

## Job Announcement: Environmental Studies



### 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 tasks such as cleaning, chaperoning students, and interacting with visitors. Responsibilities unique to this position include:

- Teaching a total of 7 environmental studies classes each week to 62 students in two communities
- Meeting with other NGOs and businesses regarding mutual environmental projects
- Attending occasional festivals/events to help promote Guaruma
- Helping to train student nature guides
- Assisting with an educational, organic farming project
- Working with the executive director and assistant director on any mutual projects

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### Description & Qualifications

We seek an environmental studies instructor for a minimum commitment of 6 months with experience teaching environmental science or a university level education in a related field with experience as a mentor/tutor. 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.

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 another language is an asset as we interact with tourists from around the world.

The target start date for this position is mid to late June.

### 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](mailto:info@guaruma.org) and cc [chris@guaruma.org](mailto: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](mailto:chris@guaruma.org).

