## **Immigration – Costa Rica**

## Antes de tu visita a Costa Rica:

- 1. What are your personal thoughts about the topic of immigration?
- 2. What personal connections/experiences do you have with immigration? (you, friends, family members, ancestors). Have you ever spoken to/visited with someone who has come from another country to where you live? Please share this (these) experience(s).
- 3. Do you consider yourself an immigrant in the place that you live? Why or why not?
- 4. What preparations have you made to enter a new country? If you were to stay longer than just a few days or weeks, what other types of steps would you be expected to take to remain in country? (legal issues, health evaluations, cultural learning, researching where you will be staying, other preparations, etc.)

## **Durante tu visita a Costa Rica:**

- 1. Describe what it was like for you to go through immigration, customs, exchange currency
- 2. Describe what it was like for you to meet your host family for the first time and how you communicated with them. This may be a different experience for you depending upon your language abilities. If you feel your language abilities were limited, what did you do to assist in communicating with your host family?
- 3. Describe how interacting (conversations) with the people of La Carpio influenced your perspective on immigration. Please be specific about individual experiences.
- 4. Describe how interacting (conversations) with the workers at LifeMonteverde influenced your perspective on immigration. Please be specific about individual experiences.

## Después de tu visita a Costa Rica:

- 1. How did the experience of living with a host family help your personal experience of being an immigrant?
- 2. What types of things are you willing to do to help someone that may be trying to immigrate to the place you live?
- 3. What types of things are you willing to do to help others understand what it means to be an immigrantHow did your experience in Costa Rica change or increase your understanding of the subject of immigration overall? Please use specific experiences.
- 4. Describe how you feel you were able to influence people, even as a brief immigrant in another country.