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# Let's Do Something Different, Together.



### **Built In Community**

As we explore the world, many of us are looking for that same thing...community. We find so many families are looking for friends that their children can rely on to play and learn with. We are looking for the same for our five children. We are also looking for that for ourselves, as parents.

Additionally, so many families are looking for consistency with teachers so that their children feel comfortable and know what to expect. We know that children thrive when activities are based on our child's abilities and zone of have additional enrichment opportunities because we bring about our backgrounds as a professional writer, musician, martial artist and teacher. We have a combined 30 years in schools and classrooms, and we have seen the ins and outs of how traditional schools in the US work. We have learned what we think works and doesn't work for our own children.



With five children the same age as many of your own, we have decided that homeschooling our children while traveling the world is giving us the life we desire. We have a built-in community of other parents doing the same thing as we are and that has made a world of difference for us.

Join us as you travel in Southeast Asia with your family and get in on the game nights, the dinners, the birthday parties and explorations!

This is the travel piece you have been missing.

This is the COMMUNITY you have been looking for!

# Are you ready to travel? Do you want your kids to be learning? Do your kids want a consistent friend group? How about you? Are you looking for like-minded parents?



This is not just a drop off homeschooling program. That is just one part. We are talking about having that built in group for birthday parties, pizza nights, parent dinners, and lazy beach days. Let's sit by the pool, take a sporting class together, or sit around talking about all the amazing countries we want to go to. We love to release sky lanterns, make s'mores, and let the kids

show off their singing skills. Join us in talking about philosophies, art pieces and stories we have written. Join us for a complete experience of traveling like one large family.

#### Meet the Founders & Teachers

We are Solomon and Amanda Dixon and we are here by way of Buffalo, New York with our five children. You can read our bios and it will tell you all about Solomon's experience in middle and high schools. You can read about how his focus was on social emotional development through multiple creative avenues.

Our bios will go into detail about Amanda's background as an elementary school teacher in traditional classrooms. This alone won't give you the energy and vibe of Forever Wild, but it'll give you a start. We are the owners, the teachers and the community leaders of Forever Wild and our passion is building a community centered around alternative types of education for homeschooling and worldschooling families.



#### Solomon Dixon

Writing, dancing, singing, playing the keys, Jujitsu, mountain climbing, breathwork, meditation, and Qigong. These are just some the arts of choices of Solomon Dixon. After working with not-for-profit groups, Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in his early 20's, Solomon Dixon turned his efforts elsewhere. He found that teaching and performing were his primary passions. He began teaching writing, self-expression, and poetry around the United States and developed writing workshops for over 20 schools as well as working with over 30,000 students! He has shared his passion for writing with adolescents in a way that develops a writer at their very core. After growing up in foster care and being adopted as an adolescent, Solomon turned his trouble beginnings into a passion for mentorship and sharing life experiences to help each child become the best version of themselves.



Solomon has opened for Salt -N- Pepa, Public Enemy, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings, and other well know music groups and artist. He won So You Think You Can Dance New York Chapter and continues to use dance to open creative doors for children helping the to gain confidence and believe in themselves. After he co-founded The Living Poets Society, Solomon Dixon competed at the national level for individual and group competitions for spoken word poetry. He placed in the Top 50 Spoken Word artists in the world.

Solomon is a native to Syracuse, NY but in 2020, the Dixon family relocated to the Dominican Republic to open Forever Wild Children's Garden. He has been crucial to the ethos and community building between the children. Working daily on growth within ourselves through ai gong, meditation and breathwork, the kids are always excited to



see what challenges and activities Solomon will come up with each day!

#### Amanda Dixon

After teaching for nearly two decades in the United States, Amanda Dixon and her family moved to the Dominican Republic in 2020 to open their first international micro school, Forever Wild Children's Garden. In her early years,



she attended Canisius College in Buffalo, New York and earned her Bachelors' and Masters' Degree in Elementary Education. Throughout her 20's and 30's, Amanda Dixon has taught in charter schools and private schools in the cities of Buffalo, NY. Specializing in turning the most reluctant readers into reading super stars, Amanda focused all her efforts on raising the reading levels of young children at the elementary level at that time.

After years of work in the traditional school setting, she has turned her efforts elsewhere. She began to study different forest schools and styles of education. She has become fascinated by the idea that children can learn without explicit instruction while sitting in chairs, teachers lecturing and countless workbook pages. She has learned how children can explore, create and build outside in nature and become just as strong of readers, mathematicians and scientists. After having her own children, she began to design programming that would be built for them as they grew and attempted to implement into her own traditional classroom.

Teaching in schools hasn't been the only art keeping her busy. Gymnastics, dance, and drawing are the arts of choice for Amanda Dixon. After a decade in competitive gymnastics, Amanda turned to coaching and then taking dance classes at a local studio. Nowadays, she has turned all those arts into her classroom and instruction for children to explore.



