



TANZANIA

FIELD GUIDE



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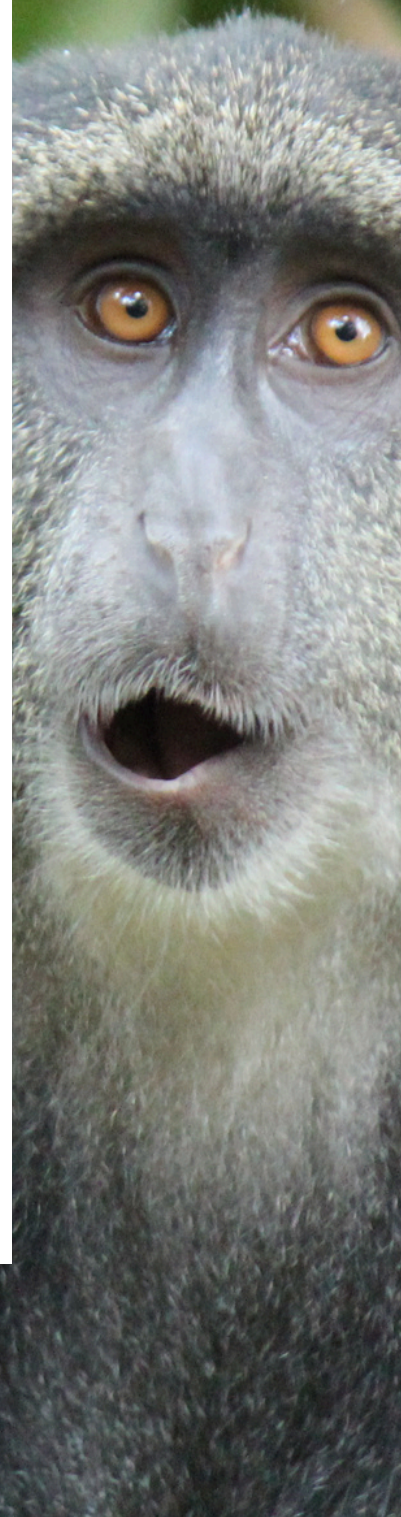
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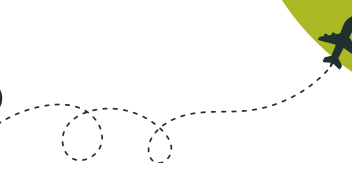
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LIFE IN THE FIELD



Academic Foci

- The center sits in the north Tanzania tourist circuit which includes Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Lake Manyara National Park, Tarangire National Park, Arusha, and Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- The region offers a wide variety of protected areas including national parks, game reserves, game-controlled areas, wildlife management areas, and community forest reserves. This area also contains the rich traditional cultures of the Maasai, Hadzabe, and Iraqw communities each providing unique approaches to wildlife conservation.
- Unfortunately, the porous boundaries between the protected areas and local communities alongside rapidly increasing human populations have led to habitat fragmentation, interrupted migratory routes, and heightened human-wildlife conflict.

SEMESTER: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT STUDIES

African large mammal behavior and ecology. Field ornithology. Human-wildlife conflict. Wildlife conservation and community-based conservation. Habitat assessments.

SUMMER 1: FUNDAMENTALS OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Behavioral ecology. Community conservation approaches. Human-wildlife conflict. Wildlife and natural resource management policies.

SUMMER 2: CARNIVORES OF THE AFRICAN PLAINS

Carnivore behavioral ecology. Predator-prey interactions. Human-wildlife conflict. Wildlife and natural resource management policies.

Each program combines theory learned in the classroom alongside field-based applications. Time in the classroom is structured to give students a solid understanding of environmental history, theory, and conservation techniques before deploying their knowledge or specific techniques in the field. All classes are taught in English.



Setting and Facilities

3-acre center in the agricultural community of Rhotia.



RHOTIA	KARATU	MTO WA MBU	ARUSHA
5-minute walk	15-minute drive	30-minute drive	3-hour drive
Population ~29,000	Population ~280,000	Population ~17,700	Population 535,000
Nearest town. Corner store, tailor, and clinic.	Shops, cafes, swimming pools, clinic and local markets.	Shops, cafes, swimming pools, hiking, and local markets.	International airport. Advanced medical care.

