LCF’s Spring Field Training Programs

Have you wondered what it would be like to work in a field conservation program? Here is what one student has to say about her 2013 field training experience at LCF’s Myakka City Reserve:

“The lemurs and experiences at the Reserve have changed who I am; they have given me a respect for a life that had not existed before; they have given me the patience to endure the rapidity of events or the stillness in between; most importantly, they renewed the confidence that I need become a physician and that I have the courage to face any task before me.”

Tori Brennan, LCF 13

Graduates of the Field Training program at LCF have gone on to earn 3 Fulbright Scholarships, doctorate degrees, and now conduct their own field research in Madagascar.
CLICK HERE to read more about how Dr. Linda Taylor and Dr. Natalie Vasey conduct these unique programs in partnership with LCF.

James Herrera LCF ‘07, ‘09

NSF Grad Res Fellow
Margot Marsh Diversity
NSF Diss Imp Award
IPS/ASP/Leakey funding
Explorer’s Club Young
Explorer Award

Fashioning A Future For Lemurs
LCF Animal Care Technician Caitlin Flanagan walks the runway with Derrick, a beloved mechanical lemur pedaling a tricycle, at ICONCEPT Couture Runway Event...saving lemurs through art and fashion! As a unique international conservation organization LCF infuses art into all aspects of its mission...including couture! LCF founder Penelope Bodry Sanders designed this dress for the 2013 ICONCEPT runway event. ICONCEPT benefits Art Center Sarasota. It invites local artists to create amazing outfits using non-traditional materials and innovative concepts to walk the runway in a spectacular show.

The skirt used 3 yards of this custom designed and printed fabric. (detail above) The ensemble below features an original design embroidered on a vintage silk blouse, paired with an embellished vintage silk skirt. The hand embroidery was done by Ginny Fineberg, and has approximately 75,000 stitches!
Remembering Mopsy Lovejoy, LCF board member and conservationist:

'Mopsy was a bright and luminous light in the lives she touched. She brought vision, clarity, and wisdom to her board work for LCF. She is especially remembered for her great passion. One of my favorite memories is her lying on the couch in the living room listening to the lemurs call from next door. Not able to contain her emotions she blurted out "Just listen to them, Penel - isn't the world beautiful?!" And indeed it is made more beautiful by her incredible presence. Mopsy is embedded in the essence of LCF and will continue inspiring our work and stirring things up far into the future.' - Penelope Bodry Sanders, LCF founder

From The New Haven Register on April 7, 2013:

LOVEJOY, CHARLOTTE SEYMOUR Passed away peacefully April 2, 2013 at home in Arlington, VA, at the age of 71. She leaves three daughters by her former husband Thomas E. Lovejoy of McLean, VA, Elizabeth Lovejoy of Washington, DC, Katherine Petty of Annapolis, MD, Anne Jenkins of Arlington, VA, and five beloved granddaughters. She is also survived by her companion, Martha Kiser, of Fort Myers, FL. She was a graduate of Smith College (1963) and subsequently earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from George Washington University (1985). She worked for many years as a respiratory therapist at Arlington Hospital. With a verve for life and a passion for nature, she was an ardent scuba diver and conservationist, especially of lemurs. In lieu of flowers she wished for donations to be made to the Lemur Conservation Foundation: http://www.lemurreserve.org. There will be a private celebration of her life.

Dear Friends,

We have a wonderful travel opportunity available in August 2013 on the mysterious island of Madagascar!
We will trek across the island exploring the diverse ecosystems in search of one of the planets most endangered primates, lemurs, while we learn about their biology by an expert in the field, Dr. Ian Tattersall.

You can contact me directly at 941-322-8494 if you are interested in joining our group. Please pass this email along to all of your conservation minded friends!

This truly is a trip of a lifetime. [Here is our itinerary.]

Sincerely,

Lee Nesler
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Madagascar... like no place else on earth

EXPLORE is proud to be partnering with the Lemur Conservation Foundation and Dr. Ian Tattersall in offering this extraordinary trip to Madagascar!

CONSERVATION IN ACTION
An In-depth Exploration of Madagascar with Dr. Ian Tattersall
August 10-27, 2013

There's more to do in Madagascar than lazing on a sandy beach and dipping into crystalline waters to peek at coral reefs now and again. Madagascar's forests are home to lemurs, chameleons, periwinkles and baobabs, aloes, geckoes, sifakas and octopus trees. Cut off from the African mainland for millions of years, Madagascar's teeming forests have been preserved so that you will find flora and fauna that exist...
Spend 16 days experiencing the spectacular biodiversity of Madagascar and have the chance to interact with various types of lemurs and other species that exist nowhere else on Earth.

Once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with world-renowned lemur expert, Dr. Tattersall.

- Explore the rainforests of Andasibe and Mantadia National Parks.
- Hear the haunting call of the Indri-Indri, the world's largest lemur.
- Discover the majestic beauty of Isalo National Park.
- Visit the stunning northwest coast of Anjajavy.
- Stay in Madagascar’s top lodges as well as some charming and more remote camps.

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