

STEM Adventures at SEGA 2024: FAQ

We are in the early stages of organizing this year's trip, so more information will be shared in the weeks and months to come!

1. What are the STEM Adventures at SEGA dates?

- The program is scheduled from June 20 - July 2! We will arrive in Dar es Salaam on Thursday, June 20, and depart on Tuesday, July 2. Please book your flights to arrive around 14:00 (2 PM local Tanzania time). We will arrange for transportation to [Mediterraneo Boutique Hotel](#) for dinner and overnight accommodations.

2. Which students will be participating in the STEM Adventure at SEGA Program?

- SEGA's Form 1 students will be partaking in the program. In Tanzania, the participation of female students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines in Higher Education is low. According to UNESCO, women in Tanzania represent 40% of university enrollment, but only about 24% are enrolled in STEM. To achieve higher levels of girls' participation in STEM subjects [Nurturing Minds](#) and SEGA have planned this STEM extracurricular program that will reinforce concepts learned in class, make STEM learning interactive and accessible, and emphasize the myriad possibilities of careers in STEM for women!

3. Who is leading the STEM Adventures at SEGA Program?

- This year's program will be supported by Nurturing Minds, Cultural Exchange Coordinator, Myranda. The STEM Program Volunteer Leader(s), SEGA's Deputy Head of School, and SEGA's STEM teaching staff all play a key role in coordinating the short-term volunteers.

4. What are the activities of the program?

- Modeled after our English Fluency Program, the STEM Adventures at SEGA Program will include student and volunteer-led activities to engage in science practices in the lab and in the field. We will explore, explain, and evaluate the environment through the lens of a chemist, biologist, mathematician, physicist, and environmentalist. Students will be participating in week-long activities learning relevant science topics. The program will culminate with an end-of-week Science Share, a field trip to a nearby Hydroelectric plant, and special guest speakers from scientists in Tanzania!



5. What will I be doing every day?

- We have built and designed a well-balanced itinerary that keeps our target goal and objective of the program in mind, allows for ample opportunities to get to know the students, and has planned excursions outside of SEGA's campus for you to explore Morogoro and Tanzania! While on campus you and your counterpart volunteer teachers will lead morning and afternoon lessons, fun activities, and reading sessions. We have a detailed lesson plan to provide volunteer teachers with very specific lessons that are easy to follow and implement - but also flexible! Outside of the program, there are cultural exchange opportunities with students such as sports, cooking, and dancing! We want you to explore and enjoy your time in Tanzania as well, and we have planned a weekend safari trip to the local [Mikumi National Park](#).

6. What is the COVID-19 vaccination rate of Tanzania and SEGA Girls' School?

- SEGA and Nurturing Minds recommend that all SEGA staff be up to date on COVID-19 vaccines. SEGA has been diligent in hosting 2 COVID-19 health talks and vaccine clinics for teachers and staff. 28 out of 63 SEGA staff members have been vaccinated. 44% of our campus staff is up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.
 - i. Currently, Tanzania is not vaccinating youth 18 years of age and younger because of this, no SEGA students are vaccinated.

7. What happens if I go to Tanzania and I contract COVID-19?

- SEGA has developed a COVID-19 response plan to keep all visitors, and the SEGA community healthy and safe. If you are interested in reviewing the policy please email myranda@nurturingmindsinafrica.org.

8. Do I need to be up to date on all my COVID-19 vaccinations to volunteer?

- Yes. Nurturing Minds requires that all visitors be up to date on all COVID-19 vaccines as recommended by the CDC.

9. How can I find out more information about traveling and COVID-19?

- We are advising all travelers to monitor the CDC and the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania websites for all information about COVID-19 and/or other health concerns before and traveling. You should also register with the **State Department's STEP Program** which will provide you with travel warnings, etc during your time in the country.



10. What is included in the land costs?

- **Single accommodation total land cost is: \$2,355**
- **Double accommodation total land cost is: \$2,288**

Single and double accommodation will be available in the Mediterraneo Hotel and Hotel Slipway. The SEGA Visitor House only offers double accommodation rooms.

- Included in all land costs are accommodations at the SEGA Visitor House, accommodation at Hotel Slipway and Mediterraneo Boutique Hotel, food at all hotels and SEGA Visitor House, excursions around Morogoro, all tips and gratuities for non-SEGA staff, tips and gratuities for SEGA Visitor House personnel, all off-campus tours and activities fees including a 2-day safari in Mikumi National Park, and all round-trip transportations including drivers tips.

11. What is not included in the land costs?

- Not included in the land costs are fees for obtaining a Tanzania Multi-Entry Visa (USD 100), airfare, alcohol, soda, snacks, Travel Health Insurance including emergency medical evacuation, any COVID-19-related costs, and any souvenirs that may be purchased.

12. Is there a deposit?

- Yes, a deposit of \$500 is required at the time of booking.

13. What is the deadline for booking?

- The deadline for making a deposit and letting us know you will be volunteering and traveling to SEGA is **Tuesday, April 30, 2024.**

14. Is there a payment schedule?

- We are offering a payment schedule for those who would prefer. You also have the option of making full payment at the time of booking.

Deposit due at booking

2nd payment due: March 31, 2024

Final payment due 2 weeks before departure: June 5, 2024

15. How do I book?

- Complete our volunteer application form and Nurturing Minds Cultural Exchange Coordinator will follow up with you!

<https://forms.gle/5vd12QiiSMiRhwVw9>

16. I am not a teacher or scientist, but I am enthusiastic and want to help! Will I be trained in teaching and the program curriculum?



- Yes! Our STEM Committee will be hosting Zoom training sessions in April - June 2024 before our scheduled departure date to review important logistics and travel information including teaching and the curriculum. Once we arrive we will meet multiple times for group planning sessions to discuss, prepare, and plan for the curriculum and teaching. Every evening after dinner we will also debrief, evaluate, and plan for the following day's plan. There is also a designated day on the SEGA campus to get oriented with the program materials, volunteers, students, and campus before the program begins!

17. What if I do not want to travel to SEGA, but I want to support the program? What are my options?

- We appreciate all your help to ensure our program is a success! Donations towards supplies and programmatic expenses along with volunteering on our STEM Committee are two great options to be involved! Email Miranda at miranda@nurturingmindsinafrica.org to ask how you can support from home.

18. Who should I contact if I am interested in participating or learning more about the 2024 STEM Adventures at SEGA program?

- If you are interested in participating in this year's program contact miranda@nurturingmindsinafrica.org!