

Bolivia



2026 Edina Rotary Global Scholars Global Education Expedition

Discover Bolivia: Exploring Land, Culture, and Community

March 13-23, 2026

Experience Bolivia in March 2026! Join the Edina Rotary Global Scholars to explore Bolivia's landscapes and vibrant communities while engaging in cultural exchange, service, and environmental learning. Open to EHS students in grades 9-12 (with priority given to Global Scholars), this 10-day trip is led by Lindsey Smaka in collaboration with Kagumu Adventures.

Student & Parent Info Session: Monday, October 20, 6:30 pm

[Google Meet Recording Link](#)
[Meeting Slides](#)



Highlights include:

- **Cultural Exploration:** Homestays with Quechua families, traditional dance, weaving, and music.
- **Global Collaboration:** Exchange with local Bolivian youth groups.
- **Service & Sustainability:** Water ecosystem restoration, farming, canoe building, rainforest conservation.
- **Environmental Insights:** Witness flamingos, trek the Amazon, and explore salt flats.
- **Adventure:** La Paz cable cars, Uyuni Salt Flats, Amazon hike, and Andean rituals.

This expedition combines learning, service, and adventure, offering a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in Bolivia's culture and spirit while giving back to the community. Join us to make a difference and expand your worldview!

Global Scholars: Fulfills **Rotary, Global Collaboration, and Capstone course** Requirements!

Accommodations: single-sex hotel rooms, hostels, and homestays (in groups of 2-3 students)

[Student Application - Due October 27th!](#)

Why Join the Trip?

This may be a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Students will:

- Immerse yourself in Bolivia's rich cultural and natural heritage.
- Engage in service projects tied to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Earn EHS credits, volunteer hours, and strengthen college applications.
- Experience an unforgettable mix of adventure, service, and education.
- Contribute positively to the host communities in Bolivia.



Cost Information

- **Total Cost:** Approximately \$4,500, which includes flights, meals, activities and accommodations.
- **Payment Plan:** After a \$1,000 deposit, the remaining amount will be divided into three-part payments.
- **Financial Assistance:** Need-based & merit-based grants, as well as active fundraising opportunities, are available to help offset costs.

How to Apply

- **Student & Parent Info Session: Monday, October 20, 6:30 pm**
- **[Submit your Application](#) by October 27th!** to secure priority consideration.
- **Deposit:** Turn in a \$500 deposit upon acceptance to the program.
- **Spots Available:** Only 21 spots are available - apply on time! Waitlists will be created if necessary.

[Student Application - Due November 3rd!](#)

Questions?

- Visit Ms. Smaka in room E232
- Email Lindsey Smaka at lindsey.smaka@edinaschools.org

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