

# Group Visits and Volunteers

## Group Visits

Whether it's building a minimal-impact trail in our forest, painting a mural, constructing a new classroom, or working in our organic garden, each group makes a positive impact on our grounds and in our community. Our staff is able to coordinate travel outside of Monteverde so groups can experience other areas of Costa Rica. Groups often choose to bring donation of school supplies found in our wish-list in addition to their enthusiasm for our school and the opportunity for cultural exchange.

### ★ Proud Partnerships

Oberlin College, Vassar College  
Sewanee, Bank Street College,  
Proctor Academy, Mercersburg,  
EARTH Montessori School, Earth  
Expeditions, Global Works

## Individuals

We welcome visitors to come volunteer for the day on our campus, although in general, the volunteer program at the CFS is a two-week minimum commitment that focuses on outdoor work in maintenance, campus improvements, and environmental education. Long term volunteers may also teach music and art classes and work in or library or offices.



## International Programs

### Who are we?

The Cloud Forest School is an independent school located on 106 acres of cloud forest land in Monteverde, Costa Rica. Home to over 200 Pre-School through 11th graders, our student body is made up of 95% local Costa Rican students, and 5% international students.

A full 75% of our students pay deeply discounted tuition. Our mission is to nurture generations of ecologically aware, academically well-rounded bilingual individuals. We will work to provide students with the knowledge, values and skills needed to make environmentally and socially conscious decisions on a local, national and global scale.

## The Cloud Forest School

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To join or programs or support our scholarship fund simply send us an email or contact us by phone

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El Centro de Educación  
Creativa

*Bilingual Education Meets  
Environmental Stewardship in  
the Heart of Monteverde*



## International Admissions

### Families Study Abroad

The Cloud Forest School has long welcomed visiting international families to our campus in the clouds. Our visiting students provide wonderful diversity to our campus and are excellent English language models for our local students. Our visiting parents have helped the CFS move forward by leaps and bounds as they share their expertise, gifts, and skills with our organization. From carpentry to fundraising, from dance to computers, our visiting families provide our school with immeasurable gifts.

### High School Study Abroad

To date, our high school exchange students have hailed from Europe, Mexico and the United States for either a semester or a whole calendar year. These adventurous young people live with one of our local CFS families. Our exchange students find that their world view expands exponentially not only as they learn a new language, but as they live immersed within an authentic Costa Rican family unit. Our international students receive instruction in our core classes and are also enrolled in our Spanish as a Second Language Program.



## Internship Program

### Classroom Apprenticeship

The Cloud Forest School semester internship is a 4-month, field-based learning experience. Interns work as full-time assistants to a classroom teacher where they learn to plan and give lessons, evaluate student work and behavior, and refine their classroom management skills. They work closely with a lead teacher to assist in all aspects of the classroom. They may be asked to provide one-on-one and small group assistance to students needing extra support in the areas of reading, math and english as a second language.



### University Study Abroad

The CFS has developed a study abroad program for university students to earn credit as teacher's assistants in our classrooms. Over the years, our internship program has grown to welcome students from a long list of well-respected North American and European universities. The internship is largely field-based—study abroad interns act as full-time classroom assistants for a minimum of three months. For some university partnerships, the CFS also organizes a month of intensive Spanish study prior to starting in the classroom. Interns live with one of our homestay families, all of whom have children currently enrolled in the CFS.

## Summer Programs

Spending all or part of your summer in the Cloud Forest is a brilliant way to jump into environmental education with both feet, have fun, learn or improve your Spanish, and get to know our school and the Monteverde community!



Week	Dates
Week #1	June 12th - June 16th
Week # 2	June 19th - June 23rd
Week #3	June 26th - June 30th
Week # 4	July 3rd - July 7th
Week #5	July 10th - July 14th

- Dates: June 12-July 14
- Min/Max Participation: 1 Week/5 Weeks
- Programs: Children; Youth Leaders, Interns/Volunteers
- Ages: 3-13 years old; YL 14-17 years old; Adults 18+
- Accommodations: Hotels, Home Rentals
- Activities: Art, Environmental Education, Sports, SSL, Weekly field trips