

REGISTRATION PACKET 2012

Belize EduVenture

Live the Balance:
Service Learning and Unforgettable Adventure
June 17 - 21

Welcome to an EduVenture of a lifetime! We are so excited to have you join us in Belize for growth, learning, adventure, and possibility. Following is a checklist of registration components. Pages 1-5 need to be returned along with a non-refundable deposit of \$200 to reserve your spot (only 12 spots available). For secure credit card payment, log on to www.joyfactorconsulting.com; you can scan and email pages 1-5. For payment by check, mail check and pages 1-5 to Joy Factor Consulting, 1213 Brayridge Cove, Collierville, TN 38017. Keep pages 6-8 for your reference and a copy of pages 1-5 for your records. All questions and comments are welcome – joy@joyfactorconsulting.com.

- General Information *Pages 1 and 2*
- Program Costs (Base Price and EduVenture Choices) *Pages 3 and 4*
- Payment and Cancellation Information, Signed Release Form *Page 5*
- EduVenture Choice Descriptions
- Sample Itinerary

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Preferred means of contact: Home phone Cell phone Email

School: _____

Current Position: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION CONT'D

To provide an exceptional experience for participants while participating in the Belize EduVenture, please answer the following questions:

Meals: During the week, the resort will provide most meals. Are there any dietary restrictions or food allergies we need to make them aware of?

Health: Each afternoon will provide you the opportunity to enrich your experience as you choose. Many of the choices involve exploring, hiking, canoeing, etc. Some of these can be stressful on your body and, in general, travel to developing countries can be taxing. Health care may not be easily available in all the areas we are visiting. For all these reasons, please consider carefully the state of your health and be sure you carry with you medication you may need. Please indicate any aspect of your health which may affect you during this trip (back pain, diabetes, allergies, epilepsy, etc.) Explain what medications and treatment are necessary and describe any allergic reactions or other side effects to medication.

Travel: What previous travel experiences have you had?

Name as you want it to appear on name tag: _____

Years teaching experience: _____ Grade Level/Subject(s): _____

Describe your experience with differentiating instruction:

What are your primary reasons for choosing this program? (travel, enrichment, professional development, etc.) What do you envision gaining from this experience?

PROGRAM COSTS

Program Costs: (Base Price + EduVenture Choices = Total)

BASE PRICE Includes in-country transfers, welcome adventure, welcome cocktail party and dinner, goodie bag of take-aways, four nights lodging, professional development hours, all meals (11) from Sunday lunch through Thursday breakfast (excluding one night dinner in town), use of canoes and tubes on the river. Does not include flight into Belize City or drinks from the bar.

LEVEL 1 \$950* Belize River House

The Belize River House is two “houses” combined into one. Each half has a comfortable living room and porch with hammocks, breezes, and beautiful views. One half has three bedrooms, the other has four for a total of seven bedrooms in the house. Every two bedrooms share a spacious bathroom with gorgeous double-headed showers made from Macal river rock and marble sinks made from locally quarried marble. All rooms have two double beds.

LEVEL 2 \$1150* Jungle Lodge

Set side by side in groups of three, the Jungle Lodges are very spacious and comfortable. Each room has two queen-sized beds, a private bathroom and a screened porch with hammock. And, as everything at duPlooy's, they are surrounded by beautiful jungle.

LEVEL 3 \$1350* Bungalow

These private bungalows are nestled in the jungle with a king-sized bed, double futon for extra people and have a porch with hammock. Your private porch is great for bird watching and just enjoying your surroundings.

*All above prices are for double occupancy. If you choose single occupancy, please add \$200. **All accommodations have porches (with hammocks), hot water, ceiling fans and screened windows. There is no air conditioning at duPlooy's.** Average daily high temperature is 90 F, dropping to mid 70s in the evening. Please visit www.duplooy.com for more information and see what awaits you.

Which Level? (Circle One)	1	2	3	\$
Single Occupancy, add \$200				\$
TOTAL BASE PRICE (PLACE IN BLUE BOX A, BELOW)				\$

For double occupancy, choose one of the below:

- I have a preferred roommate. Name: _____
- I am comfortable rooming with a new friend to reduce costs.

Room assignments will be based on gender and, if possible, subject area/specialty and EduVenture choices.



PROGRAM COSTS CONT'D

EDUVENTURE CHOICES Includes transfers, guides, park admissions, taxes and government fees. Does not include optional tips for tour guides. From the schedule below, please choose an activity for each afternoon. Please identify the name of the activity for each day, along with the price (Level I \$50, Level II \$80, or Level III \$110). **See page 6 for descriptions and physical intensity levels.** Minimum of 4 participants per activity. Changes may occur due to scheduling conflicts, weather, etc. We will do our BEST to create experiences to meet your needs.

