Macaw Lodge, within the Carara Nature Preserve, Costa Rica

Organization/Agency:________Macaw Lodge_____________ ____________ Date_ May 6, 2017 _______

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Describe the internship assignment: Macaw Lodge is an eco-lodge dedicated to inspire environmental conservation through mindful and evidence based sustainable practices. We are committed to preserving the biodiversity of our environmentally unique wet-dry tropics as we constantly improve upon sustainable agricultural practices and eco-tourism. Our methods respect the web of life while providing opportunities and guidance to local farmers and residents ready to improve their quality of life and thereby live purposefully and in harmony with nature.

What began as a project to restore the Scarlet Macaw Flight Pathway umpteen years ago, and the umpteen thousand trees planted since then, has blossomed into an ecological experience that birders, environmentalists, biologists, naturalists and intrepid travelers all rave about. ( Check the reviews for Macaw Lodge on Trip Advisor ). But there is so much more to do, and learn, and this is where you, your curiosity, your talents and enthusiasm come into play.

Researchers and Graduate students: We offer a tropical research station with numerous opportunities to contribute to our local community. Please share your compatible proposals with us and let’s work together!

Interns: Your proficiency in Spanish may determine the project(s) you will participate in. Immersion into daily life with our staff, local neighbors, lodge guests from around the world, and school age children are all possible while engaged in our daily practice of tending, preparing and creating a life affirming experience.
Depending upon the season, our interns have participated with:

- **Sustainable gardening, Tropical Food Forest Production** of bananas, papaya, bread fruit, **Medicinal Plant** propagation, **Greenhouse Management**
- **Wildlife Surveys** and **Bird counts**
- **Fish ponds** and **Aquaponics**
- **Cacao Production** and **Chocolate making** from bean to bar.
- **Trail building, Bamboo construction**, 

Our resident intern coordinator is available to assist you as needed.

**Prerequisites:**

- Intern must be 19 years of age minimum
- Must have medical travel insurance AND said policy will cover you while in Costa Rica
- Physically fit
- Basic proficiency in Spanish language is very helpful
- Able to perform duties as assigned, i.e., transplant seedlings, harvest cacao, preserve foods from our food forest, lead a tour for visitors, etc.
- Willing to learn, do and lead
- Flexible, self-starter, cooperative
- Fee includes: airport pick up and drop off, intern housing with wifi, meals, transportation, training support and guidance with access to the nature reserve, farm, forest, waterfall and yoga deck. Monthly fee which can be prorated based upon your length of stay and involvement ranges from $600-$700 per month.