



Canadian Volunteer Program 2011



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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 18 years of age - (no age limit above 18 years)
- Open-minded, flexible, hard working, self motivated and team oriented
- Able to live in basic living conditions with minimal comforts
- Not looking for a comfortable holiday activity, but is interested in working and learning while having fun

VISA

Even though applicants on the volunteer program are not paid participants, they must have a work permit to volunteer in Canada.

Applicants can get a work permit in one of three ways:

- 1) through the Working Holiday Program if the Working Holiday Program is offered in their country and they qualify for it,
- 2) by taking an equal number of weeks of English classes and volunteering (eg: 4 weeks of English + 4 weeks volunteering); or
- 3) if they are offered a placement with a Canadian Registered Charity. Two of our projects are Registered Charities – the animal rescue centres.

Visa applications must be made in your home country before you leave for Canada and usually take 6-8 weeks to process.

PROJECTS AVAILABLE:

- ❖ Ecological Bear Tour
- ❖ Small Animal Rescue Project
- ❖ Large & Small Animal Rescue Project
- ❖ Conservation in Banff National Park Project

PRICING AND INFORMATION

PROGRAM FEES

BEAR TOUR COMPANY AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS: C\$1259 + 12% HST
BANFF NATIONAL PARK CONSERVATION PROJECT: C\$ 640 + 12% HST

NOTE: For Project 2, Small Animal Care & Rescue Centre, accommodation is extra at \$75 per week paid directly to Placement Host Organization.

For Project 4, Conservation in National Park, accommodations & food are not included. See brochure for alternative accommodation details.

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Volunteer Placement for selected weeks
- Accommodation and food at Placement (except Project 2 & 4- see note above)
- Orientation at GO international Offices in Vancouver covering everything you need to know about volunteering and travelling in Canada
- 1 night dorm style accommodation at Vancouver hostel, includes breakfast and welcome drink
- Support from the GO International Volunteer Team Leader in Vancouver while on your project
- Emergency Contact number
- Activities and social events in Vancouver and Whistler while studying
- Room and Board in projects 1 and 3

Note: 12% HST will be added to program fee if program not sold as a work and study program. English courses are tax exempt so if taken as a 50/50 English Internship Program then the program fee and English tuition will not be subject to tax.

Program Fee Does Not Include:

- Travel between Vancouver and Placement (see addendum at end for estimates for travel costs)
- Booking Services to travel to Placement

OPTIONAL SERVICES

(prices are exclusive of HST, which is 12%)

Extra nights in Dorm Room in Vancouver Hostel: \$28/night to be booked directly on arrival by participant.

English Classes at Tamwood International College in Vancouver or Whistler. Refer to Tamwood 2010 Prices and Dates. Example: 4 weeks Semi-Intensive classes at Tamwood Vancouver: C\$1306 inc. tuition, application fee and text book.

Homestay Accommodation in Vancouver:

Placement fee:	\$195
Full Board:	\$205/week
Half Board:	\$195/week

Airport Transfer

To Vancouver Homestay:	\$90
To Whistler Homestay:	\$165

Homestay Accommodation in Whistler:

Placement fee:	\$195
Full Board:	\$215/week
Half Board:	\$220/week

2011 Orientation Dates

CHECK WITH GI FOR CURRENT SPACE AVAILABILITY FOR PERFERRED DATES BEFORE MAKING A REGISTRATION

ECOLOGICAL BEAR TOUR 3 WEEK PLACEMENTS ONLY

NOTE: MUST BE BOOKED BEFORE DEC 2010 TO ENSURE SPOT

WITHOUT CLASS:

Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placement Date	Capacity
29-Apr	N/A	4-May	1
20-May	N/A	25-May	1
10-Jun	N/A	15-Jun	1
30-Jun	N/A	July 6	1
22-Jul	N/A	27-Jul	1
12-Aug	N/A	17-Aug	1
2-Sep	N/A	7-Sep	1
23-Sep	N/A	28-Sep	1

