Sierra Leone and Back Again

Engineers Without Borders completed a successful assessment trip to Baoma, Sierra Leone during this winter break. Five students and three mentors spent ten days, beginning on December 28th, 2011, conducting concurrent Latrine and Water assessments.

The Latrine Project Team surveyed the new school site’s land, situated on a challenging slope. Spending one day teaching the school children and meeting them was a highlight of the trip. Next, the Latrine Team will start the final design and implantation for the local school.

The Water Project Team collected data from five different water sources and met with the leaders of Baoma to work out potential policies. On the next assessment trip, the Water Projects team will present multiple water quality solutions to the community of Baoma.

We are excited by the enthusiasm and effort shown by these Sierra Leoneans to improve their community!

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One of our largest challenges is raising money to fund materials, equipment, and travel costs.
Discovery Space Museum

While many students are working hard on the Latrine and Water Projects, others have stayed involved with the local community. Penn State students taught three afterschool classes at the New Discovery Space Children’s Museum in State College. These lessons ranged from building toothpick structures, making catapults, to learning about circuits with electricity-conducting play-dough. EWB-PSU is looking forward to developing more classes this coming semester.

EWB Club Events

Last semester, EWB-PSU enjoyed the outdoors by camping in the Poconos for a weekend. Students got to know each other hiking, rock climbing, and even some zip lining.

In November, EWB-PSU traveled to New York City to attend the EWB -Northeast Regional Conference at Columbia University. Lessons focused on technical training, cultural considerations, and also allowed students to share relevant experiences.

EWB-PSU is now looking forward to the International EWB conference in March.

Finally, during the last week before finals week, EWB-PSU held its first ever Holiday Potluck. We look forward to camping, broomball, EWB-USA conference, a banquet, and, of course, project meetings this semester!

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