

The Appropriate Technology Collaborative

With a very successful 2011 just completed we received an unexpected opportunity for Friends of ATC to volunteer on a project in Guatemala.

February 25 - March 3, 2012 ATC will be overseeing the design and installation of a solar photovoltaic system for the CECAP school, the Center for Vocational Education in Santa Cruz la Laguna, Guatemala. This is a project that ATC has been working on since 2009, and now we are writing to you with a unique invitation to personally take part in its final stages. As a volunteer for ATC, you will work side-by-side with ATC staff and local technical students and other village residents on a project that will improve educational outcomes and eventually help students launch social entrepreneurial ventures in the region to sell the lights on a residential and commercial scale. Not only will you have the satisfaction of knowing you are contributing to sustainable economic development and humanitarian concerns, but we have also arranged for you to learn about the culture of our Guatemalan partners on this project.



View From La Iguana Perdida Hostel



View of La Iguana Perdida Hostel

The project will feature an historic tour of Antigua Guatemala, the opportunity to develop working relationships with the people of Santa Cruz la Laguna, and great accommodations at La Iguana Perdida hostel on the shores of Lake Atitlan. We will send along a project brochure to everyone interested.

You also will be working with some of the top names in green, sustainable development. ATC's founder and executive director John Barrie will act as project director (please see <http://apptechdesign.org/>), and he will be joined on-site by Charlie Rendall of San Marcos, Guatemala by way of London, England, who is a world-class green building expert. This will be our least expensive trip of 2012. For basic dorm style accommodations the cost is \$950.00 per person. The cost covers everything except airfare. ATC staff will

pick you up, take you to your hotel in Antigua for the first night, then to the lake where we travel by boat to Santa Cruz. All meals and educational outings are covered. If you are traveling as a couple the cost for a second person is \$800.00. Additional fees of about \$25.00 per day will be assessed if you would like to stay in a private room.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to ask. Email john@apptechdesign.org , or call 734.668.4811 .



CECAP School, Santa Cruz la Laguna

Unfortunately time is short. We need to have a complete list of who is traveling by the end of January which means we will need your applications by mid-month. To apply, please email John Barrie john@apptechdesign.org

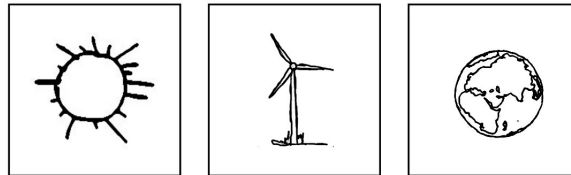
We have worked with our clients in Santa Cruz for several years to set this up, and we greatly respect their skills, talents, and their strong will to improve their lives and the lives of their children. This is our first opportunity to introduce our friends in Santa Cruz to our friends in the U.S. We very much hope you will join us!

Cheers, and we hope to see you in Santa Cruz,

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Proposed Trip Itinerary:

Sat Feb. 25 -

Arrive Guatemala City
ATC Airport Pick Up
Travel to Antigua Guatemala
Lodging: Black Cat Inn or Casa Rustica
Dinner Antigua Guatemala

Sun Feb. 26 -

Breakfast at Black Cat Inn
Walking Tour of Antigua
Lunch Antigua
Transportation to Panajachel on Lake Atitlan
Boat to Santa Cruz la Laguna
Meet ATC Project Manager Charlie Randell
Lodging: La Iguana Perdida
Tour of CECAP School, Meet Pat Torpie and Noe
Dinner La Iguana

Mon Feb. 27

Breakfast La Iguana
AM Start Work CECAP School
Lunch at CECAP
PM Work
Dinner La Iguana
Evening Free Time

February 28

Breakfast La Iguana
AM Work CECAP School
Lunch at CECAP
PM Work
Dinner La Iguana
Evening Free Time

Tue Feb. 29

Breakfast La Iguana
AM Work CECAP School
Lunch at CECAP
PM Work
Dinner La Jacaranda
Evening Free Time

Wed Feb. 28

Breakfast La Iguana
AM Work CECAP School
Lunch at CECAP or Family
PM Tour of Green Buildings
Dinner La Iguana
Evening Free Time

Thu Feb. 29

PM Boat to San Pedro
Dinner D'Noz, San Pedro
Evening Stroll San Pedro
Evening Boat to Santa Cruz

Fri Mar. 1

Breakfast La Iguana
AM Work CECAP School
Lunch at CECAP or Family
PM Work (If Required)
Evening Boat to Panajachel
Dinner in Pana
Free Time
Evening Boat to Santa Cruz

Sat Mar. 2

AM Breakfast La Iguana
AM Boat to Panajachel
ATC Shuttle to Antigua
Lodging: Black Cat Inn or Casa Rustica
Free Time
Dinner Pena Del Sol Latino, Antigua, Live Music!

Sun Mar. 3

Breakfast Black Cat Inn
Possible Free Time
Shuttle to Airport

This schedule is ~~subject~~ likely to change. We will evaluate our progress installing the solar energy system daily and adjust the itinerary accordingly.

Carlos Alvarez from the engineering firm Xela Teco will be working with us. Carlos and ATC staff will take responsibility for making sure the system works, ATC will also check back regularly and work with CECAP school staff to maintain the system.

People who wish to stay longer are free to do so. We can connect you with great in-country travel agencies!

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