



LEAPNow Overview & Semester Application (4/07)

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A leader in alternative education since 1993, LEAPNow specializes in transformative educational programs in the U.S. and abroad. We believe that NO ONE is well served by sitting in a classroom for 16 years in a row – and that EVERYONE can benefit from learning by doing real work in the real world. It is critically important between the ages of 16 and 25 to get away from schools, family and contrived learning situations in order to experience life in a real way. This helps us to grow up, explore potential careers, learn about other cultures, and go “out on a limb.” Our “well” can fill back up, we can feel the wind in our hair, our perspective can broaden, and we can re-discover our organic desire to learn. Perhaps most importantly, we can take control of our own learning – vital to success in college and beyond. LEAPNow runs three distinct types of programs to meet these objectives:



LEAPYear Program: A one-of-a-kind 9-month college program that helps people ages 17-21 make a graceful and powerful passage into independent, creative adulthood. LEAPYear incorporates formal Rites of Passage, a group semester in Central America, India or Bali & India, a 12-week individual internship, intensive language study, a full curriculum of Life Skills, one year of follow-up and placements, career exploration, and cultivation of a high level of emotional literacy. LEAPYear is designed as an experiential first year of college, but has been used to complete high school. It offers a full year of college credit, and is the best synthesis of everything that LEAPNow offers.

Latitudes Program: This seven-month program combines an experiential Group Semester in Central America, India, or Australia/New Zealand/Fiji with a three-month solo internship of your own choosing. Latitudes students start their program with a 3-day orientation retreat in Northern California and earn *two quarters* of lower division college credit. Latitudes starts in September and March of each year.

Experiential Group Semester Programs:

- **CENTRAL AMERICA** (Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras)
- **SOUTH AMERICA** (Ecuador & Peru)
- **INDIA**
- **SOUTH PACIFIC** (Australia, New Zealand & Fiji)
- **EAST AFRICA** (Tanzania, Uganda, Zanzibar)

These group adventures directly expose group members to a region of the Earth through service and environmental work, language study, environmental work, homestays and outdoor adventure. Semesters are for ages 17 and up, offer optional college credit, run each year during the fall and spring semesters, and last about 12 weeks.



Internships:

LEAPNow offers 3-month and longer internships throughout the world. These are available in the fields of **Arts & Crafts, Schools & Teaching, Social Service, Environment & Ecology, Animals, Outdoor Work**, and more. Please visit our website at www.leapnow.org for details.

THREE-MONTH GROUP SEMESTER PROGRAMS:

LEAPNow's three-month Group Semesters run in Central America, South America, the South Pacific, India, and East Africa. LEAPNow has been running group semesters since 1998. These three-month semesters are designed to give student-travelers a broad but intense introduction to a country or region, with the security provided by a group and two adult leaders. Homestays are integral, and group sizes are kept small to maximize cultural exposure. These semesters blend service work, language study, environmental and community work, outdoor adventure, personal challenge and growth, and optional college credit.

Starting with the Fall 2007 semesters, all future group semesters will be run by Carpe Diem International Education, based in Portland, Oregon. Carpe Diem is owned and operated by Ethan Knight, who has worked for LEAPNow in multiple capacities since 1999. In the years prior to purchasing the semester programs and founding Carpe Diem, he was an executive staff member for LEAPNow holding the position of Director of Operations and was directly responsible for all facets of running our Group and LEAPYear semesters. He also led four semesters – two in Central America, one in India, and a semester to Bali & India. Ethan has dedicated his professional life to international study and travel, and has lived, worked and run programs in Africa, Latin America and throughout Asia.

LEAPNow had plans to phase out the group semesters and focus exclusively on our year-long programs, but felt that the group semesters were an important educational offering. The ability to maintain seamless continuity and our high quality standard made it a no-brainer to continue these programs under the capable direction of Ethan Knight and the ownership of Carpe Diem.

Find Carpe Diem online at www.carpediemeducation.org

CENTRAL AMERICA: Language, Culture & Service

Language study, cultural immersion, environmental work, social service & SCUBA diving in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras. Group members live with Guatemalan homestay families for a month while immersing themselves in the Spanish language. We build houses for the poor in Guatemala, trek through the Guatemalan highlands, study a fusion of Eastern and Mayan religion for a week on Lake Atitlan, work to protect endangered sea turtles in Costa Rica, volunteer at a community-based school in rural Honduras, and end the program with an amazing week of SCUBA diving at a resort island off the coast of Honduras.