HOUSING

Six buildings, or "bandas," with two rooms each, 4 people per room in twin bunk beds. Shared desk and shelving unit.

En-suite bathroom with shower (hot water) and western-style toilet.

OTHER FACILITIES

Central building contains kitchen, dining area, and student lounge with games, dart board, and ping-pong table.

Additional buildings include classroom, library, staff offices, staff housing, and gazebos.

Students must pay to use washing machine (detergent not provided), ~2 USD per 5-gallon bucket. No dryer. Students can also wash by hand.



Campus Policies



CURFEW, SIGN-OUT LOG & BUDDY POLICY

Because center locations are often unfamiliar to students, policies including nightly curfew, sign-out logs, and a buddy system help keep students safe.



CHORES

There is no cleaning service at the center, so students are expected to take responsibility for their space during their stay. Students will help set up/clean-up for meals. Specific chore responsibilities and schedules will be shared during orientation.



ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS PROHIBITED

Consumption or possession of alcohol is prohibited on campus. Students who consume alcohol during non-program time need to do so in moderation and maintain respectful behavior toward others.

SFS does not allow possession or use of any medications or substances that are illegal in the U.S. or host country for the full duration of SFS programs including free time and weekends away. Check local laws before possessing, purchasing, or using e-cigarettes or vaping devices on program.



NO VISITORS

Students are obligated to stay at the center during program time. No non-SFS members are allowed on campus without center staff approval. If family or friends are planning on visiting have them do so during program breaks or coordinate with the center director for approval. Time off during program time to spend with guests is limited.



TIME OFF IS LIMITED

Students will have highly structured schedules on weekdays and Saturdays, with Sundays generally free to spend at the center or doing staff-organized activities away from the center. Attendance is required for all activities including multi-day trips that may fall on the weekends. Semester students will be given a 3-4 day mid-semester break in Arusha supervised by SFS staff. Students are responsible for food during this break, but SFS will provide hotel accommodation. Students may sign a waiver if they wish to forego the hotel and travel independently during this break instead.

Summer students will not have the opportunity to travel independently. Students participating in Summer 1+2 will be responsible for their own food and accommodation between sessions should they choose to leave the center to travel. See page 12 for estimated costs.



Community Interaction

Students live at a center, rather than a homestay, local apartment, or university dorm. This means they will not navigate the local culture, cuisine, or language every day. However, meaningful research is only possible with the input of local people, so community engagement and Directed Research projects vary each term to reflect the requests of our partners. Some examples of past outreach initiatives include planting trees, working in community gardens, and outreach at schools.



Food

SFS can support most dietary needs, but the variety of food will be extremely limited due to local availability and cost. SFS cannot accommodate strict Halal or Kosher diets. Meals are simple and repeat every week, so SFS always recommends bringing vitamins, protein bars, nuts, favorite snacks, etc.

Meals may consist of rice, chapatti (unleavened bread), ugali (corn flour dough), lentils and beans, roasted vegetables, fresh fruit, and meat like goat or beef. Snacks may include tea and coffee, fruit, popcorn, toast with jam, or baked items.



Exercise

The center has a grass volleyball court/soccer field, a punching bag, and a few basic weights. Can walk/run around community using buddy system.



Money

The local currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS).

Tanzania is primarily a cash-based economy. However, all students are required to bring a credit/debit card with at least \$3,000 in funds in case of emergencies. Mastercard and Visa are the most commonly accepted cards internationally. Notify banks about international travel.

Students should bring at least \$400 USD with them to start. Staff will assist students in exchanging USD for TZS after arrival. When bringing USD to exchange, travel with bills in excellent condition (clean, unwrinkled, unmarked, with no tears). Only bills made after 2006 can be exchanged. \$50 and \$100 bills receive better exchange rates. Students will have access to ATMs to replenish their cash supply in Karatu and Mto wa Mbu.



