

Hola Rotarios y Amigos!

We are thrilled to announce that the Buffalo Grove Rotary Club has organized two service trips to Ak' Tenamit in Rio Dulce, Guatemala for 2017:

TEAM 1: SATURDAY, MARCH 11 – SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

TEAM 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 25 – SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

These trips will mark our 10th consecutive year of Rotary service at Ak' Tenamit! If you've been to Ak' Tenamit on prior trips, we welcome you back... but if you haven't, now is the time to join us in what is sure to be among the most eye-opening and fulfilling experiences you'll ever have.

Each team is limited to 24 people on a first come, first served basis. Rotarians, family, friends and colleagues are all welcomed. Applications are attached.

The cost of the trip is \$1,700.00, which includes round trip airfare, all ground and river transportation, all lodging, and most meals. Initial deposits of \$500.00 are due by November 15, 2016 with your completed Application. Second deposits of \$700.00 are due December 15, 2016, and final deposits of \$500.00 are due January 15, 2017.

Our focus for 2017 will be site improvement at Ak' Tenamit. Our project plans include:

- Construction of much needed bunk beds and picnic tables to provide students with comfortable places to sleep, study and eat.
- Replacement of aged, torn and missing bat screening on the dorm buildings.
- Inspection of our prior major construction projects (library, eco-lodges, caretaker bungalow, latrine, and technical arts building) for necessary safety and maintenance repairs.
- Planning (and possibly construction) of a new bathroom facility on the girls' campus.
- Collaboration with Engineers Without Borders on new solar panel installations.
- Delivery of water filters and solar lights to local villages.

And of course, team members are encouraged to suggest any other projects or programs that interest them!

On Friday morning of each trip, we will travel to the old capital city of Antigua, Guatemala. You'll have Friday and Saturday on your own to shop and eat, explore the

historic city, hike in nearby forest, visit a coffee plantation, or even trek to the top of a volcano! Saturday night will be capped off with a celebratory team dinner, and after a Sunday breakfast we will return home.

More information will follow in later emails.... but if you have any questions or want more information, feel free to contact either of your project leaders, Dan Wolf or Stephen Legge.

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