SOUTH AMERICA: Language, Culture & Service

Language study, cultural immersion, environmental work, social service & SCUBA diving in Ecuador and Peru. Group members live with Peruvian homestay families for a month while immersing themselves in the Spanish language. We build houses for the poor in Peru, trek through to the Incan Capital of Machu Picchu, study a fusion of Eastern and Incan religion for a week in Iquitos, take a jungle tour in Peru, volunteer at a community-based eco-lodge in the cloud forests of Ecuador, and end the program with an amazing week of travel along the coast in Ecuador.

INDIA: Language, Service, & Spirituality

While traveling throughout northern India, our group spends two weeks with Indian families while studying Hindi and doing internships in Varanasi, does a 2-week Hatha Yoga course at the source of the Ganges, learns Buddhist meditation in Dharamsala and Bodh Gaya, attends an introductory Tibetan Buddhism course, treks in the Himalayas, visits places of pilgrimage such as the Taj Mahal and Golden Temple (*see photo to the left*), and does service work with orphanages and at the Mother Theresa Home for the Destitute in Varanasi. This program is for people who have an interest in Eastern spirituality, and gives direct experience of Buddhism, Hinduism, and the Sikh religion.



AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & FIJI:

A fun semester of service, culture and adventure in a safe and fascinating part of the world. 2 weeks on Fiji building homes for the poor and exploring the island. Then off to New Zealand for one month on both islands – alternating days of ecological work, Maori cultural interaction, outdoor leadership school, and adventure activities. We end up in Australia for 2 weeks of rugged conservation work, a week at a Buddhist/Yoga retreat center, a few days surfing and exploring Sydney, and 5 spectacular days of SCUBA diving on the Great Barrier Reef where students are given the opportunity to earn PADI certification. This is a great program for people interested in outdoor adventure and the indigenous cultures of Fiji, the Maori of New Zealand, and the Aborigines of Australia.

EAST AFRICA: new in the fall of 2007

A cultural and environmental semester introducing you to the people, land and culture of Sub-Saharan East Africa. Students will travel through Uganda, Tanzania, and Zanzibar. Students will take part in an environmental conservation project in Uganda, study Kiswahili, and live with homestays. We will go over land from Lake Victoria through the Serengeti, living with local tribes and camping along our way to Tanzania. You will spend your days in Tanzania volunteering in a rural community at local schools teaching while continuing your studies of Kiswahili, and living with homestays. We will finish the semester getting certified in SCUBA on the white sands of Zanzibar. The program gives you a unique insight into the meeting of the modern world and rural tribal cultures. Optional addition at the end of the trip: Continue your stay in Tanzania to acclimatize and attempt to ascend Mt. Kilimanjaro. This is offered at an additional cost and will last approximately one week beyond the program's completion.



Disclaimer: LEAPNow reserves the right to make changes to our programs at any time. Changes are made to provide the best possible experience, protect the safety of participants and respond to changing local or political conditions.

THE LEAPYEAR PROGRAM

LEAPYear is a transformative freshman year of college designed to allow you to explore the world and specific livelihoods, while doing the kind of inner exploration that is called for at a time of radical transition. Between the ages of 17 and 20 young adults are faced with THREE big and potentially difficult transitions: from high school to college, family to independence, and adolescence to adulthood. Our society gives us very little support to make these transitions in a conscious and powerful way. If we take the time to wrestle with these questions and find some answers, we can lay the foundation of a life worth living - one of creativity, fulfillment, and integrity. Private college now costs over \$1000 per WEEK. If we don't have a compelling reason to be there, it can be a tremendous waste of time and money. Indeed, many people end up using their freshman year in college as a year off! A LEAPYear is a powerful antidote and looks like this:



First Semester: A 10-week Semester of Group Travel in India, Central America or Bali/India, sandwiched by two nine-day retreats. Retreats are held at LEAPNow's campus in northern California. They are the backbone of the program and the foundation for all further worldwide exploration. Retreats focus on working with peers to learn vital skills for living, undergoing rites of passage, enhancing emotional literacy, building supportive community, receiving orientation about group and individual travel, and preparing for solo internships.

