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INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMP 2020

EST 03	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM I	AGRI	03.05 - 10.05	3	30
EST 04	ALLIKSAARE FARM I	ENVI	04.05 - 29.05	6	50
EST 05	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM II	AGRI	07.05 - 31.05	3	50
EST 06	ALLIKSAARE FARM II	ENVI	01.06 - 26.06	6	50
EST 07	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM III	AGRI	04.06 - 28.06	3	50
EST 08	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY I	KIDS/ TEACH	07.06 - 21.06	8	30
EST 09	LEPANIIDI ORGANIC FARM I	AGRI	15.06 - 05.07	3	50
EST 10	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP I	KIDS	25.06 - 09.07	4	30
EST 11	DOWN TOWN KIDS COUNTRY	KIDS/ TEACH	25.06 - 09.07	8	30
EST 12	TOLIA YOUTH CAMP	KIDS/ MANU	29.06 - 10.07	4	30
EST 13	PARNU YOUTH CAMP I	KIDS	29.06 - 10.07	4	30
EST 14	ELF I	ENVI	29.06 - 07.07	6	110
EST 15	ALLIKSAARE FARM III	AGRI	29.06 - 24.07	6	50
EST 16	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM IV	AGRI	02.07 - 26.07	3	50
EST 17	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP I	KIDS/ TEACH	05.07 - 18.07	3	30
EST 18	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM II	AGRI	05.07 - 12.07	4	30
EST 19	LEPANIIDI ORGANIC FARM II	AGRI	06.07 - 26.07	3	50
EST 20	KUREMAA BEACH HOUSE	MANU	06.07 - 17.07	8	50
EST 49	PRANGLI MUSEUMS I	MANU/ KIDS	09.07 - 19.07	7	50
EST 21	PARIISI I	KIDS/ TEACH	10.07 - 24.07	3	30
EST 22	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP II	KIDS	12.07 - 28.07	4	30
EST 23	PARNU YOUTH CAMP II	KIDS	13.07 - 24.07	4	30
EST 24	ZOO I	ENVI	14.07 - 25.07	8	150
EST 25	KRIUSILLA FARM	AGRI	19.07 - 02.08	5	50
EST 26	ELF II	ENVI	20.07 - 29.07	6	110
EST 50	PRANGLI MUSEUMS II	MANU/ KIDS	20.07 - 30.07	7	50
EST 27	DOWN TOWN ENG	KIDS/ TEACH	24.07 - 07.08	8	30
EST 28	PARIISI II	KIDS/ TEACH	25.07 - 02.08	3	30
EST 29	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP II	KIDS/ TEACH	26.07 - 08.08	3	30
EST 30	ALLIKSAARE FARM IV	ENVI	27.07 - 21.08	6	50
EST 31	LEPANIIDI FARM III	AGRI	27.07 - 23.08	3	50
EST 32	MARJAMAA FOLK FESTIVAL	FEST	27.07 - 03.08	10	100
EST 33	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM V	AGRI	30.07 - 23.08	3	50
EST 34	ELF III	ENVI	01.08 - 09.08	7	110
EST 35	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP III	KIDS	02.08 - 09.08	4	30
EST 51	PRANGLI MUSEUMS III	MANU/ KIDS	03.08 - 13.08	7	50
EST 36	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY II	KIDS/ TEACH	07.08 - 21.08	8	30
EST 37	DOWN TOWN MULTI	KIDS/ TEACH	10.08 - 20.08	3	30
EST F1	FAMILY CAMP AT KIIDI FARM	FAM/ ENVI	10.08 - 18.08	40	200
EST 38	ZOO II	ENVI	11.08 - 22.08	8	150
EST 39	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP IV	KIDS	15.08 - 23.08	4	30
EST 40	ELF IV	ENVI	15.08 - 23.08	7	110
EST 41	PILISTVERE	MANU	16.08 - 25.08	15	50
EST 42	VIHASOO	KIDS	19.08 - 27.08	5	30
EST 43	ALLIKSAARE FARM V	ENVI	24.08 - 18.09	6	50
EST 44	LEPANIIDI FARM IV	AGRI	24.08 - 21.09	3	30
EST 45	KODADE TOURIST FARM	ENVI/ MANU	25.08 - 05.09	10	50
EST 46	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM VI	AGRI	27.08 - 20.09	3	50
EST 47	ALLIKSAARE FARM VI	ENVI	21.09 - 16.10	6	50
EST 48	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM VII	AGRI	24.09 - 18.10	3	50
EST T1	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 1	TEEN/ ENVI	27.06 - 08.07	40	400
EST T2	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 2	TEEN/ ENVI	07.07 - 18.07	50	400
EST T3	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 3	TEEN/ ENVI	17.07 - 28.07	50	400
EST T4	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 4	TEEN/ ENVI	27.07 - 07.08	50	400
EST T5	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 5	TEEN/ ENVI	06.08 - 17.08	50	400
EST T6	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 6	TEEN/ ENVI	16.08 - 27.08	50	400
EST T7	NARVA TEENAGE CAMP	TEEN/ MANU	13.07 - 25.07	12	280
EST T8	TARTU TEENAGE CAMP	TEEN/ MANU	23.07 - 07.08	10	280
EST T9	DOWN TOWN ENG	TEEN/ STUDY	26.07 - 07.08	15	280
EST T10	DOWN TOWN MULTI	TEEN/ STUDY	12.08 - 20.08	7	250

