**Muskegon Community College**

**BIOL 101BEL / ICS 101BEL, Field Studies in Belize**


Tentative itinerary in Belize

**Fri., Dec. 28**  Arrival & travel to Sleeping Giant Lodge (formerly Sibun Education and Adventure Lodge). Evening safety presentation and activity.

**Sat., Dec. 29**  Hike in the jungle to learn about medicinal plants from one of our guides. Also a guided trip down a river (tubing) to visit a cave with Mayan artifacts.

**Sun., Dec. 30**  Awake early for trip to Tikal National Park in Guatemala. Explore this large excavated Mayan site and learn about the history / culture of the Mayan civilization.

**Mon., Dec. 31**  Complete a stream ecology and water quality study of the Sibun River. Tour the Orchid Botanical Garden at Caves Branch. Participate in orchid conservation and label your own rescued orchid.

**Tues., Jan. 1**  Visit two other very different Mayan ruins (Cahal Pech, Xunantunich). Shopping and other tourist activities in San Ignacio. Concluding the evening with Dinner together at specified restaurant.

**Wed., Jan. 2**  Visit the Belize Zoo: see native Belizean animals in a naturalistic habitat and learn about jaguar conservation. Depart for home

*Additional opportunities will be given for morning guided bird hikes as well as night jungle hikes.*

A note about meals:  Breakfast and Dinner will be served each day in the lodge as family/buffet style. Lunch will be provided “on location”. Food in Belize is substantial, but not particularly exotic. Rice, beans, chicken, and interesting fruits are the standard cuisine. Fruit juice and water are provided. Soda pop can be purchased. Vegetarian meals can easily be accommodated.