



# TITI TIDBITS

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Proyecto Titi's monthly e-newsletter

## LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN!!!



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We were very excited to have a big turnout for this year's Day of the Cotton-top Tamarin despite the challenges with the weather. Though our day started with a torrential downpour that postponed the opening ceremonies, the Day of the Cotton-top Tamarin had over 200 visitors that enjoyed a variety of activities from cotton-top trivia, recycled costume contests, painting cotton-top tamarin conservation messages, and of course the annual Copa de Titi - our version of the Cotton-top Tamarin World Cup Soccer! Los Límites and Pendales' soccer team were evenly matched and the game ended in a tie 1-1. Everyone had a great time and we were so excited to see such support for cotton-top tamarin conservation efforts in the local communities!



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## AND THE WINNER IS...

As we help to celebrate the Day of the Cotton-top, we also host a competition among the schools to see who can create the most creative conservation themed costume out of recycled materials. This year's judges had a very difficult time picking the winner because all the schools had created such great costumes! Some of the costumes were made out of recycled paper, others recycled plastic, some used leaves, and yes, even recycled soda bottle tops were used. Each school sent one candidate for the competition and Tiara Carrascal of the Santa Catalina school was crowned our best costume winner for 2011 with their costume made out of recycled newspapers. Thanks to all the students who participated and congratulations to everyone for making such wonderful use of recycled materials.

## TITI-DOMINÓ

The game of cotton-top domino has become quite the social activity in local communities. It's very common that men play dominos to pass the evening and there are several tournaments throughout the region. We created Titi-dominos where the faces of the domino no longer have numbers, but we use pictures of the various Proyecto Titi community projects highlighted in our adult Titi Ventures community programs. These pictures on the dominos included "eco-mochilas", bindes, Titi-leña, Titi-posts, CarTi-Tilla, and, of course, faces of cotton-tops. We initiated a domino competition as part of the Day of the Cotton-top Tamarin celebration. It was so fun to see all 16 competitors enjoying the new dominos version. There was a lot of shouting out the various names of the Titi Ventures projects and the participants created two new terms to signify their enjoyment of this new version of dominos... the cotton-top pass and of course the cotton-top WIN! We look forward to seeing Titi dominos played in our communities!



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Proyecto Titi's mission is to conserve Colombia's most critically endangered primate, the cotton-top tamarin, through scientific studies, community education and development programs, and protecting tropical forest habitats. For more information visit [www.proyectotiti.com](http://www.proyectotiti.com)

Proyecto Titi works in collaboration and with the permission of CARDIQUE to develop effective conservation programs for cotton-top tamarins.

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