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CONNECTING WITH NATURE

EPI PROGRAMS inspire youth to get outside and engage in real-world conservation.

We believe that every individual is a catalyst, and we aim to galvanize the next generation of conservation leaders to create change in their own communities.

EPI students learn alongside scientists, collecting data on threatened species in the world's most critical habitats.

Our students protect nesting leatherback sea turtles in Costa Rica, collect data on giant tortoises in Galapagos, observe wolf packs in Yellowstone, and more – all while participating in global conservation efforts and developing skills to be the leaders Earth needs.



FIVE COUNTRIES ONE VISION

EPI EMPOWERS TEENS with new knowledge and skills to create positive change in their communities.

We involve 10,000 young adults from Latin America and the U.S. in hands-on science each year, 70% of whom are locals that live near the program site.

These teens, along with their teachers and community members, learn how their lives are intertwined with the ecosystems in their own backyards. This first-hand experience creates knowledge, skills, and a sense of agency - and urgency - to take an active role in conservation.



“ I see the world differently, or rather, I fell in love with it and its wonders. I learned that there are no borders between people. We should work together to create a healthy and beautiful world. ”

-2017 EPI PARTICIPANT



INSPIRING LEADERS

THROUGH HER EPI EXPERIENCE IN 2005, Kiera learned to look at the world in a new way by taking science outside, cultivating her love for biology and chemistry, and giving her confidence to pursue a career as a chemical engineer. Today, Kiera works at a leading molecular diagnostic company.

Our alumni often share inspiring stories about how a single EPI field course jump-started their engagement in science and conservation. We expand on that inspiration by engaging youth in alumni activities, including eco-clubs, workshops, festivals, awards, and scholarships. We encourage students to continue pursuing their passion both inside and outside of the classroom.

“Through EPI, I discovered that there is a lot to learn outside of school, and that inspired me to join Engineers Without Borders in college.
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-KIERA

Like Kiera, many of our students go on to pursue education or careers that enable them to continue making a difference in conservation. Since 2000, our alumni have become teachers, scientists, attorneys, and naturalists. Some have even returned to us as EPI course instructors.

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- Join an EPI course
- Visit one of our field sites
- Donate to support a student

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