



# Applied Learning and Interdisciplinary Studies: Immersive field centers on three continents



**WorldStrides Camps  
International Programs**

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## Applied learning across the curriculum

Our Interdisciplinary approach allows us to combine one or more of the following areas of study into the specific projects that are assigned and undertaken at our Camps International locations.

### Life Sciences and Biodiversity



Our Life Sciences and Biodiversity Programs offer a rich, firsthand experience with the pressing issues surrounding the environment—from preservation, to co-existence with indigenous flora and fauna, to actual new development of natural resources for human consumption. Our project work in this sphere enables our students to focus on topics such as reforestation, organic farming, animal husbandry, and more.

### Spanish Language Immersion



Our Field Study Centers provide unique opportunities for personalized Spanish classes, together with skill-building in real-world settings. For example, chatting with mothers in local communities who only speak Spanish helps students develop general Spanish skills, and also vocabulary specific to family and rural life. Through exposure to local school children—both in and out of the classroom—students can also accelerate and expand their command of the language and their cultural understanding.

Conversations at camp can be entirely in Spanish, and we can also immerse students in the language through:

- Personalized Spanish classes and structured interactions with field-study staff
- Intercambios with local youth, and school visits where Spanish is the only common language
- Service-learning project work, in which all instructions are relayed in Spanish

### Sustainability, Conservation, and Environmental Studies



Our Environmental and Sustainable Development Study Programs allow students to immerse themselves in local cultures while contributing to the communities' infrastructures and sustainability. Pressing issues like global warming frequently form the focal point and prioritize service activities such as water conservation, organic farming, and more.

## Our commitment to making a lasting impact around the globe

- Offices in 29 countries, with long-term relationships spanning 150 non-profit organizations around the world
- Permanently located WorldStrides Camps International programs in ten developing countries, making daily differences in over twenty communities in need:

### East Africa

Students contribute directly to wildlife and habitat conservation, sustainable farming, food, and water security

- Biodiversity surveys
- Transects to measure wildlife concentrations
- Investigations of human/wildlife conflict specific to marine life, and mitigating strategies
- Beach cleanups
- Salable flip-flop art
- School expansion programs, building new classrooms

### Southeast Asia

Students focus on improving educational infrastructure and combating deforestation

- Regenerate jungle habitats through reforestation
- Build new school kitchens
- Reinforce classroom walls and repair roofs
- Build water storage tanks for clean-water supply
- Construct recycling areas to encourage waste management

### Latin America

Students focus on practical solutions to malnutrition, sustainable farming, and rural-community education

- Building community greenhouses
- Building kindergartens, community houses, plumbing in private houses
- Building tree nurseries to grow native species and medicinal plants
- Building community water systems

9 field study centers, 7 destinations, 3 continents =

# Authentic forums for applied learning

Our WorldStrides Camps International Programs optimize the power of applied learning to deepen and ground students' educational experiences, while helping them build leadership skills. Students make authentic connections with people and cultures different from their own. They make a global impact through their community contributions, too. These powerful inputs help them to better absorb and apply academic concepts they've learned in the classroom—through real-world experience.

Camps programs are true expeditionary-style adventures: They offer camp-style living environments, exciting field study and community service, and best of all, the ability to work hand-in-hand with local residents to sustainably improve their daily lives.

Participants' mettle will be tested, and they'll find new motivation to become global stewards. Most important, they will continually consolidate their classroom knowledge and lay personal foundations for leadership and social commitment that will serve them forever.



## Proven tools for optimal learning and growth

### Areas of academic focus:

- Climate change and global warming
- Interdisciplinary and cross-curricular studies
- Life sciences & biodiversity
- Spanish language immersion
- Sustainability, conservation, & environmental studies

### Applied learning methodology:

- Demonstrations
- Group discussions
- Hands-on, physical work
- Teaching others
- Workshops

### Supplemental resources:

- Free three-college-prep credit course\*: *Leadership & Character*
- Discovery Journals for Global Perspectives or Leadership and Character
- Reflection Workbooks
- Global Stewardship Analysis & Action Plan

\*Made possible through our partnership with The University of California, San Diego



# Our field studies portfolio

Every activity—from sharing a rustic dorm or interacting with a local community in an emerging destination with fellow students, to working on a project or climbing a mountain—presents an opportunity to build and sharpen crucial life skills. Review our selection of programs to identify a destination that would align with your desired area of curricula emphasis.