Climate

Students will be exposed to extremely dusty conditions. Temperatures range from 50-90°F. Prepare for colder weather than one would expect by packing lots of layers!



Considerations

Language: English and Swahili are the 2 official languages. Most of students' time will be spent with their cohort, so do not expect to practice Swahili daily.

Culture and Diversity: 99% identify as African, of which 95% is the Bantu ethnic group. Foreigners are called "Mzungu" which means white person and may get extra attention. 63% of the population is Christian and 34% Muslim. Many activities are separated by traditional genders. PDA is frowned upon. Conservative clothing is required on and off campus.

Physical Readiness: Students must walk/stand for up to 1 hour at a time. Most fieldwork is done in safari jeeps. During overnight trips, students will sleep in remote field environments with limited amenities.

Hazards: Snakes, spiders, insects, scorpions, etc. Lions, cheetahs, hippos, rhinos, and many other large mammals are frequently seen from the car.

Travel: Students will frequently travel long distances by car often on unpaved roads.



Electricity

The electrical voltage in Tanzania is 230 (the U.S. uses 120). Check all electrical devices to see if voltage converters are needed. Tanzania uses plug type D and G (the U.S. uses A and B). All U.S. students will need plug adaptors.

Power outages are common and, while the center has solar panels and a backup generator, there may be times where electricity is gone for several hours.



Internet

Wireless internet is available at the center, but it can be slow and sometimes unavailable. SFS reserves the right to limit internet activities occurring on our servers including, but not limited to, streaming or downloading audio/video content (Facetime, Netflix, etc.).



Computers

Students must bring laptops with Microsoft Office (or the ability to open Microsoft files offline) and a USB port (or USB adapter). Electronic devices are subjected to a much harsher environment than normal, which may cause malfunction. In particular, Apple products do not fare well in high humidity, and there are no nearby Apple stores. All devices are difficult to repair or replace locally, so please take extra precautions.



Phones

Students with unlocked phones can purchase local SIM cards for approximately ~\$20 USD per month. Most students choose to rely solely on WIFI.



Mail

Packages and letters can be sent using courier services. DHL is the best option to use. Do not send any medications by mail. The average one-way travel time for Airmail from the U.S. to Tanzania is 10-14 days. Therefore, no mail can be sent during the last 2 weeks of programs, as students will not receive it! Mail will not be forwarded.

Address: Student Name, Center for Wildlife Management Studies,
P.O. Box 304. Karatu, Tanzania, East Africa.

Sample Schedule

This schedule is a sample; no week will follow it exactly. Programs typically begin with long classroom days and transition into more fieldwork later on. Final schedules are provided upon arrival and are subject to change, including the day-of, due to weather, availability, and factors outside of SFS' control. Flexibility is essential.

All events are mandatory. We respect religious and cultural observances, but because of our cohort-based field programs, accommodations (schedule changes, special meals, personal observance time, etc.) may be limited. Communicate any anticipated needs with SFS in advance to discuss any feasible arrangements.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7-8am Breakfast	7-8am Breakfast	5:30-6:30am Breakfast and Pack Lunch	7-8am Breakfast	7-8am Breakfast	7-8am Breakfast	5:30-6:30am Breakfast and Pack Lunch
Free time at the Center (Laundry, Homework, Relaxation) Lunch provided Optional Day Off Activity as a Group (See Page 12 for budgeted costs)	8am-12pm Wildlife Ecology - Lecture	7am-3pm Field Trip w/ Lunch in the Field Field trips can be any day of the week and occasionally last multiple days.	8am-12pm Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values - Lecture	8am-12pm Techniques in Wildlife Management - Lecture	8am- 12pm Community Engagement	7am-3pm Field Trip w/ Lunch in the Field Field trips can be any day of the week and occasionally last multiple days.
	12-1pm Lunch		12-1pm Lunch	12-1pm Lunch	12-1pm Lunch	
	2-4pm Techniques in Wildlife Management - Project	3-5pm Homework Time	2-4pm Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values - Presentation Prep	2-3pm Introduction to Swahili Language and East African Culture Lecture	2-3:30pm Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values - Presentations	
	4-5:30pm Introduction to Swahili Language and East African Culture - Movie		4pm-5:30pm Wildlife Ecology - Lecture	3:30-4:30pm Town Hall Meeting	3:30 -5:30pm Techniques in Wildlife Management - Project	3-5pm Homework Time
	5:30-6:30pm Optional Soccer Game	5-7pm Free time at the Center or outside with the Community	5:30-7pm Free time at the Center or outside with the Community	5-7pm Free time at the Center or outside with the Community	5:30-6:30pm Optional Volleyball Game	5-7pm Free time at the Center or outside with the Community
7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)	7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)	7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)	7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)	7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)	7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)	7pm Curfew (Due to Increased Wildlife Activity)
7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting	7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting	7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting	7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting	7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting	7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting	7-8pm Dinner and Evening Meeting