WITH CLASS:

3 weeks of class

Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placement Date	Capacity
8-Apr	11-Apr	4-May	1
29-Apr	2-May	25-May	1
20-May	24-May	June 15	1
10-Jun	13-Jun	6-Jul	1
30-Jun	4-Jul	27-Jul	1
22-Jul	25-Jul	17-Aug	1
12-Aug	15-Aug	7-Sep	1

Preference is given to longer placements

SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE MINIMUM 8 WEEK PLACEMENTS

WITHOUT CLASS:

Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placement Date	Capacity
14-Jan	NA	Jan 17	2
11-Mar	NA	14-Mar	2
6-May	NA	9-May	2
1-Jul	NA	4-Jul	2
26-Aug	NA	29-Aug	2
21-Oct	NA	24-Oct	2
16-Dec	NA	19-Dec	2

WITH CLASS:

4 weeks of class

Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placement Date	Capacity
Dec 17 2010	Dec 20 2010	Jan 17	2
11-Feb	14-Feb	14-Mar	2
8-Apr	11-Apr	9-May	2
3-Jun	6-Jun	4-Jul	2
29-Jul	1-Aug	29-Aug	2
23-Sep	26-Sep	24-Oct	2
18-Nov	21-Nov	19-Dec	2

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LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE

MINIMUM 8 WEEK PLACEMENTS

WITHOUT CLASS:			
Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placem ent Date	Capac ity
14-Jan	NA	17-Jan	1
4-Mar	NA	7-Mar	1
21-Apr	NA	25-Apr	1
10-Jun	NA	13-Jun	1
29-Jul	NA	1-Aug	1
16-Sep	NA	19-Sep	1
4-Nov	NA	7-Nov	1
WITH CLASS: 4 weeks of class			
Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placem ent Date	Capac ity
Dec 17.2010	Dec 20.2010	17-Jan	1
4-Feb	7-Feb	7-Mar	1
25-Mar	28-Mar	25-Apr	1
13-May	16-May	13-Jun	1
30-Jun	4-Jul	1-Aug	1
19-Aug	22-Aug	19-Sep	1
7-Oct	10-Oct	7-Nov	1

BANFF NATIONAL PARK

4 WEEK PLACEMENTS

WITHOUT CLASS:			
Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placem ent Date	Capaci ty
10-June	NA	13-June	6
July-8	NA	11-July	6
5-Aug	NA	8-Aug	6
2-Sept	NA	6-Sept	6
WITH CLASS:		4 weeks of class	
Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placem ent Date	Capaci ty
13-May	16-May	13-June	6
10-June	13-June	11-July	6
8-July	11-July	8-Aug	6
5-Aug	8-Aug	6-Sept	6

1. ECOLOGICAL BEAR TOUR LODGE

Eco-Bear Lodge is located 50 air miles from the northern tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The fully self-contained floating lodge is situated at an outstanding wildlife viewing location. This is a place of spectacular beauty where one can still find the silence and solitude of another era. From this location the project host operates a Grizzly Bear viewing program. The wind and solar powered lodge is in keeping with their commitment to low-impact ecotourism. This is a commercial business providing eco-tours and you are invited to volunteer as a hospitality worker and experience this unique experience of authentic Canadian Wilderness. You will not be working in conservation or with animals, you will work in the lodge.

THE WORK AT THE ECO-BEAR LODGE:

Working at the lodge is an incredible opportunity to work in a remote wilderness environment. We want you to have a good idea about the realities of working at the lodge before giving a commitment to work here. The job title is Volunteer Housekeeper. As Volunteer Housekeeper, you will spend five hours a day working on housekeeping tasks and helping to host the guests in exchange for accommodation, food and wildlife viewing opportunities! This position offers a unique opportunity to work in customer service in ecotourism while living in a spectacular wilderness setting. Your duties include: Housekeeping tasks for the guest lodge. Those tasks may include changing rooms following guests' departure, washing dishes, vacuuming floors, sweeping docks, cleaning windows, washing floors, acting as a welcoming host to the guests when they take breaks from wildlife viewing by greeting them and providing warm drinks/snacks. Assisting the Lodge Chef in beverage and meal service and clean-up is also part of the job. The lodge staff is a small team and occasionally you may be called upon to assist with other tasks that are outside of this job description. You will be required to wear a uniform and will be an integral part of the guest service team, not just a helper.

