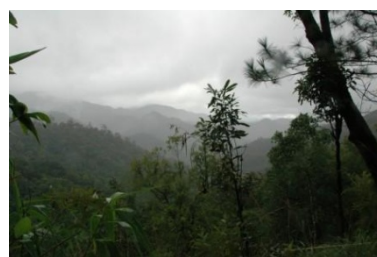




PANG SOONG LODGE, OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE: COMMUNITY SERVICE



Teaching English at village schools

The Pang Soong Lodge has created close partnerships with 4 schools in the Mae On area, whereby we send volunteers, volunteer tourists and visiting schools and corporate groups to undertake English Teaching at these schools.



The experience is highly worthwhile and the students enjoy themselves as much as the volunteer teachers! Additionally, for visiting student groups, the chance to interact with students from a poorer background and in schools very different from their own is often an eye-opening experience.

Student volunteers will be placed in teaching teams of 3-4 students, and provided with teaching materials. They will also spend an afternoon prior to the teaching sessions where they will learn teaching techniques, develop lesson plans and prepare for the challenges of controlling a classroom.

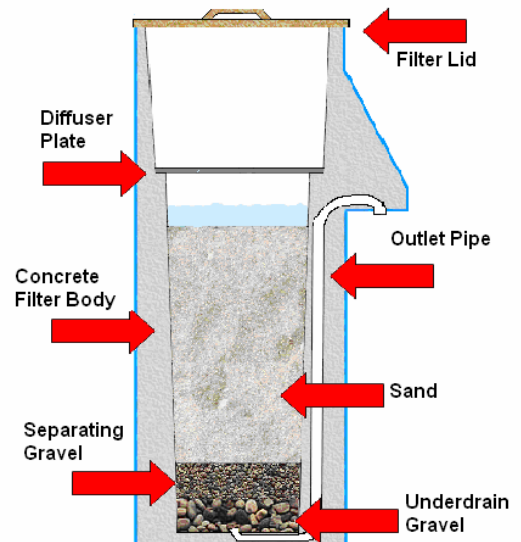
Teaching can take place for as little as half a day, up to as long as several days as a time.

Pang Soong Community Development Option 2 – Bio-sand water filter manufacture and delivery

Problem: There is an undeniable need for clean water throughout the developing world. Every year there are over 1 million deaths related to unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene. Over 1.1 billion people lack access to clean water.

Solution: The Biosand water filter is an ingenious and simple solution that puts an effective stand alone water filter (75cm high x 30cm wide x 30 cm deep) in individual households and/or schools. The simple sand filter elements remove over 99.9% of all pathogens, and 97% of *E.coli bacteria* (an indicator of fecal contamination.)

Students will be split into teams, and then spend the day travelling to the recipient rural school or village where a small 'thank you' ceremony accompanies the donation of the filter(s). After the ceremony they will explore the sites of the area, in the company of their local hosts, before returning to Pang Soong Lodge.



Pang Soong Community Development Option 3 – Small construction projects in villages and schools

A range of small construction projects are awaiting the help of visiting student groups. When on-site students will be divided in to project teams and provided with a series of tasks to complete, each of which is important to the project. At certain intervals, project teams will switch to new projects – tasks may include clearing land, leveling land, planting trees, painting, sanding, moving materials etc.

Students will work alongside local village workers and the entire project will be managed by the Pang Soong Lodge team.

THB 10'000 and up.



Primary School toilet construction, THB 25,000

Hygiene is so important for young children, and the construction of better toilet facilities provides noticeable improvements in the hygiene of the school facilities. Project includes the construction of a three room toilet block, with western style toilets and tiled floors.

Restoration of old toilet block at Primary School, THB 15,000

Hygiene is so important for young children, and the improvement of existing toilet facilities provides significant improvements in the hygiene of the school facilities. This project includes the painting of an existing toilet block, and laying tiles on the floor.



Canteen improvements at Primary School, THB 98,500

The canteen is a central part of any school, and should be clean, hygienic and with excellent drainage.

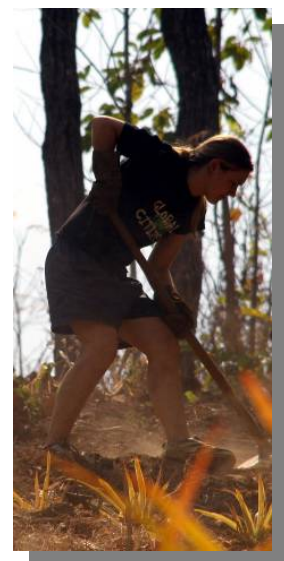
This project involves improving the flooring of the canteen by making it level and laying new tiles, and then cleaning and repainting the building.

Agricultural project at Primary School, THB 350,000 (Total)

This project is a substantial one that provides considerable long term benefits of a tangible and educational nature. Firstly, the project involved creating a sustainable agricultural project at a school that would allow the school to:

- a) Grow and utilise fresh fruits and vegetables at the school canteen
- b) Learn about organic agricultural methods

Phase 1 of the project includes preparing the land, setting up the water system, purchasing fruit and vegetables to grow, setting up an organic compost system and providing basic tools. The project can be broken down into phases to reduce costs for any given donor.



Pang Soong Community Development Option 4 – Pang Soong Nature Trail construction

The Pang Soong Nature Trails represent a partnership between Track of the Tiger and the local village of Ban Mai Lai. Whilst the nature trails themselves are located within the community-managed forest, and are therefore owned by the village itself, Track of the Tiger has provided the funding, volunteers and construction planning to create a series of stunning nature trails up and around the Mae Lai stream and its 17 waterfalls.



Students can be involved in the continued development of the nature trails, which includes:

1. Trail construction – leveling, pouring concrete
2. Trail feature construction – building steps, hand railings, bamboo bridges
3. Trail comfort – building shelters, benches
4. Trail education features – building signs and formulating information about the forest to present on the signs.

The project can involve many elements and provides students a chance to work alongside local village workers on a project that aims to create an ecotourism product that can eventually be managed by the village themselves.



Pang Soong Community Development Option 5 – Funding and leading an Eco-English Camp for local students

Track of the Tiger runs a series of Eco-English Camps for students at some of the local schools around the Pang Soong Lodge. The goal is to develop English skills whilst simultaneously teaching the students about their environment, the forests and sustainability.



This is achieved via classroom style sessions, nature walks, environmental games, confidence building team games and more.

International schools may choose to fund an Eco-English Camp and also allow its students, after being trained, to participate in the management of the camp, including running lessons, being team building facilitators and running game sessions.