



Welcome email  
December 21, 2018

Hi Everyone!

We are very excited that you have registered to join us on our trip to Batey Libertad in March 2019! We still have a few open places and have extended the registration deadline until December 31st - if you have any friends or family who might want to join us, please encourage them to register.

Also, if you are interested in joining the pre-trip excursion (to one of the best ecolodges in the Dominican Republic) or the post-trip excursion (to tour the colonial quarter of Santo Domingo), please contact Richard Weber, our logistics partner, at Tours Trips Treks & Travel (<mailto:richard@4tdomrep.com>). The details and itineraries are on the YASC website (<https://yalealumniservicecorps.org/current-trips/2019-service-trip-batey-libertad-dominican-republic/add-trips>).

If you have not already done so, please provide João with release forms and a photo for the directory. Now is also a good time to book flights — if you do not find convenient flights to Santiago, you can fly to other airports in the Dominican Republic but you will need to arrange a ground transfer to Santiago.

I am attaching a reading list provided by Yspaniola, with links to articles and videos and some recommended novels relating to the Dominican Republic. Also, there is a good amount of information regarding Batey Libertad, and Yspaniola's work in the community, on Yspaniola's website (<http://yspaniola.org>).

I will be in touch early in January with respect to team assignments, team leaders and other details relating to the trip. Please contact me if you have any questions, or have in mind particular projects you would like to undertake.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year!

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