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**Northwestern College  
 Costa Rica Alumni Trip  
 January 2010**

Dear NWC Family,

Come and join us in sunny Costa Rica in January of 2010! Take a vacation with a purpose. Experience the beauty of Costa Rica and serve its people through life-changing service projects!

We are traveling with Global Travel Alliance, a proven leader in the educational group-travel industry. Because of their commitment to safety and security, exceptional service and over 100 combined years of experience, they can provide you with this exceptional opportunity. I will be escorting the trip, along with the tour group leader(s) from Global Travel Alliance.

The tentative itinerary of our trip is listed on the back of this registration form, along with more details listed below. Please review the information provided, including the enclosed brochure. You can also view more information about the company by visiting [www.globaltravelalliance.com](http://www.globaltravelalliance.com). We will be receiving more information about our trip as we get closer to the trip departure date, including our personal website listing all important travel information.

Our trip promises to be an eye-opening experience for everyone involved and will create memories that last a lifetime! You can register right away by completing the simple registration form attached to the bottom of this letter. Enrollment forms should be sent directly to Global Travel Alliance along with your initial deposit. If you have questions regarding this trip, please feel free to contact me at anytime. Send in your enrollment today!

**Jim Johnson**  
 NWC Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

**Costa Rica Trip Information**

<b>THE BASICS:</b>	Destination: Costa Rica Departing: January 19, 2010 Returning: January 28, 2010
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Registration Due: 07/01/2009 Deposit Amount: \$200 (of which \$200 non-refundable), plus the Trip Protection Plan Fee (if enrolled)
<b>GLOBAL TRAVEL ALLIANCE:</b>	Web Site: <a href="http://www.globaltravelalliance.com">www.globaltravelalliance.com</a> / Customer Service Phone: (866)313-2577 / Fax: (866)952-2677
<b>INCLUSIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Round trip airfare out of Minneapolis</li> <li>• Double hotel accommodations</li> <li>• Private Coach Bus Transportation</li> <li>• Breakfast &amp; Dinner daily</li> <li>• All activities per itinerary (see reverse)</li> <li>• Full time professional G Tours guide</li> <li>• All taxes and fees</li> <li>• 24-Hour emergency support</li> </ul>
<b>PRICING &amp; PAYMENT INFORMATION:</b>	Prices are based on a minimum of 20 full-paying participants and include a \$200 deposit (of which \$200 is non-refundable). Signup by July 1, 2009: <b>\$1,980 per person, double occupancy; does not include estimated \$300 in airline taxes and fuel surcharges. Price assumes flights to/from Minneapolis. From other departure cities, land only price is \$1595 plus airfare.</b> Contact Global Travel Alliance for assistance and additional information. Payments: Follow the payment schedule listed below. The balance owed must be paid in full by November 15, 2009. <b>Trip Protection Program: An additional \$189 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions section).</b>
<b>PAYMENT SCHEDULE:</b>	Signup by July 1, 2009.  07/01/2008 – \$200 per person (of which \$200 is a non-refundable), plus Trip Protection Plan cost (optional). 09/15/2008 - \$800 per person 11/15/2008 – Remaining Balance
<b>TRIP PROTECTION PLAN:</b>	For your convenience, travelers are automatically enrolled in our Trip Protection Plan (TPP). Travelers choosing to opt-out of this plan should mark the appropriate box on the back of the registration form below or on their initial statement within 14 days of the statement date. Medical coverage, trip cancellation, interruption and delay, along with baggage protection are all provided as part of the TPP. Since Global Travel Alliance cannot assume financial responsibility for changes in travel plans due to, including but not limited to, personal or family events, decisions of the airlines, or weather, we strongly recommend this coverage. For more details, please consult your registration booklet or contact our office. Under no circumstance will any traveler be allowed to enroll in the TPP after 30 days from initial receipt of enrollment form and trip deposit.

**Registration:** Your minimum payment due is \$200 (\$389 if enrolling the Trip Protection Plan)

- If you are paying by check, simply complete and return this form with your check. Please do not staple your check to the registration form. There is a \$35 charge for checks that are returned to us by your bank for any reason. Your receipt is your cancelled check.
- If you wish to pay by credit card, please also complete the form in the enclosed brochure and return it with the registration form below.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

<b>NWC Alumni Trip</b>		<b>Costa Rica – 01/19/010 – 01/28/10</b>			
Full legal name _____	Date of birth ____/____/____	Male	Female	Student	Adult
Additional registrant _____	Date of birth ____/____/____	Male	Female	Student	Adult
Mailing address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____		
Any Medical Conditions _____					
Emergency Contact Name _____		Emergency Phone Numbers _____			
Your Home Phone (____) _____-_____		Your Cell/Work phone (____) _____-_____		Email _____	
Signature _____				Date: ____/____/____	
(By signing here you agree to the General Terms and Conditions and Release Agreement listed in enrollment flier.)					

## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

This itinerary has been designed by the group's leader and Global Travel Alliance. It provides a good overview of the sites and activities for your upcoming trip. This itinerary may be modified depending on arrival and departure times, weather, or circumstances outside the control of Global Travel Alliance.

### Day 1

Depart for Costa Rica! Arrive at the San Jose airport and check into our hotel in the hills of Alajuela overlooking the central valley.

### Day 2/3

These are days set aside for ministry. Service activities include working in a very poor section of San Jose with *Food for the Hungry Costa Rica*. We will partner with seven local churches which have created "feeding stations" as a means to reach the neighborhoods. It is a lunch program for children and has become a significant way to reach into the homes, drawing adults and families into the churches, sharing the gospel with them, and providing resources for them to move beyond where they are with "micro financing" and training opportunities.

On the second day travel to the Sarapiquí region where we will visit a rural community and visit the school of Bajos de Chilamate. We will offer school supplies to the students and teachers and have some time for interaction and cultural immersion. You'll love the experience!

### Day 4

Participate in a half day of rafting on the Sarapiquí River, a breath taking relaxing river through the rain forest where we will see abundant wildlife and learn about the local ecosystem. We will also take a tour of a pineapple plantation. In the evening, opt (extra charge) for a nighttime bat tour. The Sarapiquí region is one of the world's most popular sites for tropical rainforest research and home to over 400 bird species, 114 animal species and 44 types of frogs and toads.

### Day 5

Travel to La Fortuna. Take a hike along the slopes of Mt. Arenal to see this active volcano from an up close, yet safe, distance. You'll be amazed at how active it is! Tonight we will be spent at our resort at the base of Arenal Volcano where you can sit in natural hot springs and watch the lava as it flows down the mountain.

### Day 6

Today you will get a chance to zipline through the rain forest canopy and over canyons (11 platforms). For those who like to stay closer to the ground, horseback riding on the slopes of the volcano is an option. Additional activities available (extra cost), including a volcano hike, exploring the Venado caves, and other exciting adventures. Also take time to just sit back and relax at the resort. You will love the natural beauty and plentiful wildlife in this renowned wilderness!

### Day 7/8/9

Today travel out to the Pacific coast. Take an excursion along the shoreline to the 716-acre Manuel Antonio National Park, known for its dense jungle vegetation and abundant wildlife (lots and lots of monkeys!). While here, we will enjoy the surf and the white sand beaches, and enjoy a Catamaran Cruise (optional) to see the incredible marine wildlife (snorkeling included on the cruise). Travel also have the option for additional snorkeling or kayaking along the breath-taking Pacific coastline, or taking a mangrove tour. Excursion into the National Park is included; all other activities at additional charge.

Return to the San Jose area in the afternoon of Day 9.

### Day 10

After nine exciting days, depart for home!

### Trip Price from Minneapolis – \$1980

\*Excluding Airline Tax (Estimated at \$300) and optional T.P.P.

**Trip Protection Plan (TPP) Benefits:** For your convenience, you will be automatically enrolled in our Trip Protection Plan (TPP) with your registration in any Global Travel Alliance trip. The additional fee will be added to the trip cost on your initial statement. Participation in this program is optional. The Trip Protection Plan provides a full refund\*, less the TPP fee, if you, the Group Leader or school need to cancel the trip for any reason. Travelers choosing to opt-out of the program should select the appropriate box below, or by writing "declined" on your first statement and returning to our office within 14 days of the statement date. The TPP fee is based on the trip cost stated in your registration letter.

**"No, I do not want to purchase the Trip Protection Plan. I understand that my decision is final, and I may lose up to 100% of the total trip cost if I, the Group Leader or school must cancel. I also understand and agree that I am responsible for any necessary expenses to cover additional accommodation and travel expenses due to a Travel Delay."**

The TPP fee is based on the trip cost stated in your registration letter:

Trip cost is \$299 or less	TPP fee is \$39
Trip cost is \$300 to \$499	TPP fee is \$64
Trip cost is \$500 to \$599	TPP fee is \$94
Trip cost is \$600 to \$799	TPP fee is \$99
Trip cost is \$800 to \$999	TPP fee is \$109

Trip price is \$1,000 to \$1,199	TPP fee is \$129
Trip price is \$1,200 to \$1,399	TPP fee is \$139
Trip price is \$1,400 to \$1,599	TPP fee is \$149
Trip price is \$1,600 to \$1,799	TPP fee is \$169
Trip price is \$1,800 or above	TPP fee is \$189

Exclusions: The Trip Protection Plan does not make refunds in the event the trip is canceled as a result of or following any act of God, war (whether declared or not), terrorism, civil unrest, or in the event of Global Travel Alliance bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business.

\*Please Note: The non-refundable deposit, handling fees, fees for returned checks, late payment and late registration fees, and merchandise fees are not refundable at anytime.