

Student/Parent Information Sheet

Year 3 - Costa Rica

(See GYLI.org for trip dates)

Program Outline:

Day 1

- Pick up at SJO airport, arrange to arrive by 3PM
- Arrive at United World College
- Welcome programming
- UWC Welcome Dinner
- Program Overview

Day 2

- UWC Presentation and Tour
- GYLI (Collaborative Leadership)
- Student-led Workshops

Day 3

- Depart for EARTH University
- EARTH tour
- Banana Packing Facility
- GYLI (LLP)
- GYLI (Religious Pluralism)

Day 4

- Nature Reserve
- Periurban Farm
- Integrated Dairy Farm
- GYLI (LLP)
- GYLI (Multicultural Identity)

Day 5

- Waste Management Tour
- Students
 - Depart for Homestays
- Faculty
 - Intercultural round table

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Day 6 - 8

- Homestays for everyone

Day 9

- Return to EARTH University
- GYLI (Multi-cultural Identity)
- Cultural Celebration Dinner

Day 10

- Depart for United World College
- Supermarket lunch
- GYLI (Environmental Sustainability)
- LLP Presentations
- Closing Circle

Day 11

- Depart for SJO in the morning. (Arrange flights out of SJO to depart after 1:00pm)

Welcome to the GYLI Year 3 Program: “Models of Global Partnership and World Food Systems.” Our two host sites in Costa Rica are EARTH University (www.earth.ac.cr) and United World College – Costa Rica (www.uwccr.com) – who are also diligently preparing to provide for our needs.

Please read all the information below and check www.gyli.org for the most up-to-date information. We are glad you have chosen to take part in the GYLI journey to become an effective and powerful agent of change in your school and in our world

Safety:

We take great care to insure your safety throughout all GYLI programs. All of our Institute Coordinators are CPR/First Aid certified. Students are in the constant care of both male and female chaperones. Curfews are enforced, safety hazards pointed out, and caring community is established in each GYLI program. Our average faculty-to-student ratio is 1:3, and our commitment is to provide the highest quality physical and emotional safety.

Please use your personal profile on www.gyli.org to list any medical needs. We can certainly accommodate almost any need, and would be glad to discuss a specific situation with you personally.



If you have **any safety concerns** before, during or after the GYLI summer institute, please don't hesitate to call or email your faculty chaperone, the Institute Coordinators, or GYLI Executive Director, Matt Nink (cell phone: 414.397.1159).

Cell phones/electronics:

All GYLI programs are designed to be low-tech and community focused. To that end we ask that students **NOT BRING CELL PHONES or other electronics—including laptops, iPhones and iPods.** This will prevent any water damage and keep our focus on the relationships within the group. Adults will have cell phones available in case of an emergency. If a student does bring electronics, we will simply collect it and return it to the student at the end of the institute. Digital cameras are allowed, but not as part of an iPhone, iPod, etc.

Transportation:

Transportation to and from San José, Costa Rica is the responsibility of GYLI students and faculty at participating schools. Once school groups arrive at the San José airport, transportation during the event will be provided by GYLI with licensed drivers on chartered buses. Arrival flights on the first day should be scheduled to arrive between 12:00 Noon and 3:00 PM and departing flights on the last day should be scheduled to leave after 11:00 AM.

Lodging:

All GYLI students and faculty will be sleeping in dorm-style housing at UWC and at EARTH University, and in a family's home during the home stay. Because there will be much movement, packing light is critical to a good Year 3-ISL experience. See packing list for appropriate sleeping gear.

Meals:

GYLI will provide all meals and snacks.

Sign up and Registration:

Each GYLI student and faculty member will be emailed registration links by their school GYLI contact.

Tuition Costs:

The tuition cost for the Year 3-ISL institute is \$2,350. This includes meals, lodging, bus transportation, guest speakers, admissions, and program materials, but it **DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE** to and from Costa Rica.

Departure Tax:

There will be a departure tax leaving Costa Rica. GYLI will not pay for this fee. The tax will be around \$29 per person. Please be prepared with either cash or Visa.

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Other Costs:

These may include transportation, lodging before or after the institute, the airport departure tax, or other costs as determined by each GYLI school. Please see your GYLI school coordinator for a breakdown of these costs.

Passport:

All participants must have a valid passport to travel to this institute. YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR RETURN to your home country. Please don't wait until the last minute, as passports can take a couple of months for processing. Passport copies **must** be sent or given to the faculty member traveling with the students (teacher from your school)

Parent Permission/Student Expectations form and Student Health form:

Please see your school coordinator or visit <https://www.gyli.org/required-forms/> to download these forms. The expectations form must be signed by students AND parents, the health form must be signed by a licensed medical practitioner, and they must both be submitted with the tuition check to the school coordinator. This sheet must be received by GYLI BEFORE any student or faculty member can participate.

Year 3 Required Equipment List

Note: It will be rainy and humid, so pack clothes that are light and will dry quickly (jeans are not a great choice)

Luggage: Pack in one large bag (for all your belongings) and one small bag (to use during the day and to take on the homestay)

Required Clothes and Equipment:

- **Passport** (be sure that it is valid for 6 months after your return)
- 3 pairs of shoes: 1 old pair of shoes for working/whitewater rafting and rain boots
- Work gloves (important for our work days!)
- Work clothes (pants and long sleeved shirt)

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- Waterproof Jacket (not just water resistant)
- Lightweight shirts (long sleeves are good against sun and bugs)
- Lightweight pants
- Comfortable shorts
- Bathing suit (one-piece / modest)—for Whitewater rafting
- Towel
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Prescription drugs (labeled and in original containers)
- Wristwatch with an alarm
- Writing utensils (journal will be provided)
- **Small gift for host family:** some ideas include- baseball cap, T-shirt, toy for children, small coffee table book with pictures of your city, photos of yourself and family, etc
- Reusable Water bottle
- GYLI 3-Year Booklet if you went on a prior GYLI trip
- Closed-toed Sandals with straps (i.e. Tevas, Chacos, Keens or similar style) or old sneakers for whitewater rafting—You must wear shoes that will not come off while rafting.
- Hat with a brim
- Small bag for clothes (Will be taking these bags to their host family's houses)

Optional:

- Spending money (\$20-\$100)
- Camera, book for leisure, playing cards, sunglasses

Prohibited:

- **ELECTRONICS!** – no cell-phones, laptops, iPods, or other electronics

There will be laundry service available at EARTH University for a \$10 fee