

**Rolling Hills Preparatory School
Collaborative Leadership Program (10 days)
Puerto Jiménez, Costa Rica**

Who: Rolling Hills Preparatory School has partnered with World Leadership School to organize this unique program in Costa Rica. The mission of World Leadership School is to empower young leaders to find innovative solutions to the world's pressing problems.

Where: Costa Rica ranks among the top 20 countries world-wide for biodiversity, despite the fact that its land area represents less a third of one percent of the planet's surface. There are more than 1,400 species of orchids in Costa Rica and new ones are discovered each year! This staggering biodiversity stems from Costa Rica's function as a land bridge between two continents and the country's eclectic combination of ecosystems and geographic features – including rain and cloud forests, savanna, mountains, volcanoes, two separate coastlines, beaches and mangrove swamps.



What: Our communities in Costa Rica are located near Puerto Jiménez, in Southern Costa Rica, and are ideally situated for student groups. The area is under a 2-hour bus drive from Puerto Jiménez, which means that students can experience the rainforest within hours of arriving in Costa Rica. The area is also close to some of Costa Rica's most important national parks and rainforest reserves. The Osa Peninsula has been described by National Geographic as "the most biologically intense place on earth." Students will be immersed in Costa Rican language and culture. The area is also home to some of Costa Rica's most important parks and rain forest reserves.

Upon arrival, we begin our orientation by staying one or two nights at a comfortable dormitory at Piro Research Station. We will explore the natural surroundings, including the rainforest that surrounds us. In the mornings, we work on the Community Project, which will be designed in consultation with the needs and desires of the local community. After lunch, we will have time to pursue specific interests, such as cultural activities and playing sports, or to participate in

one, of many, environmental education activities in the [Osa Conservation](#). On many evenings, the group will reconvene for Learning Sessions designed to promote the understanding of global issues, leadership and local culture. At the end of the program, students will kayak, zipline, or go canyoneering and enjoy the views of this amazing Peninsula has to offer.

The program is organized around the principle of disconnect, decenter and re-envision. Students disconnect from technology; they are challenged by immersive experiences that challenge and decenter them; and finally students re-envision themselves and their place in the world by understanding the perspectives of local students and community leaders.

When: The group will depart Monday, March 28th – Wednesday, April 6th

How much: The total cost of the trip will range from \$2150 plus airfare, which ranges from \$800 to \$900



For more information please attend the Parents' Meeting!