

Service Learning in the Dominican Republic

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SLS 2940 Service Learning

- It is usually similar to independent study where the students do the service on their own, but work under the supervision of a faculty advisor.
- When traveling abroad, the entire group is enrolled in the same course and work together with the faculty advisor.
- **1 credit for 20 hours of service**
 - Students write a pre-service paper to explore the agency & issues
 - Students write reflective journals throughout the service
 - Students write a post-service paper to reflect on their learning.

Service Learning

- **Goals of Course**
 - Meet the needs of the community
 - Expand student learning
 - ✦ Academic--course content
 - ✦ Pre-professional—career ideas
 - ✦ Civic—involvement in community
 - ✦ Personal –communication, self-esteem

2008

Need:
develop creativity

Solution:
arts and crafts camp




2009

Need:
Financial
Community
Esteem

Solution:
Write a book about the village with the community
Sell the book to meet financial need

In Our Village
La Loma, Dominican Republic




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2010

Need:
Advance in science and math

Solution:
Science and math camp for the youth



2011
 Need: Advance in science
 Solution:
 Science Camp



A Sample Service Abroad Project

- **Pre-service Activities**
 - Preparation
- **Service**
 - Journaling & Reflecting
- **Post-Service**
 - Final Reflection

This Year: 10 students 2 faculty



Pre-Service Work

- **Identify Needs--with partner agency and community**
- **Cultural Preparation—CultureGram, movie, DR book written by 2009 students**
- **Activity Preparation—prepare the lessons & gather materials**
- **Partner Spanish speaker with non-Spanish speaker**

Science Camp



Science Camp





Science Camp



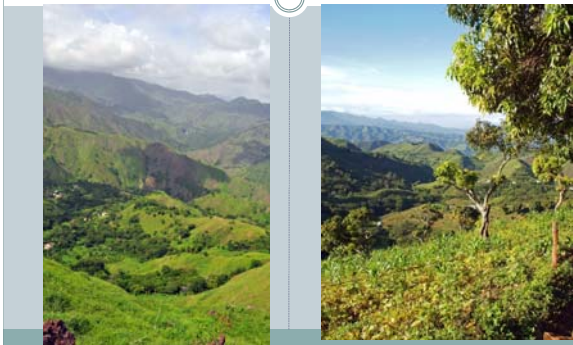
During Service

- Teach the lessons
- Observe the surroundings
- Write Daily Journals
- Daily Reflection Discussions

Our Village—La Cucarita



Amazing Views



Amazing People



Amazing People



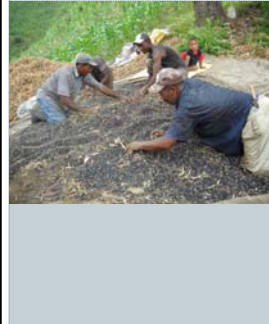
Homes



Way of Life



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Post Service

- Final Reflection Discussion
- Final Reflection Paper
 - Academic
 - Personal
 - Pre-Professional
 - Civic

Reflection

