

Maderas Rainforest Conservancy

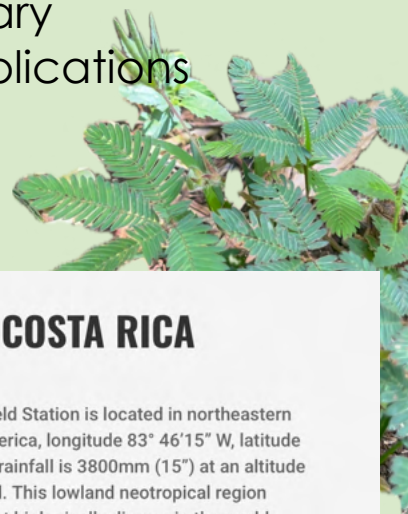
Veterinary Field Training Mission

Costa Rica June 10-19, 2025



Hello, Andrea and I (Julissa) are students at Lincoln Memorial University. We are working with Maderas Rainforest Conservancy and Dr. Mauricio Rodriguez to make this Veterinary Mission trip a reality. This trip is for anyone interested in helping animals regardless of previous experience or skill set. We will be working as a team to provide a spay and neuter clinic for the pets of the local community. It can be an opportunity to diversify your experience or learn if veterinary medicine is for you. Additionally, this trip is a chance for pre-veterinary students to learn more about veterinary school and dip their toes into what different applications of vet-med are in store!

Location



LA SUERTE, COSTA RICA

La Suerte Biological Field Station is located in northeastern Costa Rica, Central America, longitude 83° 46'15" W, latitude 10° 26' 30" N. Average rainfall is 3800mm (15") at an altitude of 50 m above sea level. This lowland neotropical region remains one of the most biologically diverse in the world. The field station encompasses 1000 acres containing a wealth of habitats, including primary and secondary forests, swamps, marshes and pastures...

ABOUT US

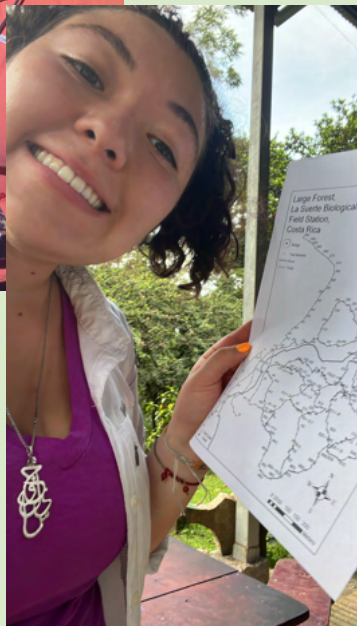
<https://maderasrhc.org>

Meet your Leaders



My name is Andrea Doty. I am also a second year student at Lincoln Memorial University, where I obtained my masters degree (and met Julissa!). I received my undergraduate degree from the College of Saint Benedict in Saint Joseph, MN. Veterinary school has always been my dream, and everyday I cannot believe I'm living it! During the masters program, I was lucky enough to do research on bats with Julissa and travel to Costa Rica to live out my "Wildlife Vet Barbie," dreams. We fell in love with the rainforest, and I cannot express to you how beautiful this country is. As a nontraditional student, I also look forward to educating, mentoring, and interacting with the future of vet-med, and hope to provide some insight to you all. I'm beyond excited to share this journey with you!

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My name is Julissa Sandoval. I am a second year veterinary student at Lincoln Memorial University. I am so excited to be working with you all this summer and can't wait for the endless opportunities this trip will present. I met Andrea through our masters program where we had the luxury to take our research a step further and travel all the way over to Costa Rica. I am so happy to go back and look forward to helping you get closer to achieving your dreams. I went to undergrad at Cal State Fullerton and I absolutely loved attending. Since my undergrad did not have a prevet program or an animal science program I understand the struggle to stay on track and can offer any advice or help.

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