MONDAY: Guided Canoe Trip to Chaa Creek and Medicinal Nature Walk (I), Maya Cooking Class & Hut Experience (I), Horseback Ride to Negro Man (II), Xunantunich (II), Ziplining (III), Spa (III)

TUESDAY: Guided Nature Hike (I), Horseback Ride to Clarissa Falls (I), Canoe and San Ignacio Tour (II), Big Rock Falls (II), Spa (III), Barton Creek Cave Canoe (III)

WEDNESDAY: Guided Nature Hike (I), Maya Cooking Class & Hut Experience (I), Mountain Biking (II), Horseback Ride to Negro Man (II), ATM Cave (III), Spa (III)

Monday Activity		\$
Tuesday Activity		\$
Wednesday Activity		\$
TOTAL FOR EDUVENTURE CHOICES (PLACE IN BLUE BOX B, BELOW)		\$

Base Price	A	\$
+ EduVenture Choices	B	\$
= Total Due by 4.1.12		\$
Early Bird Registration by 1.15.12		- \$100
Deposit paid with this packet		- \$200 (non-refundable)
= Balance due by 4.1.12		\$



PAYMENT, CANCELLATION, RELEASE

Payment Methods:

- Via Paypal on website: www.joyfactorconsulting.com
- Check or Money Order mailed to Joy Factor Consulting, 1214 Brayridge Cove, Collierville, TN 38017.

Total Payment is due by April 1, 2012. Cancellation Policy: Any cancellations made before April 1, 2012 will receive full refund minus the \$200 non-refundable deposit. Cancellations occurring between April 1, 2012 and May 1, 2012 will get a 50% refund. No full or partial refund will be made for cancellations after May 1, 2012.

RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

You should understand that there are certain risks and dangers involved in caving, hiking, horseback riding, and all other trips arranged by Joy Factor Consulting and that Joy Factor Consulting is not liable for any accidents, injuries or property damages whatsoever on any of the trips or activities you participate in.

By booking a tour through Joy Factor Consulting you agree with all the conditions stated above.

Participant Signature _____
Date _____



EDUVENTURE CHOICE DESCRIPTIONS

LEVEL 1 OPTIONS (\$50):

Guided Canoe trip to Chaa Creek and Medicinal Nature Walk A 30 min downstream canoe trip to Chaa Creek, a nearby jungle resort. A guide will take you on a fun and informative tour through the Natural History Centre and Butterfly farms along with lecture on local flora, fauna, and cultural characteristics. Low intensity.

Horseback Ride to Clarissa Falls, Casual sightseeing from the back of a horse, a guide will take you around a local ranch with a stop at a small jungle lodge perched over Clarissa Falls. A beautiful ride, a cold drink, and a relaxing afternoon - perfect combination to soak in Belize. Low intensity.

Maya Cooking Class, At the duPlooy's property, visit a Maya hut where a local couple will demonstrate how to make tamales and atole. You will practice your skills over a fire hearth, taste your work, and learn a traditional craft such as basket weaving, leaving with a craft and memento of your experience. Low intensity.

Guided Nature Hike, Right on duPlooy's property, a knowledgeable Maya guide will share his expertise of local plants used for medicines and help you spot the amazing creatures of Belize. Low intensity.

LEVEL 2 OPTIONS (\$80):

Canoe and San Ignacio tour An easy drift downstream for a relaxing stop (and soda or beer) at Crystal Paradise Resort. Continue the paddle on to San Ignacio for a walkabout to soak in local culture. If time permits, stop by Cahal Pech for a visit to the Maya ruins. Driver will return you to duPlooy's. Medium intensity.

Horseback to Negro Man From duPlooy's, set out on a 1.5 hour horseback ride, with scenic crossings of the Macal River. Reach the Negro Man Farm, explore, jump on your inner tube and relax because your return ride is down stream. Low intensity.

Xunantunich, a great introduction to the cities of the Maya. This amazing site is home to El Castillo, the second largest temple in Belize, with unbelievable views. There is a museum, excavated and unexcavated sites, and a few ghostly legends to learn about. Your guide will be a local Maya who spent 30+ years of his life excavating the site. Medium intensity (ascending temples requires a fair level of fitness.)

