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Fall 2009 E-News

Manu Cloud Forest Canopy Walkway Completed!



(Picture taken by Enrique Ortiz from the Amazon Conservation Association)

The Manu Cloud Forest Walkway is now complete! After five years of planning and five months of construction, the canopy walkway is now open to be used by researchers, educational groups, tourists, and local school children. The walkway is located in Wayqecha, Peru along the steep slopes of the Andes Mountains. It is the first one of its kind in the highland Amazon cloud forest. This very special walkway has a unique, state-of-the-art non-tree attached technology. What makes this walkway even more unique are the classrooms and laboratories that will be located in the towers along the walkway. The towers are within the cloud forest canopy which makes them ideal for learning and observing the rainforest that surrounds it. The addition of these classrooms and laboratories will greatly increase the educational resources available in the area.

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Our partners in this project were Alcan, the Amazon Conservation Association (ACA), the National Geographic Society, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, and the Windhover Foundation.

Moravian College Group Visits Peru



A group of 12 students and one professor embarked on an adventure to the Peruvian rainforest and the Andes for 18 days to study the ecology of tropical forests. During their travels, they were given a presentation by Antonio Guerrero about Peruvian shamanic traditions, including a "Bath of Tranquility." They spent 6 days at Los Amigos and enjoyed themselves despite the friaje - cold and rainy weather - that lasted the whole time they were there. The group spent several days on the trails and then individually worked on student

projects pertaining to the rainforest. Several of the students and the professor studied the interaction of ants and Cecropia trees. After Los Amigos the workshop traveled up the Tambopata River and spent 5 days in the rainforest there visiting all three Rainforest Expedition lodges of Posada Amazonas, TRC and Refugio. After a week and a half in the rainforest, they traveled back to Cusco and visited the magnificent wonder of Machu Picchu. Their final days in Peru included a stop in a local village where they saw how chicha was made, a stop in Chinchero to see a weaving demonstration by local women and a tour of the archeological museum in Lima. A great time was had by all!

2010 Workshops

The ACEER Foundation is pleased to offer the following workshops for 2010. These workshops are open to eco-tourists who are interested in amateur birding, diverse plant life, environmental conservation, archaeology, and the history and culture of Peru.

WCU Spring Break Workshop

Field studies in Peru: History, Culture and Environmental Conservation.

Aquatic Ecology Workshop

Connections between you, the water cycle and the Amazon rainforest.

Environmental Education Workshop in the Amazon Rainforest and the Andes

An environmental education experience for students, teachers, and the adventurous.

Botanical Medicine Workshop

An exploration of traditional and modern uses of plant based medicines from the Amazon and Andes.

Orchids Workshop

Visit the Manu Cloud Forest at Wayqecha, the Sacred City of Machu Picchu and orchid nurseries in Lima.

Interested? For additional information please contact Mary Ann Robinson, Program Coordinator of the ACEER Foundation, by email - mrobinson@wcupa.edu - or by phone - 610-738-0477.

Or, go to <http://www.wcupa.edu/aceer/workshops.asp> for complete information on dates and pricing.

Sharing the ACEER message about the importance of rainforest conservation will help us achieve our mission to promote the conservation of the Peruvian Amazon by fostering awareness, understanding, action, and transformation. Through our programs, ACEER strives to provide both environmental and economic benefit to the indigenous people living in the Amazon region of Peru, as well as bring the important concepts of conservation home!

Please help us spread the word about environmental conservation, and the work of ACEER by forwarding our newsletter to a friend or colleague!

Thank you!

Marguerite Gould, Director of Operations

Save The Date!

March 26 & 27, 2010

The ACEER Foundation, the College of Health Sciences at West Chester University of PA, and the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Appeal will host a unique two-day event

Olivia: Voices for Healing...Our Planet...Ourselves

Friday evening, March 26

Keynote Address

Olivia Newton-John and Dr. Jonathon Cebon, Director of the Ludwig Institute for cancer research in Melbourne Australia.

Saturday, March 27th

11th Integrative Health Conference - "Integrative Strategies for Breast Cancer"

Olivia Newton-John will join a notable assembly of cancer experts for sessions on integrative approaches to cancer prevention and treatment.

Saturday evening will begin with a gala dinner with Olivia and her husband, John Easterling, and will



culminate with a celebratory concert by Olivia performed at Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall - West Chester University.
For more information visit the event website at www.wcupa.edu/VoicesForHealing

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