The LEAPYear group semesters in India and Central America are very similar to those described on the second page of this packet. The Bali and India Semester adds three weeks of homestays and study of traditional arts in Bali, Indonesia to the India Semester. The Bali/India LEAPYear starts in January and ends in August.

Second Semester: A 12-week Solo Internship anywhere in the world, sandwiched by two long (20 and 12-day) retreats in California. The 20-day retreat culminates in a dramatic two-day Rite of Passage ceremony in which one or both parents join us for two days to give their blessings and consciously let their son or daughter move into adulthood. Three days after this ceremony, each student gets on a plane to travel to another country to work with an organization doing service, environmental or other work. Past program participants have chosen to work in orphanages in India, study art in Italy, teach tennis in Barcelona, study kung fu & Chinese in China, teach in a school in Patagonia, assist midwives in Bali, work with cheetahs in Namibia, work at the UN in Geneva, feed street children in Guatemala, teach outdoor education in Maryland, and much more.

College Credit: All LEAPYear participants are enrolled as full-time students for one academic year and earn 24 semester credits from New College of California. These are lower-division credits - the equivalent of the first or second year of a B.A. program. Full Federal and State financial aid is available as with any other accredited college or university. Past students have used the program for high school completion, but federal financial aid is not available without a high school diploma or equivalent.

Requirements: Minimum age is 17 by the start of program. Maximum age is 21, though we are willing to consider people up to age 22. Participants must have completed high school, and be able to attend the full program. **We don't accept tobacco smokers, or anyone actively in the grip of an addiction.** Anyone in reasonable physical condition should be able to complete the program successfully. A vegetarian diet can be sustained throughout the program.

Applications & Admissions: Please download and fill out the LEAPYear Info and Application Packet at www.leapnow.org/leapyear. Upon receipt of your fully completed application, we will contact you to arrange the interview. **The interview must be in person with a LEAPNow staff member.** We meet with prospective students on the East Coast during the spring and summer months, and on an ongoing basis here in California. There is no application deadline – we accept people until the program is full – then have a waiting list.

Please note that the Application form included in this packet is different from the LEAPYear application. Download the LEAPYear application at www.leapnow.org/leapyear.

LATITUDES PROGRAM



This seven-month program allows for a broad exposure to a choice of three fascinating regions of the earth with a group of peers, followed by a focused solo internship in a country of your choice. LATITUDES is designed to challenge you by exposing you to new cultures, experiences and challenges. It is for those who want broad international experience and the possibility of learning independently and actively.

LATITUDES includes a 3-day orientation at LEAPNow's campus in northern California, a choice of one of the four group semesters described on page 2 of this packet (Central America, India, East Africa, or Australia/New Zealand/Fiji), and a three-month individual internship of your own choosing.

The program is designed so that you can start your exploration and travels with a group led by two experienced leaders, then progress to independent work and travel with the necessity of choosing an internship in your area of interest anywhere in the world. This progression naturally leads to greater maturity and personal development.

Individual Internship – Latitudes students choose from a list of 100 internships throughout the world. Past program participants have chosen to work with street children in Guatemala, raise baby baboons in South Africa, work with the homeless in London, teach outdoor education in New Zealand, learn organic gardening in Patagonia, teach in a school in Tanzania, and work with a midwife in Indonesia. One additional internship placement is available to each Latitudes graduate in the year following completion of the group travel and solo internship.

College Credit: Each LATITUDES participant is enrolled in courses through Seattle Central Community College, and upon successful completion of the program earns up to 20 quarter credits. Seattle Central is accredited by the Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges (NWASC).

Dates & Group Size: Latitudes programs start in September and March, and group size varies from 6 to a maximum of 12 participants with two adult leaders per group.

Requirements: Minimum age is 16 by the start of program. Participants must be able to attend the full program. Anyone in good physical condition and mental health should be able to complete the program successfully.

Application & Admissions: If interested in the program, please download the Latitudes Info and Application Packet at <http://www.leapnow.org/latitudes>, and send us a fully completed application. There is no application deadline – we accept people until the program is full – then have a waiting list.

