



Greetings from Global Service Corps

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The Early Bird Gets a Bonus Weekend Trip... On Us!

Don't Miss the Global Service Corps Early Bird Special Offer!

Sign up by May 15th for a 9 week or more Fall 2014 service-learning volunteer program between September 1 and December 31, 2014, or for the fall 15 week semester program -- and get a free weekend trip to Ngorongoro Crater (Tanzania program participants) or Angkor Wat (Cambodia program participants).

Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, boasts 600 meter high walls and staggering views of one of Africa's most beautiful regions. Its rich grazing grounds are teeming with wildlife -- if you're looking for big game and stunning backdrops, Ngorongoro is the place!

Come explore thousand year old temples hidden in the jungle. Twice the size of Manhattan, Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world. With its grand and impressive architecture, this ancient temple is a powerful symbol of Cambodia and a source of tremendous national pride.

Don't wait -- take advantage of our special offer right now while you're thinking about it! Complete and submit your application before May 15 and join us for a free weekend bonus trip.

[See the website at for specific Early Bird Special Offer trip and enrollment details.](#)



Strengthening Food Security & Health in Tanzania

As we say hello to April, Global Service Corps staff, volunteers and community participants in Tanzania welcome in the beloved rains. Historically, Tanzania's rainy season was more predictable and transformed arid fields into lush, productive farms. However, with the global climate becoming increasingly inconsistent, Tanzanian families are even more vulnerable to food scarcity, malnutrition, poverty and disease, making our community development programs in [Sustainable Agriculture](#) and [HIV/ AIDS Prevention Education](#) more important than ever.

Since 2001, GSC has been working in Tanzania to empower vulnerable communities to improve their livelihoods through sustainable agriculture and health education using local and international resources. International volunteer participants and study abroad students partake in life changing service-learning experiences where they work alongside local experts and professionals on grant supported international development programs. We are thrilled to have received recognition and funding from Partners for Development/USDA, Mennonite Central Committee/Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and Fintrac/USAID to continue strengthening our relationships with communities in Tanzania. Since the birth of our Tanzania program, Global Service Corps' projects have evolved and adapted to create a sustainable model for change.

Today, we are incredibly excited to be leading community workshops in the construction and maintenance of Keyhole Gardens, seed nurseries and household water catchment systems called hafirs. These technologies enable families to establish household vegetable gardens and water sources in an effort to increase their access to nutritious food. In addition to sustainable agriculture workshops, GSC staff and volunteer participants also provide HIV/AIDS prevention and nutrition trainings to communities in an effort to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Tanzania through education, awareness and empowerment. [To learn more read the full newsletter article](#)



Rebuilding Civil Society in Cambodia

As a volunteer in Cambodia, you'll be met with unending warmth, generosity and kindness – a national character that has endured through decades of brutal civil war and genocide. From 1975-1979, the Khmer Rouge genocide purged the country of intellectuals and leaders from all sectors of civil society, causing severe damage to Cambodian governance. In recent years, Cambodia has experienced relative stability, yet a slow recovery from its marred history. By volunteering with GSC, you will be part of this movement toward advancing health, prosperity and growth for the people of Cambodia. Central to Cambodia's national culture is its deep-rooted belief in Buddhism, which colors all aspects of Khmer life.

Global Service Corps service-learning volunteers and study abroad students have the opportunity to participate in [Buddhist Immersion Program](#) , [Orphanage Care Program](#), [International Health Program](#), [HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Program](#), and [Teaching English Program](#). Each program allows participants to work closely with community members as they provide English training, lead public health workshops and offer HIV/AIDS prevention workshops all focused on empowering Cambodian communities.

GSC's Buddhist Immersion Program gives participants the opportunity to experience this rich culture firsthand by learning and living alongside the monks at our host wats (monasteries), while providing English training to disadvantaged students and monks. The Orphanage Care Program allows volunteers to work with a rural children's center to provide care and support to HIV+ youth, as well as young people who have lost their parents to AIDS. Participants in the International Health Program will lead public health workshops on subjects ranging from hygiene to domestic violence. The HIV/AIDS Prevention Program includes providing HIV/AIDS prevention workshops in the International Health Program and service in the Orphanage Care Program. Volunteering with the Teach English Abroad Program allows participants to teach basic and conversational English, while taking part in improving the life outcomes of needy young people in rural areas. [To learn more read the full newsletter article](#)



Join GSC in Cambodia or Tanzania for your Service-Learning Semester Program of a Lifetime

Embark on a unique educational opportunity with Global Service Corps! Built on 20 years of experience providing service-learning programs in Africa and Asia, GSC offers 15-week, 15 credit semester study abroad programs in Cambodia and Tanzania. Nine credit summer sessions are also available.

In collaboration with the State University of New York (SUNY) and Pāññāsastra University of Cambodia (PUC), GSC's 15-credit [Cambodia Semester Program](#) focuses on social development in post-conflict societies, Emotional Intelligence (EQ), Buddhism, and supporting the Cambodian NGO and civil society. This program combines an intensive three-week foundations course, nine weeks of field work, and a final three-week Capstone project.

Also in collaboration with SUNY, GSC's 15-credit [Tanzania Semester Program](#), students will receive orientation and classroom training, providing a foundation in African Culture, Food Security, Nutrition, Service-Learning, HIV/AIDS and Community Development. Students will then complete nine weeks of field work, followed by the final three weeks working on the Service-Learning Capstone Course.

Start planning now for YOUR experience of a lifetime while serving and earning credit while studying abroad!

Here's what some of our returned students have to say:

Pat L--It's hard to believe that this time last year I was getting ready to leave for Tanzania, and I find myself wishing I was able to do it all over again... I really cannot say enough about how amazing this experience was.

To read more comments from recently returned students by reading the full newsletter article, please [click here!](#)

[To learn more about GSC Semester Programs](#)

Apply Today!

Interested in joining Global Service Corps as an international service-learning volunteer or study abroad student? Check out our [website](#) and apply today!

[How to Enroll](#)



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