- Meals and Announcements
- Free Time
- Community Engagement
- Classroom Time
- Field Work
- Curfew



Health & Safety in the Field



24-Hour Emergency Hotline

SFS maintains a 24-hour emergency hotline. To urgently contact a student in the field, call 978.219.5113.



Health & Wellness Manager

The Student Health & Wellness Manager is a full-time primary medical responder and student support personnel on campus. They are certified in Wilderness First Response, or an equivalent certification, and trained in sexual assault first response. They also counsel students on life abroad, conduct risk assessments, attend medical appointments, and help coordinate program logistics.



Orientation

Prior to departure, SFS requires attendance at a pre-departure orientation focused on essential aspects of the program. Students must also research the inherent risks associated with traveling abroad and cultural considerations themselves. Upon arrival to campus, students receive an additional orientation about the local community and culture, center operations, and relevant risks.



Medical Care

SFS maintains detailed risk assessment and management plans. If a medical care facility visit is needed, staff will accompany the student to the appointment. There may be times when medical care is delayed. Students are responsible for all medical costs and all incidental expenses related to injury, illness, or quarantine incurred by any party involved, including but not limited to transportation, accommodations, etc. Some medical conditions may necessitate medical withdrawal from the program. Final decisions on medical withdrawals are made by SFS. See the Health and Safety Guide for more information.



Mental Health Support

Adjusting to new environments while away from usual support systems is challenging. While abroad, there is decreased communication with home, limited privacy, and fewer opportunities for exercise. Many students find the rigorous schedule of SFS programs and the rare opportunities for alone time overwhelming.

SFS is partnered with Telus Health ([My SSP website](#)) to provide students with access to free, mental health and wellness support via WIFI. My SSP is a supplemental resource, and students should work with their mental health provider to create a primary support plan while abroad. See the Health and Safety Guide for more information.



Identity

Each country is shaped by its history, and therefore attitudes towards gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and religion can differ greatly. What seems like discrimination may simply be curiosity. Students should research how their identity might be perceived in a new context.

Studying abroad is a privilege, and it is not our students' place to change the host country's culture or values. SFS campuses are permanent fixtures and home to staff year-round. As representatives of SFS and students' own countries, behavior that is disrespectful, illegal, or contrary to cultural norms can degrade the relationship with the community.



Sexual Health & Wellness

Please consider:

- The ramifications that a short-term relationship may have on a small residential campus or within the local community.
- Access to protection, medication for sexually transmitted infections, and emergency contraception may not be available.
- The current dialogue and understanding of consent in the U.S. does not always apply in other cultures.
- If anyone feels subjected to sexual harassment, they should walk away from the situation without concern for being culturally inappropriate. They can report harassment or assault to any staff member.
- In the case of a sexual assault, SFS provides support to student including access to medical care and support systems and the option to report to law enforcement. However, local laws and limited availability of resources such as rape kits can complicate reports of sexual harassment or sexual assault in foreign countries.



