



Experience the Experience

An interactive professional development experience in San Ignacio, Belize



Where learning is an adventure

Description

A one-week experience in San Ignacio, Belize to examine best practices in agriculture-focused global immersion experiences from a variety of viewpoints including: students, in-country stakeholders, educators and future employers.

Learning Objectives

Upon conclusion of this learning participants, participants should be able to:

1. Identify best practices in facilitating a global immersion experience related to food, fiber and natural resources.
2. Expand professional resources and networks for global learning in agriculture.

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Recommended Pre-Departure Reading

Barbott, Bruce. (2009). *The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw: One woman's fight to save the world's most beautiful bird.* Random House.

Slimbach, Richard. (2010). *Becoming World Wise: A guide to global learning.* Sterling, VA: Stylus.

Conference Dates: June 17-June 20
Post-Conference Immersion June 20-23

NOTE:

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Graduate Credit available upon request and individual arrangement.

Tentative Conference Itinerary

Conference (June 17th-20th) Essential Questions

- 1) What is the compelling reason? *Addressing the WHY!*
- 2) What are best practices in effective experiences? *Addressing the HOW!*
- 3) Where do we go from here? *Addressing the WHAT NOW!*

Conference Highlights

Perspectives from Faculty, Administrations, Students, and In-Country Hosts

Belize Zoo Night Tour and Dinner Experience.

Topical Sessions, including:

- Balancing expectations and addressing big ideas
- Pre-departure preparation
- Best practices during travel
- Realizing the full-impact post-travel
- Best practices in guiding purposeful reflection
- Ideas for assessment
- How YOUR experience affects students



Post-Conference Immersion (June 20th-23rd) Essential Questions

- 1) What is the historical context of agriculture in Belize?
- 2) How does production agriculture occur in Belize?
- 3) How does youth development and agricultural education occur in Belize?

