

The 2022 Cloudbridge Climate Summit

A Study Abroad Course for five NCSSS Member Schools

10 days | Summer 2022 | Fee: \$2,400 per student (no fee for school chaperone)

Overview

Climate Change is happening, and the youth of today are leading the way addressing the causes and developing mitigation options. Cloudbridge Nature Reserve, in partnership with Western Kentucky University, is hosting the 2022 Cloudbridge Climate Summit in San Gerardo de Rivas, Costa Rica for NCSSS member schools. Five schools will send a delegation of four students and one school teacher/staff chaperone. The Summit will take place at the remote cloud forest campus in the Talamanca Mountains where housing and most meals are provided on-site. Before arrival, Summit participants will be divided into 4 working teams and will choose a climate related topic to be researched. Cloudbridge staff will guide students through their research question through a combination of field research and collaborative classroom research, facilitating and challenging Summit participants. Students will study in the old growth cloudforest, take a night hike, and visit the local farmers market in bustling San Isidro de el General. At the week's end, teams will present their findings and recommendations to the Summit and to the international research community members studying at Cloudbridge. Students will be prepared to deliver their presentations to their schools and legislators once home. The Summit concludes with participants heading to Manuel Antonio National Park on the Pacific coast, spending the day among the monkeys and sloths on one of the most beautiful beaches in the Americas.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in San Jose - Cloudbridge staff will meet delegations at 2:00 p.m. and depart by charter bus to Cloudbridge Nature Reserve.

Day 2: Through Day 7 each student group will choose a climate related question to research in one of the remaining cloud forests of Central America. With mentorship from Cloudbridge staff, groups will conduct their field research.

Day 6: Group will spend the afternoon at the San Isidro Farmers Market

Day 8: Group Presentations and wrap up, followed by a pizza party.

Day 9: Students depart Cloudbridge by charter bus, going directly to Manuel Antonio National Park for a guided wildlife tour and an afternoon on the beach. The day ends with a group dinner in their hotel near the airport.

Day 10: Delegations will enjoy a leisurely breakfast of Costa Rican specialties before departing on their own schedule for the airport.

For more information, visit these links and Email: [http://director@cloudbridge.org](mailto:director@cloudbridge.org)

www.Cloudbridge.org

<http://ncsss.org/images/magazine/the-stem-edge-ncsss-magazine-2021q1-web.pdf> (pages 28-33)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HluUDTbfZ08>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6MyS6AwuNs>