With a background in traditional teaching from United States, Amanda Dixon brings that knowledge to build an exceptional homeschool enrichment program for children.

## Our Forever Wild Drop Off Program

Forever Wild Members will have monthly access to our learning space where

we use our very own designed activities that focus on self discovery, building confidence and enriching their minds. These activities and offerings are customized for each group. You will see children of all ages doing handstands, obstacle courses, running and jumping and climbing on the same day as them meditating, singing and dancing. They will have opportunities to write and read and create. We always find ways to



incorporate stick work and balance into our daily routine.

Alongside our daily hoemschooling enrichment, we work on building bonds, community, and confidence. We strengthen our voices to help us in all we do, and in turn, to help others. Enrichment examples we have covered are animal survival adaptations, geography, civilizations, governments and religions around the world, literature and creative writing. Enrichment varies month to month based on the children enrolled.

#### **Drop Off Program Hours and Days**

Our drop off program runs Monday through Thursday each week. Members can choose the morning session (9am-1pm) or the afternoon session (1pm-3pm) or both. The location where our drop off program is held will be sent out to those registered so that they can book accommodations accordingly.



#### <u>Fun Fridays</u>

The Forever Wild Drop Off Program runs Monday through Thursday, which leaves Fridays open. Those days we leave open for families to plan visits to temples, take cooking classes, take language lessons, visit theme parks, and more. All excursions would incur separate fees but families usually attempt to book together to receive the best group rates.

#### The Rhythm at Forever Wild

The morning session children arrive around 9am and can join in different free play activities. The children just joining us in the afternoon will arrive at

1pm. Below is an example of a schedule one day:

- 9:20am Arts and Theatre Games
- 10am Science Phenomena Fun & Explorations
- 11am Lunch Time and Meditation & Breathwork
- 12pm Story and Illustrations Club
- 1pm Stick Work and Obstacle Courses
- 2pm Creative Writing

Here is an example of another day:

- 9:20am Social Skills Games and What Would You Do?
- 10am Drawing and Making Explorations
- 11am Lunch Time and Sports
- 12pm Poetry and Public Speaking
- 1pm Stick Work and Qi Gong
- 2pm Fun with Numbers, Back to Basics

Some children will leave at 1pm, while others choose to stay for the afternoon sessions. The afternoon sessions end at 3pm.

The beauty in this type of homeschooling enrichment is that we block off an hour for each section, just to keep a rhythm. This type of loose schedule blocking leaves plenty of room between each activity to run and jump and climb and play. No matter how old they are, PLAY is so important for their bonding and social development. Join in our morning session, afternoon session or BOTH!

The rhythm is subject to change based on a special activity we might be offering one day, the weather, or the focus of the children. Let's just say we are not going to stop an amazing music session to move on if the children are thriving  $\odot$ 



#### Characteristics of Families that Thrive at Forever Wild

- Families that are looking for COMMUNITY!
- Families that are looking to raise their children in a village where all members of the village can give advice, redirection, support to all children
- Families who have children excited about learning new things
- Families that have children that can self-regulate emotions and behavior in a group
- Families that have children that can remain engaged in a group setting
- Families that feel it is important to have boundaries for their children's behavior and that promote their children's pro-social behavior in a group setting
- Families that understand the Forever Wild instruction at our activity center is adult and teacher led and modeled for children to have ample opportunity to practice new skills with the mentorship of adults
- Families that expect their children to follow the directions of an adult leader. For example, when an adult asks the children to come join in the circle, your family desires for your child to join the activity.
   Another example would be if an adult asks your child to stop running with scissors that your family would support that your child stops running.
- Families that promote positive language and positive behavior

It is best for members to be completely transparent about their family and children before joining our community. We find that for all community members to thrive, we need all families on board with the above. If it doesn't feel like a good fit for your family at this time, we are also happy to make recommendations for other programs that would work for your family.

# Sample Community Itinerary

#### Sunday:

Welcome Community Dinner or Beach Day

#### Monday:

Forever Wild Program 9am- 1pm and 1pm – 3pm Board Game Club 5:00pm – 6:00pm Swimming Fun 6pm – 7pm

#### Tuesday:

Forever Wild Program 9am- 1pm and 1pm – 3pm Community Dinner and Family Games 6pm – 7:30 pm

#### Wednesday:

Forever Wild Program 9am- 1pm and 1pm - 3pm Swimming Fun 6pm- 7pm

#### Thursday:

Forever Wild Program 9am- 1pm and 1pm – 3pm Community Check In Meeting 3pm – 3:30pm

#### Friday:

Optional Field Trip Adventure: 11am – 5pm Dad's Night Out Dinner and Pool Tables

#### Saturday:

Optional Excursion and Tour: 11am – 5pm Mom's Night Out Book Club Dinner



#### Clubs

Outside of our Forever Wild Activity Center time, families have run children's book clubs, craft clubs, philosophy clubs, and board game clubs. Different parents have also led round table discussions, a sporting opportunity, parent nights out, and more. These clubs are up to whatever amazing ideas the parents in the sessions have for the kids! We can't wait to see what clubs our community will run this year ©

#### Community Dinners and Check Ins

Our weekly community check in meetings are an amazing way to connect throughout our time together. These gatherings are designed to keep everyone on the same page and foster a supportive community. During our check in meetings, we can address any concerns or needs families have, together. After our check in meetings.

