Trip Basics

• Travel from June 30 – July 11
• EPI Tuition $5,795 (Includes transportation, meals, and lodging)
• RCC Tuition $138 (3 units)
• Several pre-trip and one post-trip classroom meetings
• No electronic equipment allowed except cameras (no cell phones, tablets, computers)
What to Expect

• Group travel to Ecuador from LAX
• Hotel on mainland for 1 night
• Flight to Galapagos on day 2
• Accommodations in rustic hotels, dormitories, or tents at highlands reserve and in town
• Running water (not always hot!) and toilets (no t.p. can be flushed) at all facilities
• Hotel on mainland for 1 night before return
What to Expect cont.

- Be prepared for strenuous physical activity (hiking, snorkeling, weed pulling)
- Activities may be in the rain and mud
- Pay close attention to the packing list (seriously!)
- More than adequate amounts of food provided (forced snacking)
- Clean drinking water is provided
Fundraising

• For those who are interested, we will do group fundraising (student-driven)

• A good way to get to know your travel buddies!

• Group fundraising participants earned approx. $900 last time

• First organizational meeting in September
EPI Enrollment

- Go to ecologyproject.org
- Click the blue enroll button
- Choose “Students (School)”
- Enter your data and under “Course Registration” choose “Galapagos” and then “Riverside City College”
- If you limit meat in your diet, consider indicating “vegetarian” in the dietary restrictions section
- $250 deposit due at the time of enrollment
Financial Aid

- Awards typically $200-500
- Applications due October 15
- Must be enrolled and have paid deposit to be eligible
- Awards announced in early December
Get a Passport!

• EPI requires a color photocopy
• Processing time is 4-6 weeks
• Must be valid for at least 6 months after the start date of the course
Fill Out Required Forms

- www.ecologyproject.org/forms
- Medical Form (note: health care provider must sign the last page)
- EPI Consent Forms
- Minor Travel Letter (if under 18)
- Course handbook, sample itinerary, and packing list also found here
RCC Registration

• If not currently an RCC student, you will need to submit an application by February 2016

• Registration for Bio 31A and B will occur during a pre-course meeting