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**Nicaragua: Revolution and Resiliency**

Youth Service Journey

Option 1 includes a day in/around Managua, $860

Option 2 excludes Managua and spends more time in El Lagartillo, $760

Option 1 – Draft Itinerary

**Saturday (Arrival; Managua)**

Late afternoon Arrival

Evening – Dinner, community-building, initial orientation

Stay at CEPAD in Managua

**Sunday (Managua or Laguna de Apoyo)**

Either:

* (a) Spend day learning from local experts about the history and contemporary situation in Nicaragua, including a tour of Managua; or
* (b) Spend day at Laguna de Apoyo (collapsed crater lake), basic Nicaragua history lesson, learn about local projects, go swimming

**Monday (El Lagartillo)**

Leave for El Lagartillo early in the morning (~7am)

Arrive in El Lagartilo, get a tour and history lesson from *Hijos del Maiz*, settle in with homestays

**Tuesday (El Lagartillo)**

All meals with family

2 hours of Spanish class in the morning

1-hour mid-day lesson from Program Leaders

2 hours of Spanish class in the afternoon

1 hour of service

**Wednesday (El Lagartillo)**

All meals with family

2 hours of Spanish class in the morning

1-hour mid-day lesson from Program Leaders

Afternoon at the waterfall ***or*** sesame co-op with locals and Spanish teachers

**Thursday (El Lagartillo)**

All meals with family

2 hours of Spanish class in the morning

1-hour mid-day lesson from Program Leaders

2 hours of Spanish class in the afternoon

1 hour of service

**Friday (El Lagartillo)**

All meals with family

2 hours of Spanish class in the morning

1-hour lesson mid-day from Program Leaders

Goodbye party in the afternoon/evening with community

**Saturday (Esteli and Managua)**

Breakfast with families

Morning “taking-it-home” workshop

Afternoon depart for Managua

Closing reflections

**Sunday (Departure)**

People will be shuttled to the airport directly from CEPAD

Option 2 – Draft Itinerary

**Saturday (Arrival; Managua)**

Late afternoon Arrival

Evening – Dinner, community-building, initial orientation

Stay at CEPAD in Managua

**Sunday (El Lagartillo)**

Morning in Managua, deeper orientation and one meeting with expert

Lunch in Managua, leave for El Lagartillo after lunch

Arrive in El Lagartillo, settle into families for dinner

**Monday (El Lagartillo)**

Morning tour and history lesson from *Hijos del Maiz*

1-hour mid-day lesson from Program Leaders

2 hours of Spanish class in the afternoon

1 hour of service

**Tuesday (El Lagartillo)**

All meals with family

2 hours of Spanish class in the morning

Afternoon trip to the sesame co-op in Achuapa

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**Information about partners:**

1. CEPAD (Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua) an organization that provides training to poor Nicaraguan villages to support local community leadership, women’s economic development, food security and care for the environment. CEPAD also operates a guest house: <http://www.cepadnica.org/visit-nicaragua/nehemias-guest-house/>

2. Hijos del Maiz (Children of the Corn) is a grassroots organization in the small town of El Lagartillo. El Lagartillo was formed as a co-operative by rural farmers in the early 1980s, with the support of the government. They were subsequently attacked by contra-government forces in the 1980s, and lost their governmental support when the conservative government took power in the 1990s. They have since formed Hijos del Maiz, which includes a Spanish School among other community-based development initiatives.

<http://www.hijosdelmaiz.net/eng/vision.html>