#### <u>Travel and Accommodations</u>

DaNang, Vietnam and Penang, Malaysia have been chosen based on a variety of factors, some being popularity among families, ease to visit, cultural history, and/ or activities for families. Families are welcome to research all of the exciting opportunities in each place and share with the group! We are a community.

In some locations, it is possible that we all book a villa or hotel in the same residential area. Families will have an opportunity to book housing once we have our final group established. Accommodations together are always optional and families are invited to book based on budget, desires, etc.

Forever Wild is not responsible for accommodations, Airbnbs, travel or visa advice in any location. We will share the locations of the learning space as well as any advice we have on locations recommended by the group once each family has registered.

## Let's Hear from Some Past Members

"Our family spent more than 4 months traveling with Forever Wild around Southeast Asia. Our teen boys (who usually spend most of their time behind a computer screen) ran around barefoot in a jungle garden every day with monkeys, snakes, and turtles; learned jiujitsu, survival skills, how to twirl and balance sticks, sang, wrote, and explored. They found mentors in Amanda and Solomon, who inspired them to further develop their talents and skills and challenged them to think differently and push themselves. Inspired by Solomon, our oldest has found a love of spoken word poetry and wrote and performed several very insightful poems. They developed so much confidence, and as part of the teen leadership program, they taught classes on coding and government to the younger kids. If you are looking for a different way of learning and growing than what you find in a traditional school, we would highly recommend Forever Wild!"

-Sharla, Parent of Teens

"Forever Wild has been a great experience for our family! The community aspect of this program is truly unmatched. We've formed deep, meaningful relationships with Amanda and Solomon, their children, and other families that we now consider lifelong friends. Our children have thrived in this world schooling environment, engaging in diverse learning activities that go beyond the traditional classroom. From exploring the rich cultures of Southeast Asia to participating in creative workshops and outdoor adventures, every day is filled with new and exciting experiences. The support and camaraderie among the families make this program truly special. We can only speak for our experience, but we recommend Forever Wild for adventurous world schooling families....."

-Michael and Judy, Parents of a Tween and Teen

"We have been part of the Forever Wild Southeast Asia travelling community and have hugely enjoyed our experience. Our children have thrived under Amanda and Solomon Dixons mentorship, while attending workshops, play sessions and physical activities in community centres, beaches and jungles. The Forever Wild team are passionate about

"Forever Wild was the most amazing experience for our son! Such a caring, fun and adventure filled learning environment! Amanda and Solomon are wonderful. We can't say enough great things about our time with them!" -Karen, Mom of younger child

"A wonderful, enchanting place that my girls absolutely loved, and still talk about. Amanda and Solomon make the perfect attentive team. Whilst there, I saw my very reserved 7-year old's eyes sparkle and light up in a way I have never seen before. I wish I could bottle up the school and take it with us on our travels!!To any worldschoolers looking for a hub to spend your time, look no further."

-Kate, Parent with younger children

"This place has been absolutely PERFECT for my 10-year-old daughter. She loves it here. We moved to the area several months ago and she has made so many friends from around the world. Her reading has improved as well as her confidence! It's never a chore waking her up for school in the mornings...She's excited to go! Which means that mom loves Forever Wild too! Highly recommend."

-Oria, Parent with a younger child

"What an AMAZING experience for our 8 year old daughter to come to Forever Wild. I was looking for an international kids' camp where our daughter could be immersed in a different culture and enjoy connecting with other children while my husband and I enjoyed a little downtime for ourselves. Forever Wild was the perfect choice! Our daughter absolutely LOVED it and asked to go every day. She learned so many new things and her favorite part was roasting s'mores and the lantern ceremony at night where all the families



set intentions and released lanterns at the beach. Amanda and Solomon are the kindest most patient and loving people I have ever met! Our

providing the children in their care with a full and rounded experience and we are grateful for our time with them. We have surely made new, long-term friendships in both the Dixon family and in the community they bought together. For an untraditional, child led, fun and educational environment we highly recommend Forever Wild."

