

School to School Sponsorships



Enrich Students Locally and Globally

Would you like your classroom, your child's class, or your student club to become involved in a service project that is fun, easy, and makes a concrete difference in the lives of their peers in Guatemala?

Participation in a School to School Sponsorship allows North American students to help schoolchildren in an impoverished country, while teaching them about another culture and tradition. Involvement in an international service project helps students learn that their decisions and actions can make a difference in the world. This is a powerful gift that we can give to young people!

CONSIDER A STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT

Your School to School participation as a class or student club can include the following options:

- Plan a CoEd presentation for your students and incorporate Guatemala into your classroom
- Fundraise to sponsor a CoEd program at a school in Guatemala
 - \$1,000 funds a computer workstation at a CoEd Computer Center
 - \$2,000 fosters a love of reading for a Culture of Reading Program (CORP) classroom
 - \$2,500 brings textbooks to a rural Guatemalan school
 - \$5,000 helps bring a sustainable computer center to a school

As "sponsors" of a specific school in Guatemala, the class will receive letters and photos from the schoolchildren they help and can send photos and letters in return. Teachers and parents are also encouraged to visit the sponsored school during CoEd's Project Tours.

CONSIDER FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

See a list of possible fundraising ideas on page three or encourage the creativity of your students and brainstorm new ideas!

HOW TO INCORPORATE SERVICE IN THE CLASSROOM

- Invite speakers; watch videos/read books about Guatemalan culture; try having class for a day without the use of books or computers.
- Make crafts, bring in food, or listen to Guatemalan music.



CONTACT COED FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact Cooperative for Education to request articles, brochures, fundraising tips, a PowerPoint presentation, or videos to jump start your School to School participation.

Share this easy service project idea with other parents, teachers and schools!

Service in the Classroom



HOW TO INCORPORATE SERVICE IN THE CLASSROOM:

1. Invite speakers relating to Guatemala, education, or Central America.
 - Cooperative for Education
 - Friends through Guatemalan Adoption
2. Watch videos, read books or listen to music about Guatemalan or Central American culture and children.
 - Cooperative for Education's informational PowerPoint Presentation (contact CoEd)
 - *Bridge of Courage: Life Stories of the Guatemalan Compañeros & Compañeras*, by Jennifer Harbury
 - *What Prize Awaits Us: Letters from Guatemala*, by Bernice Kita
 - Guatemalan National Anthem
3. Try having class for a day without the use of books or computers.
4. Make crafts or food pertinent to Guatemalan culture:
 - Craft ideas: <http://familycrafts.about.com>
 - Food: Guacamole, Tortillas, & More--Make your own!
5. Study and color the Guatemalan flag, marimba, Quetzal, and other national symbols.



Fundraising Ideas



Before beginning to obtain the funds to execute this service project, you should:

- a) Decide which fundraising approach best fits you and your students.
- b) Set a goal and timeline.
- c) Send a letter home to parents to inform them and gain their support.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

- 1) Write companies, family, and friends in your community
 - Hand-write letters to businesses in your community, along with a CoEd brochure.
 - Contact local media to get publicity about the project.
- 2) Host a Community-wide “Fiesta” for Guatemala
 - Have local restaurants donate food, plan activities, and hold contests.
 - Organize a “dance marathon” and raise pledges for each hour you dance!
- 3) Conduct a penny-war between classrooms
 - Nickels, dimes, and quarters count for negative points while pennies count for positive points.
- 4) Collect books for resale to a half-price bookstore
- 5) Put on a talent show for the school or community
- 6) Hold a bake sale or seasonal project—sell candy grams, holiday cards, etc.
- 7) Turn Off the TV and Read Week
- 8) Challenge a rival school
 - Raise pledges for an important sports game.
 - For every dig at a volleyball game, \$1 is pledged; for a football game--every touchdown, etc.
- 9) Three Point Shootout
 - During halftime of a school basketball game, charge \$1 to shoot a three pointer.
 - If the person makes the shot, they get their dollar back. If not, the dollar has been donated.
- 10) Battle of the Sexes
 - This idea can be incorporated with another fundraising idea (i.e. The gender that collects more books for resale wins).

Remember that these are just suggestions, so let your students be creative!