FREE TIME AT THE ECO-BEAR LODGE:

Working at the lodge is not a party scene. With a maximum of 7 staff at the lodge, you are joining an intimate team. You do get the opportunity to join some of the tours to go looking for bears, eagles, seals, otters and other amazing wildlife. It is not unusual for the chef and volunteer to finish at 10pm in fall after a late dinner. When staffs do get time off, they may want to spend some quiet time alone. After being social with guests all day, they need to recharge their batteries. The staff who are happiest out here are the ones who are really excited to be in this environment, and also who are happy with their own company. They enjoy this beautiful valley and the wildlife, and are also happy to be reading or writing or kayaking or doing artwork or taking photos. There is no TV and limited access to a phone. This is a remote setting. You can't run or ride in the valley, because that's just asking for a bear encounter. So you'll need to get creative. There a set of steep stairs behind the lodge, leading to a viewing platform. You can kayak or swim (a wetsuit is recommended!). You can use the docks for yoga, weight training, etc.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS AT THE ECO-BEAR LODGE:

Staff and guests have a different experience at the lodge. There is a separate building for staff, which has its own bathroom, kitchen and common area. It is certainly not as nice as the guest lodge. You might be sharing a room with another person, and the rooms are basic. Often times you'll be making your own meals, with food that is provided by the lodge. If you think the life of a guest is more your style, prices start at \$790 per night.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE ECO-BEAR LODGE:

You are responsible for getting to the Northern tip of Vancouver Island. Once there, a float plane will pick you up and take you to the lodge and bring you back to the mainland. Float plane is free of charge for 2 trips, there and back.

ECO-BEAR LODGE PLACEMENT START DATES:

Placements are strictly 3 weeks long. **See Volunteer Orientation Schedule for start dates in 2011.**

2. SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE CARE & REHAB

This registered charity is located on 3 acres in Campbell Valley Regional Park in one of the Municipalities of Vancouver, B.C. The Rescue & Rehab Centre provides short and long term care to native mammal species, and through rehabilitation and public education helps prevent the suffering of injured and orphaned wildlife. This is the only facility that specializes in mammals. About 75 - 80 percent of the work is with the babies. The Centre is very busy from mid-March to September.

THE WORK AT THE RESCUE & REHAB CENTRE:

Have you ever wanted to be the “mother” to an orphaned wild animal? Here is your chance!

It can be very intense at times because of the hours the volunteers sometimes have to keep. With any luck, you will be working an eight hour day, but at times it can be up to 12 hours, depending on the number of admissions and their problems. Sometimes there can even be a 2 A.M. feeding. Volunteers will be expected to be involved in all aspects of the shelter. You will be working five days a week throughout your stay. In the summer, your day may start at 6:00 AM and end at 11:30 PM (basically your schedule is determined by your babies’ feedings).

During the winter, your hours are typically 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Your job will include feeding, food preparation, cleaning, laundry, administering treatment, participating in building projects, painting, etc... If you are afraid of getting dirty, getting pooped on or being tired, this may not be the place for you. It is very intense, hard work, and the most rewarding experience you can imagine!