-Vicki, Parent of a younger child and teen

"Our family attended Forever Wild. It's all about the arts, music, dance, martial arts and mindfulness. There's books, craft and nature while science and mathematics are present in their activities but not the focus. The outdoors and being physical and away from any devices is prioritized."

-Renee, Parent of a younger child and two teens

"Our kids enjoyed attending Forever Wild. They learned not only academics but also life skills. Amanda and Solomon are very attentive and caring. As we travel, I continue to look for schools just like Forever Wild, unfortunately, there are none. We truly do miss them."

-Shae, Parent with younger children

"So happy that we made the decision to go to the DR and put our kids into the wonderful Forever Wild Children's Garden. They've had the times of their lives there for the past year or so, made so many friends, had so many unique experiences- memories of a lifetime thanks to the amazing Solomon and Amanda!"

-John, Parent with two younger children



"My son joined Forever Wild Children's Garden since it began (in 2021). This has been an amazing experience that has touched my son's heart forever. Amanda and Solomon are fantastic teachers and let out child learn and be himself with respect and boundaries. They have built a perfect balance between freedom and discipline. My child is thriving and we just want to say thank you for this amazing place where children can be children."

-Katherine and Javier, Parents with a younger child

daughter absolutely LOVED her experience at Forever Wild and we enjoyed connecting with other families while on vacation and meeting forever friends ourselves. Thank you Forever Wild for enriching our vacation in LT!
-Mary, Parent of a younger child

"A magical and nurturing place for our kiddos to play outdoors, get some enrichment, have some nature adventures, and make new friends during our summer time stay in Las Terrenas. They loved it and we'll definitely be sending them again the next time we are in town! Thanks Amanda and Solomon!"

-Luke, Parent with younger children

"For our sons to feel included, even with risks, has meant the world to us. And as parents trying to figure out how we want to raise our kids on a path that is not the predetermined one, having a safe space to try out something new was invaluable. We are so grateful for this period, however brief. It is a lasting experience."

-Elizabeth, Parent with younger children

"I met Amanda & Solomon in the DR where they created a wonderful space where kids learned things they wouldn't normally learn in a regular classroom — a space that really encouraged their curiosity and that really brought them closer to nature. It was not about meeting a typical school curriculum or lesson plan, but rather a space for kids to learn about so many other areas that they would not learn in a traditional classroom. They bring people (such as myself) together to come and teach the kids about subjects that they are passionate about, on top of them teaching the kids everything they know. If your idea of world schooling is finding a standard academic structure in a foreign country, then perhaps this is not a fit for you. But, if you are looking for a place where your kids are encouraged to be present and have fun and be curious and ask questions about anything and everything, this is the perfect place! Spending time with the kids at Forever Wild in the DR as well as in one of their specialty camps, I saw kids thrive!"

-Tanya, Guest Teacher

# Da Nang Monthly Membership Options

\*Community Access Fee

\$400 per family

Morning Drop Off Program 9 AM – 1 PM

\$875 per child

Afternoon Drop Off Program
1 PM - 3 PM

\$325 per child

# Penang Monthly Membership Options

\*Community Access Fee

\$400 per family

Morning Drop Off Program 10 AM – 2 PM

\$875 per child

#### What Do Fees Include?

The Community Access Fee includes access to all community events, WhatsApp groups, community check in meetings, and any meetups.

\*This fee is paid per family and is required of each family.

The Morning Drop Off Program Fees provide access to the morning session. Parents can drop their children off for this allotted time slot Monday – Friday. This fee is paid per child.

The Afternoon Drop Off Program Fees provide access to the afternoon session. Parents can drop their children off for this allotted time slot Monday – Friday. This fee is paid per child.

# Refund Policy and Future Credits

Sometimes travel plans change or emergencies arise and families that have a membership might no longer be able to join us. Due to the nature of the program, travel planning and all families involved, all program fees are nonrefundable. In the event your family is unable to attend a session due to an emergency, you can use the amount you paid for that session as a credit for another one of our programs in the same year.

# Payment Options

Payments can be made via PayPal, Venmo, Zelle or Bank transfer.

#### Are You Ready to Join Us?!

At Forever Wild, we have designed communities that are perfect for home schoolers, digital nomad families, traveling families and worldschoolers to be involved in as they travel. This is a beautiful option to consider for families looking for an alternative to using short term, large international schools or big box travel programs as they venture out to see the world.

We are educating the future alongside play, personal development, creativity, breath work, and exploration. The activities are designed by us for families. We have lots of kids of our own and plenty of experience working in educational settings!

Drop into our Forever Wild Community while you travel around the world! Join in the pizza nights, the open mic nights, the game nights. Release sky lanterns with us, go exploring in temples, learn new languages....and most importantly, join the many families from around the world in all hands in shouting, "1....2.... 3....Forever Wild!"

Reach out for your registration form today!