

2023 Sample Schedule: Wildlife Health & Conservation*

DAY ONE: ARRIVAL IN HOUSTON

Registration at a hotel nearby the George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
Group introductions and welcome dinner

DAY TWO: JOURNEY TO BELIZE

Group flight with chaperone from IAH to Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (BZE)
Provided Transportation to Tropical Education Center
Welcome Dinner, Orientation, and Meet the Teaching Veterinary Staff
Setting Expectations and Goals

DAY THREE: ORIENTATION TO BELIZE

Guided visit of Xunantunich Archeological Reserve
Lecture: Conservation and Ecosystems in Belize
Role of Zoos in Conservation

DAY FOUR: INTRO TO WILDLIFE ISSUES

Nature walk at the Tropical Education Center
Darting Practice
Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary Medicine
Lab: Maps, GPS, and Camera Trapping
Night tour of the Belize Zoo





DAY FIVE: CAPTIVE ANIMAL CARE

Lab: Bird Banding

Tapir Lab: Presentation and Handling Practice

Lab: Radio Collar Demonstration

DAY SIX: FIELD DAY AT RUNAWAY CREEK

Lab: Camera Trap Set-Up

Jungle Hike and Cave Exploration

Cave Tubing

Lecture: Animal Enrichment

DAY SEVEN: COMMUNITY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Lecture and Guided Discussion: Human Jaguar Conflict Program

Tapir Lab: Physical Scores and Weights

Closing Session and Address: Program Debrief

Trip Evaluations and Farewell Dinner

DAY EIGHT: CLOSEOUT AND DEPARTURE

Provided transport to the airport for return flight to IAH

**This sample schedule is provided as an example of the overall quality and scope of a typical program experience and is not intended to represent a specific 2023 schedule. The schedules and details vary between sessions.*