

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Spring Break Service 2010

Who: 12 students + Felicity!

Where: Buenos Aires, Argentina

When: Saturday, March 27th - Sunday, April 4th

What: We will be volunteering for the week with a non-profit organization called L.I.F.E Argentina. They are a family run organization that works with children and youth living in socially marginalized and extremely

impoverished areas of Argentina. They work in collaboration with community centers and soup kitchens run in shanty towns located in socially excluded areas in the suburbs of Buenos Aires City. Their efforts are all directed to improve the lives of the children. During the mornings we'll be doing service with the organization directly. During the afternoons, once the children are out of school, we will be doing intentional art projects as part of their after-school program.

(<http://www.lifeargentina.org/>)

Why: Every child deserves a chance to live a happy, healthy life. The kids we will be working with grow up in an environment surrounded by poverty, violence, drugs, abuse, diseases, absent parents or incomplete families, lack of attention, care, contention, affection and values. Our work and the work of other volunteers that work with L.I.F.E Argentina directly make positive impacts on the lives of these children, which helps the lives of the Argentinians in the long run. By helping with the

afterschool program we keep these kids off the street, giving them something productive to do and showing them another side of life.

Transportation: We will be taking a charter bus down to Miami with 3 other groups. We are the last group to leave, so we will get to know each other in the airport for a bit. We then depart from Miami to Bogota and from Bogota to Buenos Aires, where we make our final

destination. While we are in Buenos Aires we will be taking public transportation and walking. On our way back we will fly from Buenos Aires, to Bogota, and then to Miami, taking a van back to Eckerd. We leave early in the morning on March 27th and arrive back at Eckerd early in the morning on April 5th.

Cost: \$660 + \$17 for carbon emission offset = \$677. This includes all transportation, group meals, and lodging.

What the \$667 doesn't cover: Passport, International ID Card, Snacks, Tourist events during free time, Souvenirs.

Deposit: \$325. Bring your check/cash to the cashier window or the bursar's office.

When you drop off your

application, make sure to have the receipt and a copy of your valid passport attached.

Lodging: We will be sleeping on the floor of a church or a community center, so get your sleeping bag ready. ☺

Important Dates: Thursday, February 18th by noon applications are due. Three pre-trips meetings: Wednesday, February 24, 5:30pm. Tuesday, March 23, 5:30pm. Monday, March 22, 5:30



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