



Summer Camp 2010

Session 4: **Costa Rica**

June 14-18

Camp Description: Criss Cross the diverse landscape of this natural nation of swinging monkeys, birds of paradise, the rainforest, and beaches of black sand

Possible Art Projects Listed for Enrolling Parents:

Sculpt your own jungle animal out of clay.

Paint the wild rainforest and its hidden residences. Create a travel log and write about your adventures into the jungle! Illustrate the insects and new creatures you discovered! Watercolor the tallest waterfall and all its fauna that surrounds it!



Some Information about Costa Rica:

- In pre-Columbian times the indigenous people were part of the international Intermediate Area located between the Mesoamerican and Andean cultural regions. This has recently been updated to include the influence of the Isthmo-Colombian area. It was the point where the Mesoamerican and South American native cultures met.
- Costa Rica also comprises several islands. Cocos Island (24 square kilometres / 9.3 square miles) stands out because of its distance from continental landmass, 300 mi (480 km) from Puntarenas, but Calero Island is the largest island of the country (151.6 square kilometres / 58.5 square miles).



- Costa Rica protects 23% of its national territory within the Protected Areas system. It also possesses the greatest density of species in the world.
- Costa Rica is fascinating and beautiful; there are tropical rain forests, active volcanoes, and white sand beaches that stretch as far as the imagination. The country is by far the most developed of all Central American countries

Helpful Websites:

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costa_rica
- <http://www.lessonplanspage.com/Art.htm>
- <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/elem/elemlessons.html>
- <http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/>
- <http://www.theteachersguide.com/Artlessonplans.html>
- <http://www.dickblick.com/lessonplans/>
- <http://www.kinderart.com/>
- <http://www.afplweb.com/>



Some Interesting Books on Costa Rica:

- **Costa Rica**
Shields, Charles J., 1951-
- **The forever forest : kids save a tropical treasure**
Pratt-Serafini, Kristin Joy.
- **Costa Rica**
Morrison, Marion.
- **The far-flung adventures of Homer the hummer**
Reynolds, Cynthia Furlong.