FREE TIME AT THE RESCUE & REHAB CENTRE:

Working at the centre is not a party scene. During the summer, there are around eight to ten volunteers. During the winter, there are usually two or three volunteers at a time. Free time is usually spent socializing with the other volunteers. Although you are fairly close to the city, it is not recommended that you leave the compound during your time there. There will be plenty of time before or after your stay to go and do sight seeing with the friends you make at the Centre. The staff cabin has a TV and you can bring DVD’s with you. A person who can make their own entertainment is usually more comfortable here.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS AT THE RESCUE & REHAB CENTRE:

There is a cabin located near the main house that can house up to six volunteers. Inside it, there are three sets of bunk beds, a table and chairs, a closet, and a number of dressers. In the basement of the main house, there are two more sets of bunk beds, as well as shelves, chairs, and a television. The bathroom and kitchen that all the volunteers share is located in the main house. There is a computer with Internet access in the main house too. The entire Centre runs on a well, so it is important to be water-conscious.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE RESCUE AND REHAP CENTRE:

You are responsible for getting to the nearest bus depot. They will pick you up from the bus depot and drive you to the Centre. When it is time for you to go, they will drop you off at the bus depot. It is approximately an \$8.00 bus ride from Vancouver to the bus depot closest to the Centre (approx. 2 hours outside of Vancouver).

RESCUE AND REHAB CENTRE PLACEMENT T START DATES:

Placements are MIN 8 weeks long. Preferences are given to placements 10 – 16 weeks.

See Volunteer Orientation Schedule for start dates in 2011.

3. LARGE AND SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE & REHAB

The Large & Small Animal Rescue Centre is a registered charity that provides a second chance for orphaned wildlife in British Columbia. With almost 20 years of successful rehabilitation, it has become a haven for bears, moose, deer and other orphaned wildlife. The founders of the centre are both trained animal keepers, they had previously worked in zoos in Germany. This is a unique opportunity to work close to wildlife and participate in offering them a chance of survival. The centre is located in a fairly remote area of Northwestern British Columbia. It is surrounded by a beautiful forest where many of the animals are released back into the wild.

THE WORK AT THE RESCUE & REHAB CENTRE:

Volunteers will build and maintain animals enclosures, feed and care for the animals, assist with capture and release and educate the public. Volunteers must complete 2-4 days of training. In order to work with bears a minimum 6 month commitment is required. Volunteering at an animal shelter can be a daunting task and requires dedication, a love for animals and serious commitment. Work includes but is not limited to:

Daily preparation of feed for the animals, which includes sorting and cutting up meat & fish.

Cutting up several buckets of fruits & vegetables for the daily feed.

Clean up of feed dishes/buckets and kitchen.

Daily cleaning of enclosures (which includes animals with diarrhea and other unpleasant substances).

Participation in general maintenance of facilities, such as cleaning and painting.

General daily work hours: between 4-8 hours, but on some days it can be up to 12 if we have emergencies

Special Notes: The care of animals must be secured around the clock and work may include night shifts.

Consider that working outside every day in every kind of weather can be extremely hard and it can make for a long day. **Contact with animals is limited as we try not to habituate them to humans.**

FREE TIME AT THE RESCUE & REHAB CENTRE:

Days off can be scheduled as either one or two days a week after discussion with the host organization. Extreme Weather (heat & cold), dirt and living in a remote area must be something you can handle. The volunteer here will be able to self-entertain, as this is a remote location with limited access to a vehicle (unless you rent your own). We highly recommend that volunteers plan for some personal means of transportation (such as a rental car) for at least some of the time they are here. The area is beautiful and invites exploration. Tips and suggestions of local attractions are available.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS AT THE RESCUE AND REHAB CENTRE:

Accommodation & Meals are provided. For your stay you will become part of the family and the highly motivated team. Your accommodations will be your own room in the family home and you will share a bathroom. Meals will be taken with the family, and they will try to accommodate special food requirements. The family home is "Smoke free", but you are welcome to smoke in designated outside areas. A certain amount of participation in household chores is expected (doing dishes after a meal, keeping your room and bathroom clean etc). You have access to towels and fresh bedding any time and are welcome to add your laundry to the family's laundry.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE RESCUE AND REHAB CENTRE:

You are responsible for getting to the nearest town via bus or plane. They will pick you up from the bus depot or airport and drive you to the Centre. When it is time for you to go, they will drop you off at the bus depot or airport.