Please note that the Semester Application included in this packet is different from the LATITUDES application. The LATITUDES application can be downloaded from <http://www.leapnow.org/latitudes>

INDIVIDUAL INTERNSHIPS

LEAPNow offers a select group of low-cost internships to individuals. These can be done throughout the year and for three months or longer. The fee for each internship placement is \$650. As of 10/2006, we offer the following specific internships – more detail about each is available at our website:

Wildlife Hospital in Greece
Teach at a School in Turkey
Teacher's Assistant in Tanzania
Teach at a School in India
Orphanage in Brazil or India
Wildlife Refuge in Bolivia
Ecology in Guatemala

Environmental Conservation in Ecuador
New Zealand Outdoor Leadership School
Social Awareness & Job Training in East Africa
Outdoor Environmental Project in Patagonia
Teacher's Assistant in Honduras
Teach at a remote High School in Micronesia

2007 PROGRAM DATES & COSTS:

GROUP SEMESTERS

<i>PROGRAM:</i>	<i>DATES:</i>	<i>COST:</i>	<i>GROUP SIZE:</i>
Central America	Sept. 14 – Dec. 1, 2007 March 5 – May 28, 2008	\$7900	10-12 participants ages 17 and up
South America	New in the spring of '08! March 5 – May 28, 2008	\$7900	10-12 participants ages 17 and up
India	Sept. 14 – Dec. 1, 2007 March 5 – May 28, 2008	\$7900	6-8 participants ages 17 and up
East Africa	Sept. 14 – Dec. 1, 2007 March 5 – May 28, 2008	\$8400	10-12 participants ages 17 and up
Fiji, Australia & New Zealand	Sept. 14 – Dec. 1, 2007 March 5 – May 28, 2008	\$9200	10-12 participants ages 17 and up

In-person interview is not required for group semester programs or Latitudes.

LEAPYear PROGRAM - 2007

<i>PROGRAM:</i>	<i>DATES:</i>	<i>COST:</i>	<i>GROUP SIZE:</i>
LEAPYear Bali & India	1/09/2007 – 8/17/2007	\$28,500	18 participants
LEAPYear India	8/28/2007 – 4/29/2008	\$28,500	18 participants
LEAPYear Central America	9/11/2007 – 6/05/2008	\$28,500	18 participants

(Program Fee includes tuition, all room, board, and scheduled program activities)

Financial Aid:

LEAPYear is a first year of college and is slightly cheaper than a year at a private college, even though our classrooms are located abroad. Since all LEAPYear students are enrolled as full-time B.A. Humanities students at New College of California (<http://newcollege.edu/finaid/>), they are eligible for Federal Financial Aid, which is accessed through the FAFSA process (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Every American citizen is entitled to low-interest student loans. Grants and scholarships are also available through your state, high school, and through private organizations – a list of websites, books and other resources are available at our website. Past LEAPYear students have substantially reduced the cost of their program by gathering frequent flyer miles for their international and domestic airfares (potential savings of up to \$3000), by doing a paying internship in the United States or abroad (potential savings up to \$4500), and by fundraising through friends and family.

LEAPNow is committed to making the program available to you if the program is appropriate for you - please don't assume you can't afford it without speaking with our staff!

LATITUDES PROGRAM

<i>PROGRAM:</i>	<i>DATES:</i>	<i>COST:</i>	<i>GROUP SIZE:</i>
LATITUDES – India, Central America, East Africa, or Australia/New Zealand/Fiji	3/04/2007 – 8/28/2007 9/10/2007 – 4/3/2008	\$16,900 \$16,900	12 participants 12 participants

(Program Fee includes tuition, all room, board, and scheduled program activities)

INTERNSHIPS: Year-round. \$50 application fee and one-time fee of \$650 per placement.



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APPLICATION PACKET (Page 1 of 3)

**Please attach
a recent photo of yourself
here - any size will do.**

**Your application is not
complete
if a photo is missing.**

Please fill out this application thoroughly and thoughtfully. The application, an interview, and reference checks are the ways we determine an applicant's fitness for the program. We expect honest and detailed responses to these questions. We will call you for a phone interview after we have received your complete application and will make a decision within a week after the interview.