Mountain Biking, Take a ride on the wild side and enjoy nature up close while mountain biking along river banks and jungle. Enjoy breath-taking views and learn about the flora and fauna of the Mountain Pine Ridge. Customized to the skill level of participants. High intensity.

Big Rock Falls, Take a break from the heat, attack a steep hike down to the base of Big Rock Falls and swim right up to the foot of the waterfall and around the cascading pools above and below. Opportunity for differentiated cliff jumping. . . you choose height based on confidence level or choose to lounge in the cool, still waters below! About an hour and 15 minute drive. Medium intensity.

LEVEL 3 OPTIONS (\$110):

ATM Cave, Aktun Tunichil Muknal. If you want to be a part of one of the most amazing things Belize has to offer, this is it! After river crossings, hiking and a short swim into this ceremonial cave, you will be face to face with Maya skeletal remains, amazing pottery, stalagmites and stalagmites. Named one of the top 10 caves in the world by National Geographic. High intensity.

Barton Creek, A 1.5 hour drive brings you to the cave entrance. Hop in a canoe and away you go to explore the Maya underworld in this beautiful cave with skeletal remains, pots, and typical cave beauty. Low intensity.

Ziplining, Surrender to the canopy of the Belize rainforest. After an hour and 15 minute drive on rough, bumpy roads, your reward awaits. Leave your world and worries behind as you soar through the jungle canopy high above the forest floor on one of the premier Zip Line Treks in Belize. Medium intensity (physically). Your nerves may feel differently!

Spa, What better way to end the day or spend the day? A full range of treatment options in the canopy level spa on duPlooy's property. Extremely low intensity! :)

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1, Sunday, June 17: The participants will arrive in Belize via Smith-Goldson International Airport and be transported to duPlooy's. Please schedule flights to arrive by noon. Along the way, we will stop for a bite to eat, Belizean style. Upon arriving to duPlooy's, we will explore our home for the next few days and participate in a surprise bonding experience to get the adventure started! That evening, we will have guests from the Ministry of Education for Cayo District to share with us some perspective of the educational system in Belize. There will be a two-hour session to get to know each other, with an overview of the week's activities, and a little information about Belize's history and cultural dynamic. This is brain-easy content to get the week started slowly!

Day 2, Monday, June 18: Each morning from 6:30 until 7:30, coffee/tea and birdwatching (for additional cost) is offered at duPlooy's with the resident expert to help spot and identify birds. After breakfast, we will drive to the school we will be working with this week. There, we will get to know the learners, distribute materials, and observe teachers in their classrooms. After a picnic lunch by the river, we will begin our afternoon choice adventures. We will come back together at duPlooy's for dinner and an evening of debriefing and content exploration.

Day 3, Tuesday, June 19: After breakfast, we will return to the school where Kathleen and Joy will lead several learning activities. Another picnic lunch, then afternoon choice adventures. Return to duPlooy's for dinner, debriefing, and preparation for tomorrow's work in the schools where participants will lead the lessons.

Day 4, Wednesday, June 20: Our final day in the classrooms allows you to become the teacher. Kathleen and I will observe you and offer reflections during our afternoon together. Afternoon choice adventures are still your choice but I would highly recommend our most exciting adventure into the Maya Underworld – ATM cave. It will push you physically, emotionally, and is a great culmination to our work this week. And the fun will continue in town as we dine with the locals and explore San Ignacio. Late night return to duPlooy's!

Day 5, Thursday, June 21: Departure day. Please schedule flights to leave no earlier than 11am. Beginning at 7 am, we will have a 1.5 hour closing session and ceremony including final project sharing. Transport for airport will leave at 9am, arriving at airport by 11am check-in.



OTHER NOTES AND INFORMATION

TO REACH US: Fly into Belize City (BZE). American Airlines and Continental have easy 3 hour flights from Houston, Charlotte, and Miami. For a very economical but not-so-short option, fly to Cancun and take the bus (air conditioned) to Belize City. Contact me if you would like more information on this. Please submit flight details via the [FLIGHT INFO DOCUMENT](#) found on www.joyfactorconsulting.com by May 1, 2011.

If you are looking for [PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS](#), the Belize EduVenture will provide you a schedule of events and certification as proof of your participation in the program. Be sure to check with your local school district for its requirements to receive professional development credit (continuing education credit, clock hours, professional development hours, etc.). If additional paperwork is required (if we need to submit paperwork to be an approved provider in your district or state), please contact us 60 days prior to your arrival to confirm what efforts need to be done. We cannot guarantee your school district will accept your time spent at the Belize EduVenture if you contact them after you have attended.