RESCUE AND REHAB CENTRE PLACEMENT START DATES: Placements are MIN 8 weeks long. Preferences are given to longer placements. **See Volunteer Orientation Schedule for start dates in 2011.**

4. VOLUNTEER IN BANFF NATIONAL PARK, CANADA

Position Title	PARK STEWARD
Supervisor	Leader of Volunteer Engagement, Banff National Park
Purpose	Be Parks Canada's welcoming smile, heart/mind, helpful hands, eyes & ears... out in the park! Contribute to the scientific knowledge of Banff National Park.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Visitor Experience, Education, and Park Protection. Growth and learning by Volunteers, Visitors, and Parks Canada. Volunteers will increase the scientific knowledge of the park by providing appropriate and relevant assistance in data collection as identified in organized Citizen Science programs. Volunteers will become ambassadors and stewards of the park and all its natural & cultural resources.
Key Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEARN: participate in and take responsibility for ongoing learning about Banff National Park, and engaging in conversations with visitors, other volunteers, and Parks Canada staff. ENHANCE VISITOR EXPERIENCE, EDUCATE AND PROTECT: engage in friendly, warm, helpful, and respectful conversations with visitors, helping them find what they're looking for, drawing out their experiences, and pointing out additional relevant opportunities eg. local historic site experiences, interpretive media and programs and park etiquette; encourage responsible / safe behaviour (according to Parks Canada rules and policies). MONITOR, REPORT + PROTECT ECOLOGICAL INDICATORS: Observe, record, and report on indicators and natural resources. Most research projects depend on season but are busiest in the summer. Categories of projects fall under Aquatics, Terrestrial, Wildlife Movement and "Others". Some projects involve going out with staff, eg. amphibian monitoring. Some projects involve more independent research, eg. forest monitoring. In addition, researchers may request special short-term assistance from volunteers. OBSERVE & REPORT VISITOR EXPERIENCE & PROTECTION: including interactions, any issues or incidents that could negatively affect visitor experience, public safety or resource protection, including conditions of park facilities and trails, wildlife sightings, visitor complaints, feedback and suggestions, and any violations of park regulation. ORGANIZE AND LEAD WORK GROUPS: Opportunities exist to lead work parties on trails and at day use areas, including building barriers to shortcuts, invasive weed pulls, clean ups etc. SCHEDULE YOURSELF: sign up for locations and dates prior to shift, complete shift as scheduled (except when dangerous); inform supervisor (and partner) when unable to make a shift or if a last-minute change in location is required. SIGN IN & OUT: at the Banff Information Centre, before and after each shift, to receive current trail/park information, and to pick up or return monitoring gear and other supplies. REPORT & COMMUNICATE: full reports must be submitted electronically upon completion of each shift; along with ongoing respectful and timely communication re feedback, suggestions, and problems. REGARD SAFETY: your own, that of other volunteers, staff and visitors, and of the park (this is the foundation of all of the above activities). Remember: Safety first, second, and third!

