



Fwd: IMPT! Next steps for joining the 2014 Educator Academy in the Amazon!

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Begin forwarded message:

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Cc: "Deb Smucker" <deb@ecoteach.com>
Subject: IMPT! Next steps for joining the 2014 Educator Academy in the Amazon!

Hi Alison

Please forward this email along with the attachments to Emily!

On behalf of our team, welcome to the 2014 Educator Academy in the Amazon! We are excited that you are traveling with us to Peru. As a newly registered participant, we will need to work quickly to finalize your registration as we are in the process of making final arrangements and confirmations in Peru. In addition, we are just about to begin our pre-departure preparation course! This email will outline next steps in completing your registration for the program, timeline for pre-departure preparations, as well as who to call if you have questions or concerns.

Group: 2014 Educator Academy in the Amazon Rainforest

Departure Date: 7/1/2014

Group Webpage: www.amazonworkshops.com/educators--naturalists.html

Field Notes Blog: www.amazonworkshops.wordpress.com

Facebook: [Amazon Rainforest Workshops](#)

ScoopIt! Newsfeeds: [Rainforest Explorer](#) and [Rainforest Classroom](#)

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

Land: \$2140pp - \$1500 Teacher leader grant = \$640pp

Internal Airfare in Peru: \$400pp (RT Lima/Lquitos estimate until booked by EcoTeach)

International airfare: \$900 to \$1200pp depending on your departure city.

In order to register and confirm your space you will need to remit your \$400 per person deposits to EcoTeach AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You can do this online at: <http://www.amazonworkshops.com/2014/academydetails/>

EcoTeach will then send you a balance statement for the remainder of the land cost and the Internal Airfare in Peru (Lima/Iquitos) airfare cost.

You will need to make your own arrangements for international air from your hometown to Lima – see below for tips on what flights to look for. As part of your teacher leader grant, you will receive a \$1000 refund for your 2014 international airfare after your group is confirmed and deposits have been placed. Because we are offering two teacher leader grants to Gunston, the airfare is based on a group of 14 students + 2 leaders.

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION

- **Fill out a registration form:** Please download and complete the [Trip Registration Form](#), and fax it (800-626-8992), email it (jami@ecoteach.com), or mail it (EcoTeach, PO Box 604, Poulsbo, WA 98370) to EcoTeach.

- **Passport information needed ASAP:** Download the [Participant Information Form](#) and send it back to EcoTeach via fax (800-626-8992), email (jami@ecoteach.com). Peru requires that your passport be valid for 6 months after the day you depart the country. If you do not yet have a passport, or your current passport expires before the end of January 2015, you will need to apply for a new passport. Please do this **immediately with expedited service** as we will need your current passport number to purchase the flights inside Peru from Lima to Iquitos, Peru.

- **Insurance:** Your deposit includes a basic travel insurance policy that covers things such as travel delay, emergency medical care, and emergency evacuation. It does NOT cover Trip Interruption or Trip Cancellation, which may be purchased at additional cost directly from a travel insurance company. EcoTeach recommends [Travel Insured](#). ***Please note: We recommend checking into additional insurance immediately upon registration as most all options for this special type of coverage require purchase within a very limited window of time after your deposit.***

- **Book your International flights:** Academy participants will be flying in and out of Lima, Peru (LIM). Once you have purchased your international flights, please forward the flight information and confirmation code to Deb Smucker (deb@ecoteach.com) for coordination of airport pickup in Lima! EcoTeach will purchase flights for your group inside Peru for those attending the Educator Academy and also for those traveling on the Machu Picchu Extension. You will receive information about these flights in your departure email.

Here are some guidelines for choosing your flights – also, we recommend having at least a 2-3 hour layover between flights on the way to Peru

1. Lima Arrival Flights - You should book a flight arriving Lima on July 1nd (most flights arrive in the evening).
2. Lima Departure Flights - You can book your departure flight out of Lima for anytime after 10pm on July 10th.

- **Teacher Leader Training Grant:** Please complete the attached Teacher Leader Grant forms, scan and return to ME via email: christa@amazonworkshops.com This is a formality – you are both pre-approved!

PRE-DEPARTURE PREPARATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Payment Reminders:** After EcoTeach receives your initial payment, they will send you a reminder about the balance payment due date - due 2 months prior to departure. (Remember! Balance payments made by credit card incur a 3% processing fee. Please pay by check if you wish to avoid this charge.)
- **Pre-departure Readings and Activities** will be available **beginning in May**. Our goal is to use web-based technologies to deliver these materials to minimize our environmental impact and save you time and money! We are also developing an **on-line learning community** to build camaraderie and offer participants the ability to get to know one another prior to arrival in Peru.
- **Final Details and Travel Logistics** will arrive via email approximately **one month prior to departure** and will include important information on travel logistics, emergency contact information, final packing list, and more.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

The 2014 Educator Academy in the Amazon is sponsored by Amazon Rainforest Workshops and EcoTeach and is truly a team effort. Over the next several months, you will be working with our team to finalize your travel plans and begin your pre-departure learning in preparation for your field sessions in the Amazon. Here's who to contact if you have questions or problems!

- **Questions about the Academy Syllabus, Field Sessions, or Academy Experience in Peru?**

Contact **Christa Dillabaugh** of Amazon Rainforest Workshops: 800-431-2624, christa@amazonworkshops.com.

- **Questions about forms, paperwork, travel insurance, travel logistics?**

Contact **Jami Armstrong** of EcoTeach: 800-626-8992 x17, jami@ecoteach.com.

- **Questions about flights?**

Contact **Deb Smucker** of EcoTeach: 800-626-8992 x12, deb@ecoteach.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Peru!

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"Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty." – John Ruskin

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