INTRODUCTION TO ESTYES

International Youth Association EstYES is non-profit non-political NGO established in 1991 with the purpose to promote youth and cultural exchanges for better understanding and fair world. It is a pioneer organization in the field of international voluntary service in Estonia.

Our objectives

- to increase international understanding and solidarity between countries and people;
- to promote continuous dialogue between people all over the world;
- to enable young people by living and working together to learn from each other, discover the variety of cultures, broaden horizons - thus building bridges over differences;
- to promote international voluntary service in Estonia as a tool for local development;
- to apply international voluntary service as a powerful method of non-formal education of the population;
- to promote global education as one of the resources for young people in the globalised world.

Our activities

- organize voluntary camps in Estonia and send Estonian volunteers abroad;
- send Estonian volunteers to mid- and long-term voluntary services abroad and host volunteers from abroad on mid- and long-term projects in Estonia;
- participate in EVS/ ESC program as sending, hosting and coordinating organization;
- organize and run youth cultural exchanges of different kinds, study visits/ group stays with various themes for youth foreign groups in Estonia and for Estonians abroad;
- take part in conferences, seminars, trainings abroad and organize those in Estonia.

Every summer EstYES runs over 50 voluntary camps in Estonia hosting around 600 volunteers from abroad. Annually we receive over 40 volunteers from different European countries to the long-term EVS/ ESC project (up to 12 months) in the field of social services, youth work and education. Every year EstYES gives chance to about 200 young Estonians to take part in various project abroad (voluntary camps, youth exchanges, EVS, training activities, seminars, youth meetings, etc.)

Target groups EstYES works with

EstYES works mainly with young people 14 – 30, but not only with them. Actually, EstYES voluntary projects are open to people of all ages without limits. Young people with fewer opportunities are the group of special consideration of EstYES.

Our partners

From 1994 we have exchanges with branches of SCI (Service Civil International) and from 1995 - with members of Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations, and their partner organizations. From 1999 we cooperate with ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange). In 1997 EstYES became a member of Alliance and in 2007 a member of Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) by UNESCO. Most of our partner organisations belong to these networks. Over past years EstYES has been intensively developing cooperation with youth and voluntary service organisations in South East Asia and China as well as with Mexico through EU Capacity Building projects.

Sources of income

EstYES income consists of contributions and subscription fees from the participants of our programs. EstYES receives grants for the projects from foundations like ASEF, Erasmus+, European Youth Foundation, EuropeAid, Europe for Citizens, European Solidarity Corps, etc. EstYES does not receive any support from the state.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO ESTYES INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS

Although there were few attempts to organize workcamps in Estonia in the very beginning of EstYES existence in 1991-1992 the first real workcamps took place in 1994. There were only 2 of them. Today, in 2020 EstYES plans to run 50 short-term voluntary projects + 10 teenage camps, offering places to over 550 international volunteers.

Work

Our workcamps are the most diverse so that everyone can find something suitable. They last from 1 to 4 weeks and take place from May to September/ October. The number of international volunteers in the camp varies from 3 to 15 on adult projects and can be up to 50 on teenage projects. We try to avoid having more than 2-3 people of the same nationality in the camp, except for teenage projects where number of participants from the same country can go up to 10. Usually English is a camp language, but there is linguistic camp with 3 languages - French, German and Spanish. As a rule, volunteers have to work 5-7 hours a day 5-6 days a week for the benefit of local project or community. Hosts provide food and accommodation and cultural activities in return. The main directions of our camps are work on organic farms, environmental projects with Estonian Nature Fund, animating youth in local youth centres camps, providing language practice and intercultural learning with language schools.

