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## COSTA RICA SPACE FORCE (CRSF)

**Abstract**

In the Central American countries we still do not have enough progress in the aerospace areas and Costa Rica is no exception, it is mandatory to have some means to disseminate these sciences, try to introduce more people in a simple and less bureaucratic way. Since groups already exist but are very exclusive and in general the public has stigmatized this area as something only for geniuses or only for people with the possibility of traveling abroad, this paradigm must be changed, which is why Costa Rica Space is proposed. Force, a non-military project, in which with the passionate people that we have towards these wonderful fields, make known and share everything we are capable of and thus bring development and position this region as a place prepared to bring out great scientists and fulfill the goals of many people. Currently there is a profile on Instagram that has been quite popular and we have managed to make contacts with different institutions in the area, different people interested in the project. It is intended first to have a network of people in which group activities, webinars, star gazing can be carried out and of course, start from the smallest, plant that dreamer seed in the generations to come, making models, games and new experiences. By attracting more people and making the space area better known, we are going to achieve development and, finally, achieve opportunities to fulfill the dreams of many in these countries of knowing the universe, of removing that general frustration that exists. In the Costa Rica Space Force, we are going to expand a culture of sustainable science and technology, capable of moving the country's technology a lot and thus have more strength to deal with important space issues in a political environment that is always difficult.