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BE THE CHANGE this summer!

Trips 2013

Note: Full-time Students can apply for a Xela AID Student Scholarship. See application for details.

TRIP 1 - May 31-June 12 - "Special Projects"

DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2013

- Meet and mentor children in our scholarship program, Leaders program, at our Study Center and pre-school, and other projects to be decided!

Cost: \$2125* Trip

Leaders: Pat Maxwell and Katherine Sanchez. For additional information or to Reserve Space:

[Contact Pat](#) or

[Katherine](#) (Jemez Springs, Area 1)

TRIP 2 - June 21-July 1 - "Custom Group Trip - Special Projects"

DEADLINE MARCH 15,

2013 - For groups of 10-18. Projects to be determined

. Cost: \$1825* For

additional information or to Reserve Space, Group Leader:

[Contact Leslie](#)

Update from Guatemala

"LEADERS" MICRO-BUSINESS PARTYING ON!

"**Alqifiestas**" is going gangbusters. The micro-business to throw parties and rent party equipment was launched last summer by Xela AID's "Leaders of the Future" group as their first foray into entrepreneurship.

With more than a dozen parties and rentals under their belts to date, the group is making great headway



toward paying back their micro-business loan, while members of the group (representing top-achieving students in Xela AID's service area) have also earned sorely needed income to help them continue in their studies.

The first class of Xela AID's entrepreneurial "Leaders" youth group formed in 2011 presented a business plan to Xela AID leadership last summer and received a \$1500 micro-loan to launch *Alqifiestas*. Their group's activities have also included service and training projects each month spanning recycling, public speaking, maintenance projects (at right) and humanitarian service.

**TRIP 3 - July 1-July13 -
"Special Projects"**

* DEADLINE MARCH 15,
2013 - Will include
construction project
"Change a Life" home
makeover for a family in
extreme poverty.
Additional projects to be
determined. Cost: \$2125*
For additional
Information or to Reserve
Space: [Contact Mel](#)

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* *Double occupancy*



On the horizon for the
Leaders? Potentially,
opening a storefront in
downtown San Martín to
house their growing

inventory and add a retail component selling party-related
supplies. But the Leaders are not stopping there: Says
Rosario Ordoñez, the group's coordinator, "We eventually
want to own our own community center where we can
throw parties."

With all this success, this "senior class" of Leaders has
renamed their group "Leaders in Action," assigning their
former designation to the younger, incoming class.

Xela AID Board Member **Sue Rikalo**, who Chairs the Micro-
business and Leadership Development Committee, is
currently in Guatemala working to launch a new micro-
business that would generate stipends for Leaders while
supporting Xela AID's health goals, details to be revealed in
a future update.

Costumes Gratefully Accepted through May 10

The Leaders believe that there is a market for
appearing in costume and being photographed with party
goers. Donations of costumes in adult sizes would be greatly
appreciated (used are fine), including princesses,
superheros, vampires and other recognizable characters.
Donate a costume and receive a gift-in-kind receipt for your
tax deductible donation. To donate, contact **Sue Rikalo** at
sue@xelaaid.org

GOT STUFF?

Are you upgrading your technology? Cleaning out drawers? Or just want to go out and buy a little something to help someone meet their needs?

Consider a tax deductible gift-in-kind that we can put to extremely good use in the highlands of Guatemala this summer. Needed are:



- > Used (or new) working PC laptops, iPads, iPhones, Kindles
- > Miscellaneous sewing supplies
- > Hair brushes (new)
- > Hand mirrors
- > Combs (new)
- > Notebooks
- > Paper
- > Pencils
- > Pens
- > Birthday candles
- > Ribbons
- > Balloons and other party supplies...



Donations are needed in-hand by May 1, 2013. Contact Leslie at leslie@xelaaid.org



Thank you... for your ongoing interest and support!

[The Xela AID Board of Directors and Advisors, and Staff](#)



