

Planting Hope - Sembrando Esperanzas

Announcing two up-coming trips!

Save the date - September 29 - for the initial meeting of the **February 19-March 2 Intergenerational Service Learning Trip**. The new **Naturally Nicaragua** trip - April 17-27 - is co-sponsored by Planting Hope and the North Branch Nature Center.

We are excited to announce TWO up-coming trips to Nicaragua. The **first** is our traditional Intergenerational Trip, February 19-March 2. [The initial information & planning meeting for this trip is:](#)

**Tuesday September 29
7:00 at the Unitarian Church
Main St., Montpelier**

At the meeting we will answer your questions, help you decide if this is the trip for you and begin the process of tailoring the trip to the group of 12-15 travelers - adults, youth, families and singles.

The yellow boxes below provide an overview of the **Intergenerational Trip** and the many opportunities for service, learning, cultural exchange, personal connections and lots of fun. If you want more information and/or are interested in going on this trip, please come to the Sept. 29 meeting and RSVP to Beth Merrill. If you are interested and cannot be at this meeting, please contact Beth. For more information, go to our [website](#). We look forward to hearing from you and planning this trip!

The blue box provides an overview of our **second** trip - **Naturally Nicaragua**: A teenage natural history and service learning trip; open to students 13 and older. Students 13-15 may participate if they are accompanied by a parent. April 17-27, 2010. For more information contact Larry Clarfeld or view the North Branch Nature Center [website](#).

Planting Hope Service Learning & Cultural Exchange Trips Photographs by Jay Ericson, May 2009.

Something for Everyone

Stay with a Nicaraguan family;
Learn about Nicaraguan culture;
Practice your Spanish;
Volunteer with school students, special needs children, expecting mothers;
Make life-long friends;
Vacation on a pristine lagoon.



Homestays in the town of San Ramon

Experience Nicaraguan culture & its traditions with family members.



Hosts provide clean and safe accommodations, carefully prepared meals, purified water, and mosquito nets.

Service Projects

Engage pre-school & elementary aged students with arts & crafts projects, sports and cooperative games; Teach English at La Chispa Library & San Ramon High School; Work with rural special needs children at Los Pipitos Center; Support local schools and communities with maintenance projects like painting and reforestation; Distribute donated school supplies to high-need areas.



Cultural & vacation activities planned with each group.

Dance, cooking & seed jewelry making workshops; visits to a nature preserve, a coffee farm, weavers and/or paper-makers. Overnight and lake tours in colonial Granada and Laguna de Apoyo.



North Branch Nature Center and Planting Hope present:
Naturally Nicaragua:

A teenage natural history and service learning trip to Nicaragua
April 17-27, 2010

Open to students teens 13 and older, 13-15 must be accompanied by a parent.

Trip activities will include birding, Nicaraguan culture and natural history, environmental education projects and vacation time at Crater Lake and Lake Nicaragua with opportunities for hiking, swimming, kayaking, boat touring and animal watching.

For more information and to reserve a place please contact
[Larry Clarfeld](#)

We think you'll find one of these trips is just right for you, so contact us soon for more information and to reserve your place.

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