Claire’s Comments

As we enter into the second quarter of our fiscal year, I am happy to share that we continue to add new and exciting experiences to our educational program offerings, as well as to explore ways to continually improve our existing North America, International and Adventures Afloat learning adventures. We continue to recruit new Ambassadors and many of our 300 experienced Ambassadors have delivered dozens of presentations across the country to help inform potential participants about our unique brand of educational travel.

Ambassadors like you are an integral part of our continued outreach efforts and we want to thank you for helping us share the joys of educational travel with others like you, who share a passion for learning. You are and have been an inspiration to us and the thousands of people who have heard you speak.

Ambassador Tip:
Put the ‘Power’ in Your Presentation

Serving as a Road Scholar Ambassador has been a great pleasure! I love being able to share facts and figures about an educational organization I personally enjoy traveling with, along with having the opportunity to share my personal experiences with others. I use the Road Scholar-prepared PowerPoint presentation for a strong overview of the benefits of traveling with Road Scholar. I also created a PowerPoint about my own experiences, which have included North America programs (as a couple and with women friends), International programs, Grandparent programs and Family programs! My enthusiasm for these learning experiences is easily transferred to the participants!

My favorite exercise is something I call “Where in the World?” I love being able to show people how to maneuver around on the Road Scholar website by engaging the audience in a game of “where have you always wanted to learn about?” and “where would you want to go?” We then look up that location as a group and imagine the adventure. So far, we’ve always been able to find an adventure that’s mentioned.

A final note: I always bring my tablet to presentations for those rare cases when the venue’s equipment breaks down or they don’t have equipment.

— Maxine Topper

The 2019-2020 Ambassador Guidebook is Ready to View

The Ambassador Guidebook has been updated and is ready to view from the Ambassador Resource Center.

Go to roadscholar.org/ambassador-resource-center to download the guide. Instead of printing the guide, use the index located on page 3 to help you scroll to the pages you would like to reference. You will find some new benefits on pages 12 and 13 of the guide.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday, Dec. 5, we will hold a ZOOM presentation to review new benefits and resources. ZOOM invitations will be emailed on Dec. 2.

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Did You Know?

Road Scholar is Launching a New Environmental Program Series: “Our Changing Planet”

Beginning in the summer and fall of 2020, Road Scholar will offer a series of environmentally focused programs called “Our Changing Planet.” Through this new learning series, it is our aim to put Road Scholar at the forefront of environmental education for adults, as well as do our part to help the planet.

This series of educational programs was inspired by input from our participants and their wish to learn about a variety of environmental subjects — and their desire to make a difference! The focus of “Our Changing Planet” is the environmental and societal impacts of climate change, as well as local efforts to mitigate and adapt to these changes. Issues may include land and water conservation; renewable energy; food security; wildlife and habitat protection; extreme weather; sustainable city planning, and rising sea levels. Learn more at www.roadscholar.org/planet

These are the six educational programs in this launch:


• Our Changing Planet: Sustainable Farming & Cuisine in Santa Fe (Program #23838), starting in August 2020.

• Our Changing Planet: Orcas & Ecosystems of the San Juan Islands (Program #23860), starting in August 2020.

• Our Changing Planet: Oceanography & Natural History on Cape Cod (Program #23857), starting in September 2020.

• Our Changing Planet: The Coastal Waterways of Southeast Florida (Program #23875), starting in December 2020.

• Our Changing Planet: Wildlife and Glacial Preservation in Alaska (Program #23879), starting in September 2020

Impact Statement:

For some people, this educational adventure may have been outside their comfort zone, but we have traveled to many countries, so I am OK with just about anything. The important part was that we got to learn about Cuba from the Cuban perspective, to see how the embargo and our country’s relations have affected their lives and their relationship with the world.

— Road Scholar participant Ann B. on Cuba Today: People and Society: Cienfuegos to Havana (#20437)