

Considering the Trip...

What to Bring

- Service Above Self Attitude
- Flexibility
- Sense of humor
- Sense of adventure
- Fellowship
- Desire to make new friends

Guatemala is

- Tropical, be prepared for the heat and long walks
- A developing country...you won't always find what you want
- Colorful and diverse
- An opportunity to help create a volunteer dormitory

Be Prepared for

- Schedule changes
- Adventure
- New friendships
- International Service
- A chance to use Spanish language skills
- A hard day's work

To Register...

Go to www.rotary6440.org and download the registration form, which either can be mailed or filled out on line. Completed applications should be sent to Team 1 Co-Leader:

Alycia Brock
553 W Oakdale Ave, Apt 308
Chicago, IL 60657
alyciabrock@gmail.com
630.270.9996

The trip cost is \$1,700 USD. You will earn a \$100 discount if your application and deposit is received by September 15, 2010. This includes the total cost of the trip: transportation, hotels, meals, and all fees and taxes. Price does not include alcoholic drinks or optional tours you may take. You will also receive \$100 in local currency upon arrival in Guatemala City for you to spend as you wish.

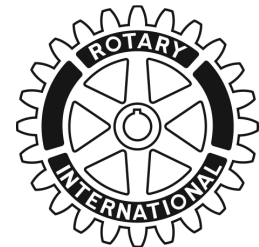
A \$250 deposit must accompany the application. The second payment of \$600 is due by October 15 2010. The deposit is refundable until October 15, 2010. Final payment is due by January 1, 2011.

**Guatemala Service Project
District 6440**

Bruce Baumberger, District Governor
For more information about the project go to
www.rotary6440.org



2011 District 6440 Guatemala Service Project



**Bruce Baumberger
District Governor**

**Dan Wolf/Larry Kanar
International Service Advisors**

Guatemala 2011!!!



About Ak'Tenamit:

Ak'Tenamit means "New Village" in the Q'eqchi Mayan language, because our organization is transforming life in the Q'eqchi villages of Guatemala. We are a Guatemalan indigeneous owned and operated nonprofit association based on the Río Dulce, in the rainforest of eastern Guatemala, where we work with dozens of remote Maya villages, all of which lack electricity and running water. Ak'Tenamit was founded in 1992 by Steve Dudenhoefer and two English volunteers and village leaders and is run by an all-indigenous board that is elected by the communities the organization serves.

What does Ak'Tenamit do?

- Ak'Tenamit provides basic healthcare to approximately 6,000 people in 35 Q'eqchi Maya villages.
- It gives more than 500 students a practical, vocational education at the Fr. Tom Moran Center, a jungle boarding school campus, where the national curriculum has been adapted to the students' indigenous culture and rural reality.
- It catalyzes grass-roots development and helps village handicraft cooperatives to sell their wares at fair-trade prices, which provides vital income extremely poor families.
- It promotes gender equity, cultural pride, community solutions, environmental sustainability and the empowerment of youth.

For more information, please visit
www.aktanamit.org

District 6440 is planning 2 missions to Guatemala in February 2011. They will each be 10 days long and accommodate 30 volunteers of all ages and abilities.

Team 1 led by Dan Wolf & Alycia Brock:

February 5 – 14

Team 2 led by Ron Crawford & Larry Kanar:

February 12 – 21

Local Partner Club:

Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur

Cost:

\$1,700, but you will earn \$100 off if your application and deposit is received by 9/15/10

Project Location:

Rio Dulce, Guatemala

We leave Chicago on Saturday and stay overnight in Guatemala City. On Sunday we will travel to Puerto Barrios, Guatemala by bus where we will board boats to travel to Livingston, Guatemala. It is here where we will stay at a clean and comfortable hotel for our work week.

Monday through Friday we'll work at Ak'Tenamit, a school established for local Mayan children from 126 villages in the rain forest of Eastern Guatemala. The last 4 years we had volunteers aging from 25 to 85, and each did work to their ability. Some of the projects we worked on were routine maintenance such as sanding and varnishing. We also cut parts for and assembled bunk beds in the dorms and installed wire mesh over windows in the dorms to keep out vampire bats (which only come out at night – don't worry).

One talented lady designed and painted a mural in the restaurant, which is operated by the students to serve tourists. We will have lunch in this café each work day. The school also has a restaurant located close to our hotel called Buga Mama, where we will have dinner each night as a team.

In 2010 we built a 20' x 60' library building, helped expand their computer library by building desks, and we also built bunk beds for the dorms. This year we will do some of the same maintenance projects and also hope to build a new dormitory for the school.

Construction experience is not necessary. We will have local tradesmen to work with us and to teach us what we need to know. Nobody will be asked to do anything that is beyond his or her ability.

We will leave Ak'Tenamit Friday afternoon. At some time during the week, we will travel to a nearby Mayan village to deliver water filters. We will then travel for some sight-seeing and R & R. Guatemala is a beautiful country, and we are considering multiple options for the sight-seeing portion of the trip. We return to Guatemala City Monday morning to catch our flight back to Chicago.

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