



PROGRESA ENGLISH PROGRAM (PEP) December 2- 10, 2024

Dear Teaching English Tutors and Progresa Supporters,

Progresa and the PEP Curriculum Committee are pleased to tell you that we will be meeting in Antigua (at Posada de Belen) for this year's PEP session, the dates for which are December 2 - 10, 2024. The cost for this year's PEP is \$1300, in double occupancy room and \$1400 for single rooms. This cost includes room and board for you and one student during the week. It also includes transportation from/to the airport to the Posada Belen if you arrive and leave on the 2nd. And 10th. We're at the very beginning of our planning and decided to ask all supporters and former teachers if you might be interested in participating. With a minimum of 10 volunteers, we can operate this year's program.

Due to the pandemic, we have incorporated many new procedures into our program. For example:

1. Volunteers need to be willing to take the risk of illness.
2. Volunteers need to be fully vaccinated with boosters.
3. Volunteers will need to bring their own kits for testing.
4. Instruction will be outdoors in the gardens at the Posada.
5. Volunteers will work with one or two students each.
6. Volunteers will be housed in double and single rooms, according to their wish (see costs at the beginning). In the past, some teachers stayed at "off campus" facilities; those teachers will need to find their own accommodations.
7. There will be required an online (Zoom) training for volunteers prior to arrival in Antigua.
8. A welcome orientation for volunteers and students will be held outdoors after dinner on the 2nd.





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9. Volunteers and students are expected to have their meals at the Posada Belén.
10. Most instruction will take place in the mornings, with nearby excursions for the group in the afternoon.
11. Masks are to be used whenever appropriate.
12. Students will be housed in a safe way respecting social distancing.
13. Morning large group sessions will be held on the central patio.
14. There will be procedures in place to deal with possible outbreaks of Covid.
15. Volunteers should have full health insurance coverage which includes Covid-related issues.

Please think about what we're proposing and then let us know if you think you will or will not be able to attend. At this point, we have set May 31 as the date to confirm or cancel our PEP 2024. We'd like to hear from you in the next few weeks in order to continue planning. Feel free to contact Ann Boone, by May 31, 2024, to discuss your plans at:

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***Yours in peace and love,
Curriculum Committee***