Conditions for participation

Volunteers should be over 18 years old, except teenage camps where participants are 14-17 years old. For the work with kids the minimum age of volunteers is 20. There is no maximum age limit, except for some educational projects. Usually there are no special skills required from volunteers, except camps dealing with kids. In linguistic camps B2 level of English is required. **Participants should be motivated to do voluntary work, be ready to meet realities of local life and have flexibility to accept it, be tolerant and open for the new experience.** In some camps a motivation letter is required.

Camp leaders

Usually, in the camp there is one leader, whose task is to be a coordinator and a link between the participants and the host. Leader participates in daily life equally with volunteers. EstYES **does invite** camp leaders from abroad.

NB! In some of the camps **the local host takes the leader's role** and there is **no other formal leader**.

Insurance

In Estonian camps **insurance is not provided**, therefore volunteers **have to bring their own insurance** against illness, accident and third-party risk. Participants from EU countries should bring EU health insurance form.

Some practical matters

Usually, volunteers have to bring sleeping bag, work clothes, summer clothes + swimming suit, but also warm clothes and rain-gear as weather in Estonia is very changeable and unpredictable. It is a good idea to have a mosquito cream on projects taking place in country side! Volunteers are also asked to bring information about their country, photos, music, games, etc.

On request, EstYES can help to book inexpensive hostel to spend some days in Tallinn before/ after the camp.

Meeting point

EstYES usually collects volunteers at the Bus Terminal in Tallinn the day camp begins. There they meet each other and travel together to the camp site. Tallinn Bus Terminal address is Bussijaam, Lastekodu 46. It takes just 10-12 min by tram nr 4 from the airport to get there. National buses schedules are available on www.tpilet.ee

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Infosheets

Information about our camps provided for TM is already quite detailed. More details, practical information, travel directions, etc. will be sent to partners 3-4 weeks before beginning of the camp as latest. But if accepted participants need any specific information to organise their travel, they are welcome to turn for the information to EstYES earlier.

EST 02	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM I	VILJANDI	09.04 - 03.05	AGRI	3 vols
EST 05	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM II	VILJANDI	07.05 - 31.05	AGRI	3 vols
EST 07	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM III	VILJANDI	04.06 - 28.06	AGRI	3 vols
EST 16	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM IV	VILJANDI	02.07 - 26.07	AGRI	3 vols
EST 33	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM V	VILJANDI	30.07 - 23.08	AGRI	3 vols
EST 46	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM VI	VILJANDI	27.08 - 20.09	AGRI	3 vols
EST 48	SAGEVERE GOAT FARM VII	VILJANDI	24.09 - 18.10	AGRI	3 vols

Project

Sagevere Goat Farm is situated in the tiny village with 18 inhabitants in the middle of Estonia. There has been a farm there since 1841. Now there are 68 adult goats plus baby goats on the farm. The farm also has chickens, rabbits and few lambs. The farm produces goat milk products and different types of breads. This is a lifestyle farm – its goal is not to make a profit but to live close to nature carrying out traditional way of living and farming. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people in country side. More information about the farm <https://www.facebook.com/kitsetalu/>

Work

The volunteers will help with everyday farm jobs such as milking goats, feeding chickens and rabbits, making cheese, curd, butter, yogurt and traditional bread, taking care of pastures. Other possible tasks are removing manure from the small barn, helping with ongoing building projects of a rabbit hutch and a chicken coop, cleaning the forest around, making firewood, painting and fixing the barns and the house, working on the small farm vegetable field, assisting at the farmer market once a month, helping at the farm store in Viljandi, etc. The volunteers will work 5-6 days a week 5-7 hours a day. Volunteers will be supervised by the hosts.

Accommodation

Volunteers will live on the second floor of the farm hosts house. Although it is not finished, it is warm and well-lighted. Hosts will provide beds and linens, still it is advisable to bring a sleeping bag. The bathroom and toilet are on the first floor. Hosts will provide meals while volunteers are invited to help cooking. Farm meals based on meat and dairy products. If volunteer has dietary restrictions, solutions can be talked over with the hosts. It is possible to make own suitable meals. Farm has wifi connection.