Life Sciences and Biodiversity



Spanish Language Immersion



Sustainability, Conservation, and Environmental Studies

## East Africa

### **KENYA – Tsavo Field Study Center**

Animal habitat conservation is both an economic challenge and a pressing need in this area. Students participate in initiatives to promote peaceful coexistence between humans and their precious ecosystems, plus they work to protect the most vulnerable animals, such as elephants and lions.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Expanding waterholes for wildlife
- Tree planting and wildlife monitoring
- Clearing roads and building elephant deterrent fences
- Attending environmental education workshops

### **KENYA – Ocean Field Study Center**

This destination is one of the most spectacular within our program, just a two-minute walk from the award-winning Diani Beach. Students enjoy waking up to the sounds and sight of the sea and relaxing in the community social area after days filled with meaningful and rewarding activities.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Beach cleanup
- Marine-life conservation projects
- Mangrove reforestation
- School expansion programs and building new classrooms

### **TANZANIA – Mbokomu Field Study Center**

Local schools in this region constantly struggle with the lack of adequate funding, putting children’s lives at risk from the potential collapse of their classrooms. Sanitation is also poor or nonexistent. Student projects focus on renovating and/or building schools to create safe and inspirational learning spaces for them.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Digging classroom foundations
- Laying bricks
- Plastering, painting, decorating buildings
- Making classroom furniture and painting educational wall murals





Every evening at one of our global Camp locations will feature a period of reflection and group discussion to assimilate the key themes, events, and takeaways from the day.

*"We do not learn from experience,  
we learn from **reflecting on experience.**"*  
- John Dewey

## Southeast Asia



### **BORNEO – Bongkud Field Study Center**

Set in the shadows of Mount Kinabalu, Bongkud Camp has a pleasant, breezy climate and is situated on a hillside and surrounded by lush scenery. Students live in the heart of the village, only a short walk away from their projects. They can also enjoy free-time activities, such as challenging the locals to volleyball on the community court.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Improving communications facilities
- Building a youth center
- Upgrading the drainage system
- Establishing a community farming program to re-introduce native trees

### **CAMBODIA – Beng Mealea Field Study Center**

Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its young people are especially vulnerable, due to seasonal food shortages and lack of employment opportunities. Students provide much needed help by working on new classrooms at the school to tackle overcrowding, and by assisting in building living accommodations for teachers.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Digging classroom foundations
- Laying bricks
- Plastering, painting, and decorating buildings
- Making classroom furniture
- Landscaping

## Latin America



### **COSTA RICA – Osa Field Study Center**

A biodiversity hotspot, Camp Osa is located on a peninsula in a remote region of Costa Rica. This country contains 2.5% of the world's biodiversity, and shelters the largest remaining population of jaguars and tapirs. The peninsula has unfortunately suffered from extensive deforestation during the twentieth century, and thus has a pressing need for conservation programs.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Constructing bird and bat boxes
- Path finding
- Data collection
- Animal tracking

### **PERU – Moray Field Study Center**

The community of Ancoto is impoverished, with no sewer system and inadequate drinking water supplies. Inhabitants also suffer malnutrition due to crop shortages. Students work with the school kitchen and greenhouse to provide for hygienic meal preparation and nutritional improvement.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

- Laying foundations
- Mixing cement
- Plastering, painting, and decorating buildings
- Planting small food crops

## Latin America



### **ECUADOR – Chili Urku Field Study Center**

This program offers the experience of a true, "off-the-grid" lifestyle. Situated in a remote area of the rainforest, students trek through the jungle to reach their home base—an important initial experience with the magic and mystery of this captivating place. After action-packed days of community interaction, they can relax in hammocks for evenings of leisure and reflection.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:


- Help the natives protect and restore the indigenous trees (reforestation)
- Develop and maintain facilities at local schools
- Create organic gardens to reverse current malnutrition conditions
- Help construct a local medical center

### **ECUADOR – Donbiki Field Study Center**

This tour affords the opportunity to live directly in the Amazon. The camp sits beside the Rio Arajuno, on the edge of a small community and surrounded by the jungle. Local community members teach students about their customs and the importance of the rainforest, including the traditional use of medicinal plants.

#### Examples of Project Work Assignments:

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