

APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT: ACE MV INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER
SERVICE WORK PROJECT: NICARAGUA – Project Escuela

Date:

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zipcode _____

Phone[work] _____ Phone [home] _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Volunteer Activities _____

Spanish Language Proficiency _____

Although it is not necessary that you speak Spanish, knowledge of the basics is helpful.

Trip Dates: February 19th to 29th 2010, extension until March 7th.

Deposit Fee of \$1000 due by January 6th with determined remainder by January 14th.

Costs included in your fee: Roundtrip airfare to Managua, Nicaragua; daily meals, lodging, ground transportation. ACE is not responsible for personal expenses, or acts or failures of anyone else who provides services to you.

QUESTIONS:

(1) Do you have a valid passport? Yes _____ No _____ If your passport expires within the next six months, please have it renewed. The Vineyard Haven Post Office processes passports, locally. If you do not have a passport, please apply for one ASAP.

(2) Please briefly explain your interest in participating as a part of a humanitarian volunteer service project. Also state any special talents or skills you will bring to this trip.

(3) Are you willing to take any of the recommended courses? If so, why? If not, why not?

(4) Are you willing to share your experiences after the trip in a community forum organized by ACE MV?

(5) What questions do we need to answer for you?

ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD: 2009-2010 [ACE MV]

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE WORK PROJECT: NICARAGUA Project Escuela

Participate with ACE in a learning adventure abroad. Learn about issues of rural education in Nicaragua and help a community at the same time. Several Vineyarders are engaged in humanitarian efforts in other countries. This is an opportunity to learn about community development at a grass roots level and linking communities locally and globally.

There are three available ACE winter courses that will prepare the participant to take full advantage of this unique travel opportunity.* Participants will also commit to an Orientation session to focus on the specific details and social etiquette of the trip.

The three courses* are designed for preparation on three different aspects of the trip: History and Culture of Nicaragua and the region, language, teacher training to feel comfortable in the volunteer work we will be doing. These courses are offered at a 20% discount for ACE travelers.

The Orientation session will be part of the travel packet, and transportation and housing will be arranged. Language skills are not required although desirable.

PARTNER

Muriel Laverty is the Vineyarder with whom we will partner in Nicaragua. She has been doing humanitarian work there for several years. She is working with us on developing a program in her community (teaching English to elementary school children).

WHERE

We will be in Masaya, the artisan center of Nicaragua where there are many activities. Masaya is close to Granada and forty-five minutes by good road from the airport in the Capitol, Managua. Our group will work with students in an elementary school in Pacaya.

WHEN

The trip is scheduled for winter break February 19th to 29th 2010. The duration will be nine days with the option to extend an extra week until March 7th. Housing will be in a local hotel. Accommodations will be comfortable, but not luxurious. Dates and travel costs will be announced once we have an exact count of how many people will participate. Every attempt will be made to make this an affordable experience. We estimate the cost will be approx \$1600 includes airfare, lodging and transportation.

WHO

Adults who want to combine a learning adventure with a vacation are encouraged to apply for this program. Adults should be flexible travelers and interested in working with children. Participants acknowledge that they travel and participate at their own risk.

ENROLL

Applications are open to all. Travelers should be in good health, and must have an updated passport. Limited to 12 people.

Register for this class by sending in the application via e-mail no later than January 4th to Sandra Grymes, trip coordinator, by mail: lynn@acemv.org. For more information, leave a voice mail message at: 508-693-1033, extension 240.

Deposit check required by January 6th with the signed release to be delivered to In-Person Registration at MVRHS from 5:30-7pm in the Lobby.

***PREP CLASSES:** The following three recommended winter enrichment courses are discounted by 20% to all participants of the Volunteer Service Work Project: Nicaragua:

Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean*~

An overview of the history, society, and cultures through current events, literature, film, and music. It explores the contributions of indigenous, African and European cultures while examining current issues and debates. The class also provides a base for projected study programs in Nicaragua and Brazil.

Wednesdays: 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

5 classes 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fee: \$135, \$108 for ACE travel participants, course H #2, **MV Public Charter School**;
Instructor: Sharilyn Geistfeld

For Credit Option (no discount) see Professional Development: Part I and Part II with 2 Sat 9am to 3:00pm Intensives on 1/23 & 2/6.

Conversational Spanish: Beginner Level

Basic to Intermediate knowledge welcome. Practice what you know and learn more in conversational exercises in a fun setting.

Thursdays (one Monday): 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, final class Monday 2/8

5 classes 6:30 - 8:00pm

Fee: \$135, \$108 for ACE travel participants, course L #1, Room: 511; Instructor: Maribel Umpiérrez Adams

Teaching Language and Literature through the Arts Workshop (pre K-12 especially World Language, English Language and ELL educators)*

Learn creative approaches related to language acquisition using the arts and media.

Create lesson plans for your classroom. Come prepared to participate.

Saturday 1/23 from 9 am - 2 pm

One-day teacher training workshop (part of NEU graduate/ undergraduate course) to prepare for teaching ELL in the International Volunteer Service Project to Nicaragua.**

Fee: \$79*, \$63.20 for ACE travel participants, course E #2, Room 115; Instructor: Lynn Ditchfield, M.A., M.Ed.

For Credit Option (no discount) see Professional Development: Part I and Part II

4 intense weekends for credit: Fridays: 6 pm - 9 pm, Saturdays: 9 am - 2 pm

Fri 1/8; Fri 1/22, Sat 1/23; Fri 2/5, Sat 2/6; Sat 2/13; Fri 3/5, Sat 3/6; Fri 3/19, Sat 3/20

PARTICIPATE AT YOUR OWN RISK

I, _____ acknowledge that I voluntarily selected this experience and that I understand the hazards of traveling internationally. I agree to travel and participate at my own risk, and to be responsible for my own travel insurance. I agree to accept full responsibility for myself including injury, trauma, theft of personal property or death. I agree not to sue ACE or the Host Program because of negligence or the negligence of the intentional acts of anyone else.

SIGNATURE _____

NAME [printed] _____

Once we receive this application, we will send you additional travel information, including vaccination requirements, and a specific itinerary.