LGBTQIA+

SFS welcomes all students at our centers, but recommends students know the following when traveling:

- Laws and social customs of other countries may criminalize same-sex relationships or certain gender expressions.
- Travelers may experience discrimination and harassment when traveling.
- Some cultural practices are based on traditional gender roles. As a result, when traveling, students might be misgendered.
- Some languages are gendered, resulting in a lack of terms that encompass non-binary and gender-neutral identities.
- In other countries, health services specific to transgender people may be limited or unavailable.
- In some situations, it is not possible to use preferred names or genders (visa paperwork, plane tickets, hotel reservations, and government sites). Gender X is not recognized worldwide, and students may need to provide binary sex information. See the LGBTQ+ Resource Guide for more information.



**PREPARING FOR
DEPARTURE**



Program Costs

The relationship SFS has with students' schools will determine the billing process. Within a week of acceptance, students or their schools will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to reserve their spot. Afterward, we will reach out to students or their schools to collect tuition payments. Up-to-date costs and refund policies can be found [here](#).

Included in SFS program costs are program advising and orientations, tuition and research fees, airport transfers, housing and meals during program time, field excursions and cultural activities, official transcript processing, and evacuation and 24/7 support in case of emergencies.

PROGRAM	BILLING DEADLINE
Spring	November 1st
Summer 1 or 1+2	April 1st
Summer 2	May 1st
Fall	June 1st

BASIC COSTS (BILLED BY SFS)	SEMESTER	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2	SUMMER 1+2
Tuition	\$20,500	\$5,850	\$5,850	\$11,700
Room & Board	\$6,500	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$4,900
BASIC PROGRAM COST	\$27,000	\$8,300	\$8,300	\$16,600
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ESTIMATED, ACTUAL COSTS MAY VARY)				
Airfare	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Passport	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Visa fees (if applicable)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Immunizations/Medications	\$1000	\$600	\$600	\$800
Personal Expenses	\$1000	\$400	\$400	\$800
Program Breaks	\$500	N/A	N/A	\$300
ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$4,800	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$4,200
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS (BASIC + ADDITIONAL COSTS)				
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$31,800	\$11,600	\$11,600	\$20,800



Financial Aid

All students are encouraged to apply for SFS financial aid. Financial aid applications are reviewed on a rolling basis starting in February for summer programs, April for fall programs, and September for spring programs. Early submissions are welcome. Students who submit an SFS financial aid application by the payment deadline will be considered for our full range of aid options. Learn more [here](#).



TRAVEL



PASSPORT

Students must have a passport in hand four months prior to departure that is valid for at least 6 months after their arrival to Tanzania.



VISA

Students will enter Tanzania using a tourist visa which will be applied for and granted before arrival and last 90 days. Tourist visa costs are the responsibility of the student and cost approximately \$100 USD, prices subject to change. Students' tourist visas will be supplemented with a student visa (Residence Permit: Class C) which will cover them for the remainder of their stay. Staff will process and pay for students' student visas.

Non-U.S. citizens may require a different visa process and are responsible for applying for, obtaining, and paying for their own visa valid for the duration of their stay.

If traveling before or after the program, students should make sure that the visa will remain valid for their entire stay.



FLIGHTS

Students are responsible for the cost of flights to and from their program. Students will receive travel instructions at least 2 months prior to the start of their program. Do not book flights before receiving these instructions.

SFS staff will meet students at the airport on the date and time specified in the airport instructions and transport them to the center. Students will receive airport instructions 1-2 weeks prior to the start of their program. If students are traveling before or after the program, they are responsible for meeting the group at the airport at the designated date and time. Additionally, SFS is not responsible for transporting or storing luggage before or after the program.

SFS is not responsible for reimbursing travel expenses for programs canceled or rescheduled due to acts of war or civil unrest, strikes, weather, quarantine/epidemics/sickness, government regulations, or failure of equipment, power, or communications.





Medical Requirements



Medical Approval Process

Students are required to complete the SFS medical approval process. The review is not meant to exclude, but to inform and allow support systems to be put in place. No student may enter the field until medical approval is granted by SFS. See the Health & Safety Guide for more information.



Vaccinations & Medications

Required

- Yellow Fever vaccine
- Malaria prophylactic medication for the entire program and pre- and post-exposure dosage

Recommended

- [Centers for Disease Control](#), travel clinics, or medical providers can provide further recommendations.



