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our commitment to safety

At LPF, our number one priority is the safety of our Student Coaches, Campers and staff. We work very hard to meet this commitment by employing a number of safeguards from the moment participants apply to our arrival back in the U.S. These safeguards include:

- Working closely with local providers in La Paz who LPF staff have come to know and trust. These include everyone from hotel staff, restaurant owners and bus drivers to teachers and tour guides
- Using private buses and hired drivers, rather than public transportation, on our long excursions
- Knowledge of where it is safe to travel within La Paz is constantly recorded and communicated between LPF local and US staff
- LPF staff are all fluent in Spanish, have knowledge of the local community and are certified in First Aid and CPR
- We employ a strict “Buddy System” so that no Student Coach is ever alone outside of the residences
- The program site is close to a physician, clinic and hospital. LPF staff personally visit medical facilities and reconfirm emergency telephone numbers before Student Coaches arrive
- LPF requires that Student Coaches have health insurance in the United States and that they purchase travel insurance, including emergency evacuation insurance, before departing the US



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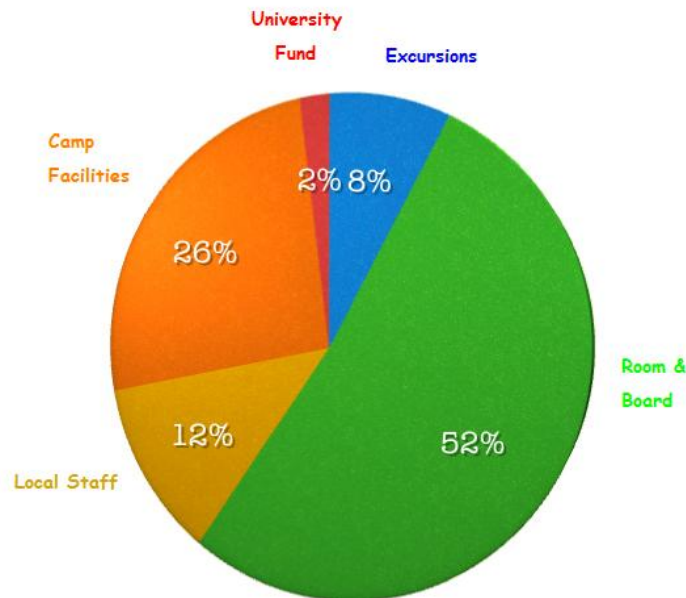
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our commitment to sustainability

LPF's development model is grounded in the principles of financial self-sufficiency. The camp itself is funded completely by the contributions made by US participants, along with non-financial support from local organizations. This model is designed to ensure the long-term feasibility of the camp without reliance on external donors. None of the money paid by participants is spent on operational costs or overheads - 100% goes into the camp. A breakdown of the expenses is shown on the graph below:



We recognize that young women in Bolivia could benefit from ongoing programs like LPF throughout the year. We believe that sport should be an integral part of life, rather than a onetime annual event. Therefore, we are working with local partners to investigate ways to design and fund ongoing projects that will extend the camp's benefits to young Bolivian women beyond our three-week program. We believe that a successful pilot project will enable us to generate the funds required to achieve this goal.



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our commitment to sustainable development

As mentioned, all of the funding received from Student Coaches goes directly into running the camp, and we put maximum effort into ensuring that this money reaches the local community. We hire local restaurants to cater our meals, local professors and instructors to teach our courses, and local travel agencies to book our excursions. By employing local people to meet nearly all our program needs, we believe LPF not only benefits our young Bolivian Campers, but also the community that provides their support system.

Our local NGO partners are responsible for recruiting the young women from local communities who participate in the camp. We are committed to the belief that all activities should be designed within the community and should respond to local needs. Therefore, our local partners take the lead in recruitment and program planning.