different prices and charge the averaged amount to the participants. Also, please be aware that taxes and fees (fuels surcharges, security costs, etc) imposed by the airlines and/or the US Government are subject to change until the tickets are purchased approximately 2 months prior to your departure date. Such changes are outside of EcoTeach control. When tickets have been purchased, if unexpected charges are levied by the airlines, you will receive a statement detailing the cost for airfare and an invoice for, and agree to pay, such additional charges. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Cancellation, and Late Fees

- **180 days plus prior to departure:** \$150 cancellation fee + any nonrefundable deposits or payments made by EcoTeach on behalf of the participant
- **179 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 Peru, accommodations, lodges, naturalist/guides, meals and activities as specified in the itinerary. 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 are included in the workshop cost and will be given to the trip leader to be presented at the end of the trip. Additional tips, however, are always appreciated by local staff. 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 with school staff on student trips, 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 6 months 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) 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.