

Job Announcement: Computer Technology



Introduction

This job is with Guaruma in Las Mangas, Honduras, a small community of about 340 people on the Cangrejal River, which runs along the eastern border of Pico Bonito National Park.

Guaruma offers environmental education, nature photography, computer, and English classes to local youth between the ages of 10 and 20 as part of an after school program. Through these classes the students develop employable skills and learn to appreciate the natural beauty of the Cangrejal watershed. In the future they will become decision makers in their communities who understand the importance of environmental conservation and the potential of ecotourism as an alternative to destructive agricultural practices in the area.

Responsibilities

Everyone is expected to help with cleaning, supervising people in our computer lab, chaperoning students, and interacting with visitors. Responsibilities unique to this position, however, include:

- Teaching a total of 7 computer technology classes each week to 62 students in two communities
- Meeting with other NGOs and businesses regarding ecotourism projects
- Attending occasional festivals/events to help promote Guaruma
- Helping to organize and manage student nature guides
- Assisting our student technician with computer repair and maintenance
- Working with the executive director and assistant director on any mutual projects

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Description & Qualifications

We seek a computer technology instructor for a minimum commitment of 6 months with a bachelors degree and experience teaching computer skills to youth. This person will teach in Spanish, so only people who are currently near fluent in Spanish should apply. The volunteer must be able to live in a small village, and ideally would have experience working on a cross-cultural team or studying/working in a foreign country. In addition to teaching, the job includes activities related to the development of ecotourism in the Cangrejal watershed and supervising more advanced students working on graphic design projects.

The person will report to the executive director in La Ceiba and the assistant director in Las Mangas, but will be expected to initiate and follow through on independent projects. Being self-motivated and creative enough to work with limited resources is a must.

Guaruma provides housing to volunteers and the position has a monthly stipend of 2,000 lempiras (\$105). Our staff currently consists of people from the United States, Honduras, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom. Nearly all business is conducted in Spanish. Knowledge of other languages is an asset as we interact with tourists from around the world.

The target start date for this position is mid July.

How to Apply

Please send resume/CV as a .doc or .pdf file with a cover letter that explains your qualifications and mentions when you could start and expected time commitment in English or Spanish to Francisco Cabañas Cadillo at info@guaruma.org and cc chris@guaruma.org.

Applicants are considered on a rolling basis and may be asked to provide a list of two references. We will contact well qualified applicants for an interview via Skype. We are unable to respond to all applicants due to the volume of resumes we receive.

Questions should be directed to the Assistant Director, Chris Poliquin, at chris@guaruma.org.