Carpe Diem and LEAPNow have created a partnership to increase the diversity and quality of our programs. Combining a Carpe Diem Semester and an individual internship through LEAPNow for a year-long program called Latitudes please go to: <http://www.leapnow.org/latitudes>.

Please complete everything that says "Application Packet" on it and then mail or fax it to us at:
Carpe Diem, PO Box 17427, Portland, OR. 97217 or Fax: 866-903-1077

YOUR NAME _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

The best method and time of day to contact you is: _____

CHECK THE SEASON AND REGION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

Season: Fall 2007 _____ Spring 2008 _____ Fall 2008 _____ Spring 2009 _____

Region: India _____ Central America _____

Australia/New Zealand/Fiji _____ East Africa _____

APPLICATION FEE: The application fee for semester programs is \$100, and is non-refundable.

Please check off your mode of payment:

_____ I have enclosed a check with my application for \$100 payable to "Carpe Diem, LLC."

_____ Please bill my VISA or MasterCard for \$100:

Card #: _____ CVV code: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration: _____ Signature: _____

For office use only:

_____ Received

_____ Logged

_____ App Fee

Your Name (as it appears in your passport) _____

Passport # _____ Expiration Date _____ Place of issue _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Address (current) _____

Address (permanent, if different) _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

If not your parents, whom should we contact in case of an Emergency?

Name _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work: _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

How did you hear about Carpe Diem? _____

REFERENCES: Please give us the names and phone numbers of 2 adults who know you well who are not related to you – one of them must be a former teacher or employer.

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

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On a separate sheet of paper, please fully answer the following questions. This is the most important part of your application, so please take it seriously and put some time into it.

1. What is your inspiration for going on this program? What do you hope to gain from taking part?
2. Detail the kinds of community/group experiences you have had. Why do you want to do a group-oriented program now?
3. Describe *in detail* three areas of your life in which you'd like to grow.
4. What single event or experience of your life had the most impact on your life? Why?
5. Describe your relationship with foreign cultures and why you want to expose yourself?
6. Drugs and alcohol are big problems for many people - please describe your relationship with each one. Do you smoke? Why do you want to stay free from drugs and alcohol for a full 3 months?

MEDICAL & HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE:

Please answer the following questions by circling YES or NO. ***If you answer yes to any of them, please attach another page to describe the situation or condition at greater length.*** We reserve the right to request further information and to speak with doctors, counselors, etc. All medical information and personal disclosure will be kept strictly confidential.

1. Have you ever been asked to leave school or a previous program? _____ YES NO
2. Do you have any physical, psychological or chronic condition that prevents you from participating in any physical activities? _____ YES NO
3. Do you take medications for any health or psychological conditions? _____ YES NO
4. Do you have any allergies? _____ YES NO
5. Do you smoke or use chewing tobacco? _____ YES NO
6. Do you have any special dietary needs or restrictions? _____ YES NO
7. Do you use alcohol? _____ YES NO
8. Do you use drugs? _____ YES NO
9. Have you been treated for a psychological condition during the past 3 years? _____ YES NO
10. Have you been convicted of a crime within the past 3 years? _____ YES NO
11. Have you been or are you currently being treated for substance abuse? _____ YES NO
12. Are you taking any prescription medications? _____ YES NO
13. Have you been hospitalized in the past 5 years? _____ YES NO
14. Are you UNable to swim? _____ YES NO
15. Do you have or have you ever had any of the following?
 - Learning Disability or ADD? _____ YES NO
 - Epilepsy? _____ YES NO
 - Diabetes? _____ YES NO
 - Asthma? _____ YES NO
 - Heart Disease? _____ YES NO
 - Joint or back problems? _____ YES NO
 - Intestinal problems? _____ YES NO
 - Eating Disorder? _____ YES NO

I take full responsibility for my medical, psychological and physical condition for the duration of my Semester program with Carpe Diem. I am unaware of any medical, psychological and physical problems that might inhibit my ability to successfully complete this trip. Should any problems arise during the course of the program, I will promptly notify the trip leader.

NOTE: A history of asthma, ear or heart conditions or other medical conditions may preclude you from SCUBA diving. In such a case, the dive instructor or school may seek a physician's advice before clearing you to dive.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____