Location

Kitse talu, Sagevere village, Tueri Parish, Jarva County. The farm is 127 km from Tallinn. Nearest cities are Viljandi, Paide and Poltsamaa. More information on www.visitestonia.com, www.viljandi.ee

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport bus nr 2 and tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops by the Tallinn Bus Station. From there you can take a bus to **Vohma rist** (Kõo Parish, Viljandi County). The bus stop is 2.4 km away from the farm. More info at <https://www.tpilet.ee/en/>. Alternatively, you can take a train from Ulemiste Station which is 1 km away from the airport to **Vohma** station. The train station is 3.2 km away from the farm. More info at <https://elron.ee/en/>. Hosts will pick volunteers up from bus or train station in Vohma.

Requirements

Motivation letter is required. You have to be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in the country side of Estonia and be ready for farm work, which can be diverse yet physically demanding. As there are 3 dogs and 2 cats on the farm volunteers should not be allergic to dogs or cats. **NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed in this camp!**

Leisure time

Volunteers can visit Vohma town, which is half an hour away by foot from the farm. The town has few stores, café and all-seasons skating ring (<https://www.valgusevabrik.ee/en/skating-rink/>). Volunteers can visit large cities like Tartu, Tallinn, Parnu which are about 1,5h away by bus. Since hosts regularly visit nearby cities of Paide, Viljandi, Turi and Poltsamaa volunteers can join them. The nearest swimming place is 14 km away and hosts can take volunteers there. Those who are interested can join the host for fishing. The farm is surrounded by nature, so it is perfect for people who loves it and farm animals.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euros** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 03	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM I	TARTU	03.05 - 10.05	AGRI	3 VOLS
EST 18	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM II	TARTU	05.07 - 12.07	AGRI	4 VOLS

Project

For years EstYES has been cooperating with farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Kaasiku Organic Farm is one of such projects. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. Kaasiku Organic Farm is situated in the South of Estonia. It is one of the few functional farms in this area. The major crops grown are apples, strawberries and raspberries, in smaller amounts different salads and radish. In the farm, near to strawberry field also local beekeeper holds its honey bees to collect nectar and pollen from organically grown cultures and from organic hayfield. More on FB-site: <https://www.facebook.com/KaasikuMahetalu/>

Work

The main task for volunteers will be to weed and picking berries by hand, also to harvest vegetables and salads. In addition to weeding and harvesting task, volunteers will clean the vegetables and make them together with other farm's products (frozen berries and juices) ready for consumers in different organic shops around the country. Volunteers will be guided to learn the summer-time apple tree cutting methods. Other apple plantation maintenance practices are also available. Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing sometimes quite physical work under changing weather conditions. Note that volunteers will work all working days and on Saturday mornings as the camp takes place on the peak of the harvesting season.

Accommodation

In the old sauna or in the attic under the roof sleeping on beds or mattresses. Dry organic toilet, shower, sauna is available. Please bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers will share the duties of cooking meals and cleaning. During this work camp volunteers will be eating mainly local food from the farms. Do not forget some traditional/ typical food from your home country for the international evening.

Location

The farm is located in Tartu parish near to Vooremaa hilly landscape and it borders with Amme River which feeds The Great Emajõgi - the most water abundant river in South Estonia ("Mother River" in Estonian). One fifth of the area is covered by wetlands. In the east 20 km from the farm is the western coast of Europe's 4th largest lake, Peipsi. Natural and ethnic landscape of Peipsimaa area is as diverse and nuanced as Estonian history. Here you'll find aristocratic mansions, lighthouses, traditional market culture and colorful cottages marking the onion route (the area is known for its onion cultivators). The farm is located 16 km north of Tartu, capital of the County, which is known also as the student capital of Estonia and therefor also the city of good thoughts. Tartu locates about 180 km to south-east from Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia. More info about Estonia on www.visitestonia.com, South-Estonia www.southeastonia.info and Tartu <http://www.visittartu.com/en/>

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn; bus or train to Tartu.

Special requirements

The camp is open for young people who is interested in organic farming and is ready to get real experience of it. Please be prepared to the simple conditions of Estonian country side. Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing sometimes quite physical work under changing weather conditions. English is the camp language.