International Health Insurance

Students are required to buy international health insurance. Students will receive international health insurance requirements upon acceptance to their program. Keep in mind most companies reimburse medical costs, so students need an emergency credit card/debit card with at least \$3,000 USD to pay for medical expenses upfront.

All students are enrolled in an emergency evacuation and repatriation insurance plan through American International Group, Inc. (AIG) for the duration of their program only. This is supplemental insurance to students' own comprehensive health insurance outlined above. See the Health & Safety Guide for more information.



Accommodating Disabilities

SFS works with students, schools, and physicians to determine required accommodations and whether they can be safely and reasonably maintained on program. We strive to meet students' needs, but due to the remote nature of programs, there are varying levels of accessibility. Questions regarding health or learning accommodations can be directed to the Student Life Department or the Office of Academic Affairs respectively.



PACKING GUIDE



Packing Considerations



Luggage

SFS does not have a specific policy regarding how much or what type of luggage students bring, however, students will be sharing a room, and there is limited space to store belongings. Bring only what can be maneuvered oneself and check with all airlines for luggage restrictions and fees.



Culture & Climate

Most program time is spent in classrooms or vehicles, so students often wear their “normal” clothes more often than their field clothes. However, prepare for lots of dust and sun. It is not necessary to buy new clothing just for this program. Many students bring old clothes to wear in the field and leave behind at the end of the program. Do not bring anything that cannot be damaged!

Dorm room

Crop tops, spandex, and shorter shorts are okay.

Around the center

Loose T-shirts or tank tops that cover back and waist.

Shorts/skirts/dresses mid-thigh or longer, 5-inch inseam minimum.

Pants, leggings, or yoga pants are okay if not sheer material.

Community wear and Guest lectures

Shoulders, blades, knees, and everything in between need to be covered.

No leggings or yoga pants.

No tank tops.

Tsetse flies (which have a nasty bite) are common and are particularly attracted to dark clothing.

While packing, consider the impact of the products brought to the program, both the ingredients and packaging. Plastic can be difficult for waste management in remote environments. Plastic bags are banned in Tanzania. While this law is rarely enforced among tourists, please avoid trash bags, Ziploc bags, and other single-use plastics out of respect for their government and the environment. Think about bringing a reusable tote, metal straw, cloth napkins, etc. We also highly encourage biodegradable soaps, shampoos, and conditioners.





Required Packing

- **Shorts/Skirts** Minimum 5-inch inseam around camp. **SHORTS/SKIRTS MUST COVER KNEES OUTSIDE THE CENTER.**
- **Pants** for field work, lightweight blends for non-field time, and sweatpants. Field pants that can zip to shorts recommended. **LEGGINGS CAN ONLY BE WORN AT THE CENTER.**
- **T-shirts** that completely cover the shoulder, back, and waist. **SPAGHETTI STRAPS, CROP TOPS, AND V-NECKS NOT ALLOWED.**
- **Tank tops** should have wide shoulder-width straps.
- **Long-sleeved shirts** Light-weight fabric for working in the field and heavier ones for warmth.
- **Sweaters/sweatshirts** Recommend fleece. Students are always shocked how cold it gets!
- **Waterproof rain jacket with a hood**
- **Underwear and Socks** 2+ pairs of long, lightweight, moisture-wicking synthetic (not cotton) hiking socks, 1+ pairs of warm socks, and normal socks.
- **Casual/Nice clothes** for off days in town. Only shirts that cover the shoulder, back, and waist and shorts/skirts/pants that cover the knees are permitted. **NO TANK TOPS, LEGGINGS, OR ATHLETIC PANTS OUTSIDE THE CENTER.**
- **Pajamas** appropriate for shared spaces.
- **Sun hat and sunglasses** Hat should have brim.
- **Bandana or Scarf** for the dust.
- **Hiking boots** with thick soles to protect from thorns.
- **Rain boots (SEMESTER ONLY)** can buy locally.
- **Sneakers**
- **Sandals** with heel straps.
- **Flip-flops or crocs** for around the center or showering.