4. VOLUNTEER IN BANFF NATIONAL PARK, CANADA

<p>Qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to the goals and values of Parks Canada • Strong interpersonal, communications, and problem solving skills • Good judgment; can be depended upon to work with the public in a positive manner • Strong ability to work independently and as part of a team • Good observation skills, basic map-reading ability • Physically fit enough to handle 4-6 hour shifts walking or standing outdoors • Responsible for own transportation to and within the park (bikes will be supplied, most work will be within biking distance; also carpooling with other volunteers and with researchers and other Parks staff will also be organized) • Must have clean criminal record • Must wear BNP Volunteer ID when on duty
<p>Locations, Times</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Popular trails and day use areas throughout Banff National Park • Hours will be approximately 160 based on 5 days per week, 8 hours per day, for 4 weeks • Optional: When transportation is available (e.g. carpooling) volunteers may attend special events as Parks representatives in BNP and possibly in nearby places (e.g. Canmore Folk Festival, Calgary Zoo with Park's Theatre Troupe)
<p>Training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prior to arrival volunteers will receive:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ A welcome package including required reading (e.g. Volunteer Handbook, articles on park wildlife etc) as well as a log in to an Online "Basic Interpreter Course" (4hr) from the Interpretive Guides Association, and a log in to the Banff Park Volunteers' website of resources. • <u>Upon arrival:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Orientation & Training will include: ➢ Upon arrival, volunteers will receive a 2-day orientation, led by the Leader of Volunteer Engagement, involving a tour of the park and introduction to relevant Parks staff ➢ Training for various duties (ambassador and citizen scientist components) will take place through a combination of the orientation and volunteer and staff job-shadowing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parks Canada's mandate and management priorities ▪ Park Ambassador roles, responsibilities, code of conduct, and logistics ▪ How to enhance visitor experience, education, and park protection ▪ How to minimize risk (to self, the public, the park, and Parks Canada) ▪ Specific Ambassador and Citizen Scientist opportunities ▪ Brainstorming and agreeing on a 4-week schedule and duties, with some flexibility built in for unforeseen circumstances, discuss special projects that the volunteers might be interested in and skilled to accomplish, that fit into our mandate (e.g. producing videos for Youtube) • <u>Ongoing optional training opportunities:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Every effort will be made to include volunteers in ongoing training opportunities that are already taking place for staff, in order to provide a well-rounded experience of "Learn, Do, Celebrate!" ➢ Leadership training and practice: opportunities will be given to volunteers to develop and practice leadership skills in organizing and leading groups in park volunteer activities.

4. VOLUNTEER IN BANFF NATIONAL PARK, CANADA

Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Positive comments from the public, staff, and other volunteers (via unsolicited feedback) •Numbers of contacts and conversations (recorded), quality of interactions (observed) •Enhanced visitor experience, education, and park protection (via various indicators) •Increase in the amount of data collected (recorded), quality of volunteer observations that assist staff in achieving their goals and objectives (observed and reported by staff interacting with the volunteers) •Positive comments from the public, staff supervisors, and other volunteers (via unsolicited feedback) •Enhanced volunteer experience and education; enhanced park protection (via various indicators)
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Personal growth, health, involvement, enjoyment; professional, community, ecological
Accommodation And Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parks Canada does NOT provide accommodation or meals to the volunteers. GO International recommends that volunteers stay the Samesun Backpackers in Banff. GO International can book this accommodation for the volunteer for an extra cost. •Meals can be cooked at the Backpackers. As well, the Backpackers has a bar/café that offers daily evening meals for a low cost.
Visa Requirements	<p><u>Participants must have a work permit to volunteer at this project.</u> They can get their work permit under the Working Holiday Program if the Working Holiday Program is offered in their country and they qualify for it, or by taking an equal number of weeks of English classes and volunteering (example 4 weeks English + 4 weeks volunteering).</p>
Price	<p>PROGRAM FEE: C\$640</p> <p>PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Volunteer Placement for 4 weeks •Orientation at GO international Offices in Vancouver covering everything you need to know about volunteering and travelling in Canada •Support from the GO International Volunteer Team Leader in Vancouver while on your project •Emergency Contact number •Activities and social events in Vancouver and Whistler while studying <p><i>Note: 12% HST will be added to the program fee if program not sold as a work and study program. English courses are tax exempt so if taken as a 50/50 English Internship Program then the program fee and English tuition will not be subject to tax.</i></p>

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Placement fee: \$215/week
 Full Board: \$220/week

Accommodation in Banff:

\$672.00-728.00 CAD depending on hostel choice (Lodge or Chalet)

28 night's dorm style accommodation at Samesun Backpackers in Banff. Includes accommodation in dorm room, shared bath, breakfast, welcome drink, ½ hr/day free internet and booking fee

Transportation from Vancouver to Banff – to be booked by participant directly before arrival in Canada or with help from GI Staff in Vancouver upon arrival in Canada. Bus/Train station is 10 min. walk from hostel.

