

CARES Around the World FYI

Basic CARES Around the World (ATW) Event Information:

Directions

For directions to our campus, please refer to the directions page on the CARES Details Page at www.sifat.org/cares/caresdetails.html or download it at www.sifat.org/forms/directions.pdf.

Once you arrive at SIFAT, you will see signs directing you to our Quonset Hut located on the back side of our campus. The Quonset Hut is a large, silver building. You will park your vehicles in the grassy area located in front.

Note: Bathrooms are available at the Quonset Hut.

Arrival/Lunch/Restroom Facilities

Our staff has planned a nonstop, program-paced day for your group while at SIFAT. It is very important that groups arrive as planned and are ready to jump into our time frames once here. We do understand when delays occur, so if you perceive a possible delay, please contact SIFAT as soon as possible.

We ask that the group contact please advise students and adults to be ready to receive instructions immediately upon arrival, as we are limited on time.

Restroom facilities will be available at the Quonset Hut after your group's arrival. After using these facilities, groups are asked to be seated for orientation in our Quonset Hut. Group leaders and the SIFAT guide will be able to meet at this time to discuss any changes in the plans. Event schedules will be given to all adults at this time. All participants will split into groups and will receive a colored wristband.

After a brief orientation, groups will take a short quarter-mile walk to the Global Village to begin programming. Once there, color groups will be assigned to their scheduled modules.

Latrines (Camp Style Bathrooms) are available throughout the village. Opportunities to use the latrines will be given throughout the program. Students are advised to stay with their color group at all times, but if one must leave, an adult is required to accompany the student.

A lunch break will be scheduled during the middle of the day. Groups are required to bring a picnic/sack lunch. Groups will eat their lunches in the Quonset Hut and have an opportunity to use the restroom before resuming modules. After lunch, groups will resume their modules. Once all modules are completed, the entire group will meet and hike back to the Quonset Hut for restrooms and a closing.

Following the closing, groups will load vehicles and drive to the Village Store. Groups will enter the Village Store in rotation according to their color groups. Once a group has finished at the Village store, they may load their vehicles and depart SIFAT.

SIFAT is very flexible and is happy to work with different groups to customize our programs to each group's need. Please make sure to voice any questions or specific needs at the time of booking.

Specific Group Information

Group Separation – Groups will be split up into mini groups and will be given a color wristband to wear throughout the event. Adults/Chaperones are needed for each group. The group leader/contact person will be responsible for assigning all participants (teachers, parents, chaperones and students) into equal groups. To save time, color wristbands might be mailed to group leaders prior to event. In this case, participants should be wearing bands upon arrival.

Adults and chaperones will all receive an event schedule upon arrival. It is important that all leaders strive to maintain schedule times and rotate promptly. Our one-day events are filled with nonstop programming, so in an effort to make sure groups get to participate in everything while they are here, we ask that groups arrive on time and keep to the designated time schedule.

CARES *Around the World* (ATW) Program Details

Around the World Modules:

Latin American

Guatemala
Bolivia
Andean Rope Bridge
Stick Weaving

Asia

Philippines
Nepal

Africa

Uganda
Liberia
Nigeria
Brick Making (if weather permits)

The CARES *Around the World* program focuses on the geography and cultural studies, as well as introducing basic and simple Appropriate Technologies, as groups visit each country throughout the Global Village. Appropriate Technology, using available materials to meet basic human needs, is seamlessly woven into some of these modules. Participants will have a hands-on perspective of what life would be like when using some of these materials.

The Global Village

The CARES ATW program is held in our Global Village, located in a beautiful wooded area on our campus. Through the Village, groups explore different "developing" countries of the world. The Village includes countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as an urban slum village. In each region of the Village, traditional style houses of the indigenous people of each country are represented.

Please note that the setting is outdoors/woods. The terrain is rocky and hilly. There are cleared, easily accessible paths that wind through the Village. However, some areas are

not handicap accessible. Wild life and plant life are prominent. SIFAT recommends that groups abide by basic outdoor safety procedures at all times during the course of your visit.

What to Wear

Because the CARES ATW program is held in our outdoor Global Village, SIFAT suggests wearing casual clothing according to the season's weather. Groups will be participating in hands-on activities, which include petting animals, making adobe mud bricks and crossing village creeks. It is important that all participants wear appropriate clothing.

Tennis shoes, casual tops, bug spray and sunscreen are encouraged. Groups are also advised not to wear expensive jewelry or any items of value.

What to Bring (Suggested, not required)

- Cameras
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Umbrella
- Wristwatch for keeping time
- Water bottles (water coolers are stationed throughout the Village)
- Spending money for the Village Store (SIFAT's gift shop)

Group Leader/Adults:

- Hand wipes
- Students' Medicines (as needed)
- First Aid Kit (there are first aid kits in the Global Village)
- Change of clothes/Car Interior Protector (trash bags or newspaper) if desired after mud brick making

Weather Conditions

CARES ATW events are hosted in an outdoor setting and can be held during most light weather conditions. Groups may choose whether to participate during a light rain shower. Events will be canceled for serious storms. In the event of weather cancellation, groups are given the opportunity to reschedule to another date according to SIFAT's availability.

The Village Store

The Village Store is a unique experience that all campus guests should plan to see during their visit. The store sells souvenirs and handmade items from many developing countries, as well as SIFAT. Proceeds from the sales of these items benefit the people with whom SIFAT works in developing countries and the SIFAT organization. Items include jewelry, hats, scarves, bags, clothing, hammocks, and much more! Items for all ages are available. The Village Store also sells snacks and drinks. Items range in price from \$1 to \$100. The Village Store accepts cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard.

Delays or Cancellations

If groups are delayed for a CARES ATW event, please call the SIFAT office and notify the program staff.

Please notify SIFAT program staff immediately if you need to cancel an event. If this information is not made available until after-hours, please send an email to your staff contact as soon as possible. If the cancellation occurs on the day of your CARES event, please call your staff contact at the earliest time. Contact information will be given on your event confirmation email.

Deposits are nonrefundable if a cancellation is made less than two (2) weeks before your event date. If the cancellation is because of weather issues, groups may have the ability to reschedule according to SIFAT's event calendar.

Want to learn more about SIFAT?

Please visit our website at www.sifat.org or call the SIFAT office at 256.396.2015 for more information!