

Accompong Sustainability Service Immersion Program



A trip with a purpose begins with a desire to make a change, which begins with the youth and ends with a life-changing experience and endless opportunities for progress.

Please join us for an immersion into an Indigenous community and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of this rich, historic community.

Accompong Maroon Town, in the Cockpit Mountain country of Jamaica

Farm infrastructure is modular in nature and scalable to optimize parameters of any partner school. This program is founded on the possibility of exponential growth and will be piloted in collaboration with Fairfield International Academy in Montego Bay Jamaica and the Accompong Youth Foundation in Maroon town in the Cockpit country. FIA in Jamaica will establish digital communication with Maynard Jackson High School in Atlanta to share stories and lessons learned . FIA presents a unique opportunity for Aquaponic system development due to existing infrastructure for a rainwater-fed, freshwater system as well as their oceanfront property which presents the possibility of R&D of ocean-fed saltwater Aquaculture for sustainable consumption.

The Service of the program is rooted in celebrating the history of the Maroon's, addressing the social effects the Institution of Slavery has had on Jamaica and standing up to the global threat on Indigenous culture around the world. The Maroon community needs 21st century infrastructure and global support in refuting the Jamaican government's decision to lease Indigenous lands to foreign mining companies. The advocacy against foreign mining is a stand for protecting Jamaica's fresh water sources, ecosystem and habitability, and dually functions as advocacy for the preservation of Indigenous People's rich culture around the globe - in the face of the existential threat from an environmentally unethical global economy.

The Immersion Program will occur in April where students from Maynard Jackson and Fairfield International unite with the Accompong Youth Group to integrate an autonomous irrigation system into the Accompong's existing organic farming operation. Students will spend time in physical service of the Maroon community as well as immersing into and celebrating their culture through drumming and dance.

Our service-learning program will culminate with the RISE UP festival, hosted on the Highland House lawn on April 10. We will stage an event featuring well known Jamaican, African and Kumina drummers both students and professionals from all over Jamaica. **All proceeds go to the Accompong community infrastructure program, serving local farmers and the youth foundation**

The Immersion Program is a pilot intended to spread from school to school - in service of Indigenous communities around the world - fostering Oneness Consciousness - to preserve our beautifully fragile global ecosystem and celebrate truly Being Human.

Agenda



Day 1: Arrival Day

You will be met the airport outside baggage claim by a uniformed OLLF staff member

Lunch and Briefing upon arrival at Hammerstein Highland House

Unpack and unwind

Meet and Greet Welcome Reception – Review of the week’s agenda at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:30pm

Day 2: Leadership Programming Day

Breakfast at 8:00am

Fairfield students picked up at 8:30am by bus

Meet at Hammerstein Highland House 9:00am

Guest speaker TBA – A history of the Maroons

Group lunch 12:30-1:30pm

Sound off 1:45-3:30pm

Fairfield students return to school at 3:30pm

Farm to Table Cooking Class for Group A starts at 4:00pm

Group B relaxes and pool time

Dinner at 7:00pm

Day 3: Science/Service Learning Day

Breakfast at 7:30am

Departure to Fairfield International Academy at 8:30am

Science lab/installation of aquaponics

Lunch at FIA

The Atlanta students return to Hammerstein Highland House TBA

Farm to Table Cooking Class for Group B starts at 4:00pm

Group A relaxes or pool time

Dinner at 7:00pm

Day 4: Fun Day

Breakfast at 8:00am

Departure for Negril at 9:00am

Spend day at beautiful 7 - mile beach

Departure at 12:30pm for lunch at Pimentoz, a seaside beach restaurant in Negril for a unique dining experience and water sports

Travel to Ricks Café on Westside of Negril famous for cliff diving/swim, dive or jump (shopping will be available)

Return to Hammerstein Highland House for dinner and relaxation

Day 5: Accompanying Youth Foundation Joins OLLF

Breakfast at 8:00am

AYF arrives Hammerstein Highland House at 10:00am

OLLF, AYF and FIA will host a soccer game with the local youth (destination TBA) 10:30am-12:00pm

Picnic lunch provided return to Highland House 2 pm

Rasta learning AFY students will teach Atlanta and Jamaica students crafting, weaving, indigenous living tools and practices at OLLF Farm

6pm- Dinner at the farm, will be prepared on an open fire with local foods, such as Roasted Breadfruit, Ackee and Saltfish, recipes from Maroon town. Each one teach one~ AYF will teach us living in the bush. After dinner Students will assist with the construction of the stage for the festival

Day 6: Accompong Rise Up Festival

Breakfast at 8:00am

Prepare for festival, including rehearsals

There will be a 2-hour break for lunch and relaxation from 12:00-2:00pm

FIA students arrive at 2:00pm to assist with the festival organizing.

The Accompong Rise Up Festival will benefit the Accompong Maroon community, raising funds and awareness for their plight to save the community from the proposed mining operations and deforestation of their sacred lands.

The festival will host drum performances by Jamaican local drummers from: The Watford hill primary school, The Accompong Youth foundation, The Maynard Jackson One Love Drummers, Artistry in motion and special guest Bongo Shem (a well acclaimed Kumina performance)



Day 7: Departure Day

Farwell Brunch and departures