- **One set of sheets, pillow, and pillowcase** Standard twin size. A mosquito net is provided.
- **Sleeping bag** rated for 50°F.
- **Sleeping pad** for camping trips. Foam or inflatable. If inflatable bring duct tape to repair it.
- **Towels** 2 large towels and 1 face/hand towel. Quick dry towels are best!
- **Toiletries and Laundry detergent** Basic items can be bought in town but plan to bring enough for at least a week. Preferably biodegradable.

- **Record of immunizations and Health history**
- **Personal first-aid kit** Consider Anti-itch creams, Neosporin, Bacitracin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, Band-Aids, Tape, Tweezers, Nail clippers, Antihistamines, Pro-biotics, Antidiarrheals, Vitamin C, Cold medicines, Immune boosters, Hydration salts/Liquid IV, etc.
- **Prescriptions** Overseas prescriptions are not always accepted. Bring adequate supplies of prescription medications to last the duration of the program alongside doctors' prescriptions to avoid customs delays. Think about inhalers, allergy medication, contacts/glasses, etc.
- **Motion sickness medication/ Dramamine/ Ginger chews** preferably non-drowsy.
- **Aloe vera gel**
- **Period care** Students can buy pads in town, tampons are not common. We encourage menstrual cups or environmentally friendly, biodegradable options.

- **Flash drives and/or External hard drive** At least 4 GB recommended.
- **Computer** that can open Microsoft Office documents offline and has a USB port or USB port adapter. Download QGIS and R prior to arrival. Both are available online for free.
- **Surge protector and Plug adaptors**
- **Binoculars** Preferably 8 x 40 but anything in the 6 x 30 to 10 x 40 range is fine.
- **Headlamp** Rechargeable recommended.
- **Collapsible chair/camp stool** with 3 or 4 legs.
- **Day pack** Small backpack suitable for taking gear into the field. 15-30L recommended.
- **Notebooks and Pens/Pencils** Can buy locally.
- **Water bottles** 2 bottles with 1L capacity each. Alumni recommend insulated bottles!
- **Insect Repellent** 1+ bottles.
- **Sunscreen** 1+ bottles.
- **Tupperware, Silverware, and Travel mugs** for packing lunches.
- **Clothespins**





Recommended Packing

- **Purse/tote bag** for town.
- **Small clothing repair kit**
- **Laundry bag**
- **Scrub brush** recommended by alumni for laundry
- **Swimsuit**
- **Pocketknife** Checked luggage only.
- **Clipboard**
- **Lightweight Blanket**
- **Hammock** Strongly Recommended by Alumni
- **COVID-19 Tests and Masks** for personal use.
Recommended as local supply may vary.
- **Earplugs and Eye mask**
- **Baby wipes and Hand sanitizer**
- **Journal**
- **Games, Movies on a flash drive, Books, and Crafts**
- **Snacks, Drink powders, and Dietary supplements**
Any favorites.

- **Camera**
- **Voltage converter** if needed for electronics.
- **Headphones and/or Bluetooth speaker** Noise canceling recommended.
- **Waterproof cases for electronics and silicone packets** (or some water-absorbing equivalent).
- **Extra batteries and External battery packs** During some excursions there will be no electricity.
- **HDMI Adapter**
- **Wristwatch**
- **Items to donate to the community** School supplies, books, watches, water bottles, pens, sunglasses, clothing, and sports equipment.



Contact Us

Keep up with SFS Follow us on Instagram [@theSFS](#)/[@SFStanzania](#), read [news from the field](#), and find the [full list of the SFS team bios here!](#)

Questions about billing? Billing@fieldstudies.org

Deposit payments, invoices, billing deadlines, financial aid packages, and loan paperwork.

Questions about health and safety? StudentLife@fieldstudies.org

Medical paperwork, immunizations, managing medical conditions, and dietary needs and preferences.

Questions about academics? Academics@fieldstudies.org

Learning accommodations, syllabi, and directed research.

Questions about admissions or enrollment? Admissions@fieldstudies.org

Which program is the best fit, application materials, and travel and visa logistics.