Where we went?

• **Elephant Nature Park**, a unique conservation project set in Chiang Mai Province, Northern Thailand has been in operation since in the 1990's with a goal to provide a sanctuary and elephant rescue center.
Who & Why?

- 18 students from animal, equine and agricultural science.
- 2 lectures and 1 staff member.
- International experience!!
- Arranged with our lectures and course coordinator and made a subject out of it; wildlife conservation.
- Or did it as practical experience for our course.
How?

• We went on a volunteer program to the ENP for 2 weeks. Either side of this we stayed in Chiang Mai for a few nights.
• **CSU global** organised everything for us and gave us $500 each towards our trip.
• We got sponsorship from IGA and did fundraising to lower the costs.
• Cost – $500 a week at the park (included food, accommodation, transport, etc.)
  – Approx $1000 for flights.
  – Approx $200 for accommodation in Chiang Mai.
  – Approx $500 for spending money and extras.
What we did.

• Daily Chores;
  – Preparing elephant food,
  – Cleaning up elephant poo or
  – Cutting corn.
• Morning Projects;
  - Cleaning out mudpit
  - Making mud bricks
  - Collecting rice husk
  - Cleaning and housekeeping
  - Sandbagging
• Daily elephant feeding and bathing
• Local village school trip;
• Rescued an elephant from trekking camp.
- Learnt about the plight of the Asian elephant in Thailand.
  - Every elephant was there for a reason and most had very painful histories.
• Children’s Day in hill-tribe village.
Land conservation
• Interacted with elephants every day!!
Chiang Mai
Videos

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Why should you study overseas?

• Personal growth
• Experience new culture
• Meet new people and friends
• Visit unique places
• Exciting & FUN opportunity!