

Welcome



Tucson Chapter



What is Amigos de las Américas?

- ❖ Empowers young leaders
- ❖ Advances community development
- ❖ Strengthens multi-cultural understanding



Amigos History

Amigos de las Américas is an international, nonprofit organization that was founded in 1965 and has 46 years of experience in facilitating community development programs.





Tucson Chapter

- ❖ Started in 1968
- ❖ One of 26 Chapters across America
- ❖ Sent more than 280 Tucson volunteers

Mission Statement

The Tucson chapter identifies youth leaders from a diverse pool of community applicants and develops volunteers' leadership skills through local community service and comprehensive training that prepares them for international service.

Who can be a Tucson Amigo Volunteer?

- ❖ Selected by the Tucson Chapter
- ❖ 16 years old by September 1st 2012
- ❖ Completed your sophomore year of high school by June 2012
- ❖ Two years of high school Spanish, or equivalent
- ❖ Adhere to Amigos Standards of Personal Conduct & Community Behavior
- ❖ Fulfill training and fundraising requirements
- ❖ Receive the required immunizations



How much does it cost?



❖ \$2,400 Family Fee

Covers airfare, training & supplies

❖ \$4,000 Fundraising

Covers in-country supplies, project supervision

❖ Total per Volunteer = \$6,400



A limited number of up to \$1,500 scholarships are available to those who qualify.

Can I pick my project?

- ❖ Select **5** preferred projects
- Offer 13 projects in 9 countries
- Range from 5 to 8 weeks
- ❖ International Office assigns projects

- 1. Costa Rica**
- 2. Dominican Republic**
- 3. Ecuador**
- 4. Honduras**
- 5. Mexico**
- 6. Nicaragua**
- 7. Panama**
- 8. Paraguay**
- 9. Peru**



What are the living conditions?

- ❖ Live with host family
- ❖ Rural or urban communities
- ❖ Limited utilities



WHAT DOES AN AMIGO DO?

Educational Activities- Youth Fairs

- Cultural
- Environmental
- Health

Community Based Initiatives

- Implement a project
- Classroom
- Gardens
- Cafeterias
- Sports fields

Project Specific Activities

- Reforestation and nutrition programs
- Household stoves
- Youth media-technology to create videos and multimedia

Volunteer Safety

Chapter training

Standards of Conduct

Partner system

and in country staff

**Volunteer
Safety is
#1**

Living areas

Communities and host families are screened in advance

CALM Plan

Flexibility in program if necessary



What is training like?

- ❖ January through May
- ❖ Every Monday Night, 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.
- ❖ U of A Highland Commons Building
- ❖ 1 Weekend Retreat per month
- ❖ Parent meetings once per month



**I'm interested... so
what should I do
now?**



Application Process

Apply

- Complete Tucson Chapter Application
- **DUE DATE- October 9th, 2011**

Interview

- Interviews for applicant and parents
- Scheduled October 13, 17, or 19 (in evening)
- Applicant will also have an interview in Spanish

Accept

- Notification of acceptance October 24th
- Sign and return Chapter Agreement by Nov. 6th
- Volunteer and Parent Orientation Nov. 20th

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Veteran Presentations



Typical Foods

Tierra Blanca
Oaxaca, México
2011



Our family



Garden Beds



Panorama taken from the top of the community



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