- Bus from Vancouver to Banff – Greyhound starting from: \$108.00 one way
- Train - \$170.00 one way
- Flight to Calgary and bus from Calgary airport to Banff. Check www.westjet.com or www.aircanada.ca see addendum information

DATES 2011

WITH OUT CLASS:		4 week placement	
Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placement Date	Capacity
10-June	NA	13-June	6
July-8	NA	11-July	6
5-Aug	NA	8-Aug	6
2-Sept	NA	6-Sept	6
WITH CLASS:		4 weeks of class + 4 week placement	
Orient Date 2011	Class Start Date:	Placement Date	Capacity
13-May	16-May	13-June	6
10-June	13-June	11-July	6
8-July	11-July	8-Aug	6
5-Aug	8-Aug	6-Sept	6

ADDENDUM

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL & MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

Ecological Bear Tour

- Travel to Placement: Via Greyhound to Northernmost tip of Vancouver Island.
- Must stay 1 night in hostel and await float plane pick up to Bear Tour Lodge.
- One Float Plane pick-up and drop-off is included with placement. Additional pick up and drop off prices can be negotiated with Bear Tour Staff.
- Greyhound bus one way: \$85.00
- Hostel Night: \$24 - \$25.00 CAD per night/dorm room.
- Take a taxi to float plane dock (approx \$10.00)

Small Animal Rescue Project

- Travel to Placement: Via Greyhound to nearest depot to Volunteer Placement.
- Someone from the project will pick you up at depot.
 - One pick-up and drop-off included in Volunteer Placement.
 - Additional pick-up and drop-off can be negotiated with Volunteer Placement.
 - Greyhound to nearest depot: \$8.00 one way.
 - Accommodation Fee is \$75 per week – paid directly to Volunteer Placement.

Large and Small Animal Rescue Project

- Travel to Placement: Via Greyhound or Air Canada to nearest town.
Project owners will pick you up and drop you off at point of arrival.
One pick-up/drop-off included in Volunteer Placement.
Greyhound: \$165.00 (7 day advanced purchase ticket, one way)
Air Canada: \$219.00 (1 way) check prices on website. Subject to change.

Banff National Park Project

Travel to Placement via bus:

- Travel to Placement via Greyhound to Banff. Bus depot is 10 min walk to hostel.
Greyhound Vancouver to Banff: \$108.00 one way - 7 day advance purchase.

Travel to Placement via air:

- Air Canada to Calgary Airport \$110-150.00 – check prices on website. Subject to change.
West Jet to Calgary Airport \$209.00 - check prices on website. Subject to change.
From airport to Hostel: Airporter Shuttle (\$50) offers door to door service from airport to hostel in Banff.

Accommodation Costs:

- Hostel Lodge 28 nights \$672.00; extra nights are \$24.00/night
Hostel Chalet (across street from Lodge) is \$728.00; extra nights are \$26/night.
Hostel has kitchen facilities and dorm style rooms.
Lodge offers bike lock up room (available to Chalet guests as well).
Chalet has pub, which offers \$6.00 diner special every night.
Hostel also offers weekly activities for the surrounding area and city.

Miscellaneous General Information:

- Greyhound: www.greyhound.ca
If you miss your bus, your ticket is still good. Reschedule fee is \$15.00.
Baggage per person included in price of ticket: 1 carry on of 25 lbs, 1 under the bus of 50 lbs.
1 extra bag allowed at cost of \$10.00.
West Jet www.westjet.ca
Air Canada www.aircanada.com

PICTURES ECOLOGICAL BEAR TOUR



PICTURES

SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE PROJECT



PICTURES

LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL RESCUE PROJECT



PICTURES CONSERVATION IN BANFF NATIONAL PARK

