

# CAMP ECUADOR PROJECTS

Across all of our locations, it is the project work that's the main theme that runs through the life and soul of Camps International, which spills out into our expeditions.

Each year, we have a large number of school teams who venture out to our camps for their expedition

with the drive and determination to make a difference to our communities. But, the project work doesn't

just shut down when the school volunteers leave – all year round, we have independent volunteers and

the local people who are continuing on with the projects.

When we are initially made aware of a community in need, we always meet with the locals so that

collectively, we can best determine how to help. Whether it's a classroom that's in need of

restoration, safe and filtered running water, a bridge repair or reforestation projects – they all make a

huge difference!

We have built very strong and long lasting relationships with the members of the communities and

you will, no doubt, be welcomed onto your expedition with great enthusiasm, smiles, waves and

dancing as they know of the wonderful work that you will be taking part in. Through the special

relationships that we have built with the local communities, we have been able to benefit over 25,000

people in developing countries so far! The difference that you can make to these people is massive,

and even the smallest input can have the biggest effect.

There are many varied types of project work that you will get involved in, in fact we have up to 100

different projects running at any one time. You could begin work on a project at different stages so it is

good to note that you won't necessarily see it all the way through to completion. As much as we would all

like to build an entire classroom for the local schools, it is not possible, but don't worry – with our

processes in place, the projects will never be left.

We are very proud of the work that we do within the communities and we are looking forward to

welcoming you aboard to continue the development of the local people and their communities. What

difference will you make?

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The community projects in Ecuador are at the heart of our camps. The varied work that we do for the local communities will keep you on your toes and along with the stories of the local project staff, you'll be able to fully understand why these projects are so important.

During the summer of 2015, our school volunteers took part in a number of community projects.

A few teams helped to develop a playground and a community space for the local children. The

playground was improved with the land and building cleaned, the walls were painted and all

weeds removed making it a much nicer place to use! Our volunteers have also participated in

making welcome signs, bus stops and murals for the buildings.

It is good to note that project work can sometimes change whilst you're on expedition. As we

follow the needs of the locals very closely, we may adapt our work.

As said before, you may not see a project all the way through to completion but this does

mean that you could be involved in a number of different projects such as; digging the

foundations of a building, painting the outsides of buildings with educational information or

handing back the building to the community themselves. Any contribution you make will be

massive!

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

In Ecuador, there are a range of environmental projects that our volunteers get involved with.

Water tanks are built to help the locals recycle the rainwater, and Reserve Maintenance helps

to improve the paths and signs for the reserve that the students visit. Within our camp that is

based in the Amazon, our volunteers busy themselves with developing and tending to the ecobotanical garden. This particular project is on-going, with recent developments being added,

such as a fence to stop animals trampling on the seedlings. In the future, we are looking to construct a greenhouse to further protect the plants