COSTA RICA ROAD TRIP · SUMMER 2027

Packing list

July 30th to August 8th · High School and College Boys

This trip needs more kinds of gear than any other Fish for Change program. Missing something? Ask the staff before the trip and they'll help.

Brand names link to gear from companies Fish for Change works with: click them in the PDF to shop. The Stream2Sea link is an affiliate link, so Fish for Change earns a small commission when you buy through it.

Rods, reels and lines

- [ ] 6 to 8 weight rod for machaca — Orvis
- [ ] 12 weight rod for tarpon (or borrow one at the reserve) — Orvis
- [ ] 6 to 8 weight reel — Orvis
- [ ] 12 weight reel with a good drag and at least 150 yards of 50 lb braid or GSP backing — Orvis
- [ ] Floating line for machaca — Scientific Anglers
- [ ] Full intermediate line for tarpon (not an intermediate tip) — Scientific Anglers
- [ ] Machaca leaders: 20 lb mono and 30 lb fluorocarbon — Scientific Anglers
- [ ] Tarpon leaders: 40 lb mono and 100 lb fluorocarbon — Scientific Anglers
- [ ] Fishing pliers and clippers
- [ ] Sun gloves
- [ ] Dry bag — Fishpond
- [ ] Polarized sunglasses

Flies

- [ ] Machaca: fruit flies are provided
- [ ] Guapote: medium streamers, large Woolly Buggers, small poppers and sliders — EP Flies
- [ ] Tarpon: 4 to 6 inch streamers on 3/0 to 5/0 hooks, medium to large dumbbell eyes — EP Flies
- [ ] Tarpon: 2 to 3 inch Tarpon Toads on 3/0 to 5/0 hooks, medium to large dumbbell eyes — EP Flies

Want to support an alum? Ask us and we'll point you to a former student who ties flies for trips.

Essentials

- [ ] Passport, plane ticket and itinerary
- [ ] Cash, about $400, for tips and extras. Bills with no rips or marks
- [ ] Toiletries
- [ ] Bug spray, 30 to 40% DEET
- [ ] Reef-safe sunscreen — Stream2Sea
- [ ] Headlamp or flashlight
- [ ] Journal and pen, for writing every day

Clothing

- [ ] 4 quick-dry long-sleeve sun shirts, hooded if you can — Duck Camp
- [ ] 4 quick-dry pants — Duck Camp
- [ ] 3 shirts — Duck Camp
- [ ] 3 shorts — Duck Camp
- [ ] Fleece, hoodie or other light layer
- [ ] Lightweight clothes to sleep in
- [ ] Lightweight rain jacket
- [ ] Rain pants
- [ ] Bathing suit
- [ ] Buffs
- [ ] Hat — Duck Camp
- [ ] Sandals
- [ ] Sneakers