

Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Island Association

Student Delegation to Ometepe Nicaragua

June 25, 2023- July 9, 2023

Sophomore students and older are invited to apply to join the 29th student delegation to Ometepe, Bainbridge's sister island community in Nicaragua. Bainbridge Ometepe Sister Islands Association (BOSIA) has been taking students to Nicaragua since 1990. The delegation's goal is to build deeper relationships between our students and the people of Ometepe through hands-on cultural experiences.



While on Ometepe, each delegate is immersed in a Spanish speaking environment while living with a host family. The delegation gives back to the town through a community project. Students experience life in a rural community as well as learning about global health and environmental issues facing our sister island.

Application

Online at <https://bainbridgeometepe.org/delegate-resources> Applications accepted through Sunday, Dec. 18th 2022.

Costs

Approximately **\$2500** per delegate, which covers all expenses, including airfare. Scholarships, funded by community contributions to BOSIA through One Call for All, are available.

For more information

See <https://bainbridgeometepe.org/what-we-do/student-delegations/>

Or contact: Betsy Carroll pbc Carroll@gmail.com

Details

Application process:

Email your completed application to applications@ometepe.net by Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022.

Initial deposit of \$250 is due with your application and can be paid by check to “BOSIA” and mailed to BOSIA Student Delegation, PO Box 4484, Rolling Bay, WA 98061.

After your application has been received, you will be contacted to have a short interview either in person or via Zoom. Candidates not selected will have their deposit refunded.

To apply for a scholarship contact Betsy Carroll at pbc Carroll@gmail.com

Final payment is due in March 2023.

Before you go

Delegates and chaperones will meet several times between March and June to plan and cover topics such as health and wellness, cultural sensitivity, and packing tips in addition to bonding as a group.

While on Ometepe

Students will contribute to a community project and work with the elementary school to provide activities for students. There are opportunities to visit a coffee finca and learn about growing, processing, and exporting coffee to Bainbridge. Other opportunities include hosting a “Special Olympics,” learning about how water and resources are managed on the island, and exploring the rainforest while climbing the Maderas volcano.

Housing/Travel:

While on Ometepe each delegate stays with a volunteer host family. Families are carefully selected and vetted by our office staff on Ometepe and are visited by members of the student delegation committee prior to the delegates’ arrival. Experienced chaperones from Bainbridge Island will live close-by in the community and support student activities.

Delegates and chaperones travel together from SeaTac to Managua, Nicaragua, leaving Sunday, June 25th and then by private vehicle and ferry to Ometepe. Travel on the island is via hired vans and public transportation. The return flight arrives back at SeaTac Sunday, July 9th.