Leisure time

Camp takes place in the area of traditional Estonian landscape. There are many possibilities for leisure, especially for those who love nature: acquaintance with nature of the area, hiking, swimming, etc. There will be a possibility to participate in farmers' fairs. Excursions to the historical places of the County of Tartu and Peipsi Lake area are planned. Some free time activities will be organized for participants such as a day trip with excursions in the area.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 04	ALLIKSAARE FARM I	HIIUMAA	04.05 – 29.05	ENVI	6 vols
EST 06	ALLIKSAARE FARM II	HIIUMAA	01.06 – 26.06	ENVI	6 vols
EST 15	ALLIKSAARE FARM III	HIIUMAA	29.06 – 24.07	ENVI	6 vols
EST 30	ALLIKSAARE FARM IV	HIIUMAA	27.07 – 21.08	ENVI	6 vols
EST 43	ALLIKSAARE FARM V	HIIUMAA	24.08 – 18.09	ENVI	6 vols
EST 47	ALLIKSAARE FARM VI	HIIUMAA	21.09 – 16.10	ENVI	6 vols

Project

Hiiumaa according to the Nordic sagas emerged from the Baltic Sea as a small islet more than 10 000 years ago. The island of Hiiumaa was first mentioned in historical documents as a deserted island called Dageida in 1228. The first inhabitants settled down at the end of the 13th century. Nowadays Hiiumaa is the second biggest island of Estonia with the area of 965 sq. km and the population around 10 000. It has many historical and nature sights, and there are kind people known for their hospitality and good sense of humor. The island is referred as a remote area of Europe, and EstYES feels particularly proud developing international voluntary projects for almost twenty years there. Besides, for years EstYES has been cooperating with eco-farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Alliksaare Farm on Hiiumaa Island is one of such projects. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. Alliksaare Farm has an important task taking care of coastal meadows which are international birds' migration area under protection of NATURA Program. Watch videos of past camps <http://vimeo.com/55764079> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEAc2Sch6f8>

Work

Alliksaare Farm's main direction is horses and cattle farming. At the moment there are over 70 horses and around 100 cows on the farm. Generally, the work will be to take care and maintain the pastures located by the sea - clearing around the pastures, building or removing fences, repairing fences. Another work is cleaning the coast nearby the farm from rubbish brought by storms. There can be some work for preparing food for cows and horses for winter time. **You can work also with horses**, take care of them and together with the host train horses. If you know how to ride and know more about horses it is possible to go on trail rides and work with horses more. If you want to learn how to ride there is a possibility as well. There are young and older horses so it's possible to learn how to take care and train horse of any age, starting from training foals how to walk on the lead rope and getting them to trust humans as well as riding some troubled horses or training horses to ride under saddle or front of the carriage. The work will be mainly outdoors. Working time is 6-8 hours a day. Work will be done under the supervision of the host as well as independently.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions are very simple - in caravans, however beds are provided. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available on site. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking. Ingredients for food will be provided.

Location

Alliksaare farm is located in Nurste Kula, Emmaste parish, Hiiumaa island. Hiiumaa is situated in the western part of Estonia, 130km from Tallinn. More information available on the following websites: www.emmaste.ee, www.hiiumaa.ee, www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport, bus nr 2 or tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops at Tallinn Bus Station (Bussijaam). From there buses go to Hiiumaa two times per day taking you straight there (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in Estonian countryside. Be ready for independent work staying without permanent supervision. Please consider that the work is mainly farm work which can be hard sometimes. It would be great if you have experience with horses and/or cows. It is great if you have some technical skills: repair machines, building, use chainsaws, etc. Driving license is an advantage. **Smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted on the farm.**

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural picturesque sights on the island as well as good possibilities for swimming in the sea or hiking in the forest. It is possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa island on the week-end, which is planned by the host. Hiiumaa offers a lot of various cultural events in summer time and volunteers will have the possibility to join some of them. This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of rural living.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euros** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 08	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY I	TALLINN	07.06 - 21.06	KIDS/ TEACH	8 vols
EST 36	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY II	TALLINN	07.08 - 21.08	KIDS/ TEACH	8 vols

Project

This project is organized for local children by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" within its annual activities on multicultural issues for kids. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to children and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method and organizing alternative English language practice. The project gets the kids of 10 to 13 years old familiar with customs and traditions of the countries from all over the world and encourages them to develop their cross-cultural thinking and tolerance. This year camps' topic is "Gardens of Babylon". The main idea will be to discover which impact has the plant health on people and on the planet as whole. What are the main problems of plants, what we can do ourselves to take good care of them. During camp there will be meetings, discussions with local and international professionals of this field. Thematic photo and video contests for volunteers and camp participants will be organized.

Work

Activating kids in the city camp providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by team of volunteers are playing the games and music popular in the countries the volunteers represent; training kids to perform pieces of amateur drama; preparing festivals, intellectual and sport games as well as discussions and excursions round the places of interest; actions for peace and nature protection; leading and supporting kids in their work on the team projects within themes related to the general topic. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility.** You will stay with kids 10.00 – 17.00 and spend another hour to prepare next day activities and feedback. In the course of camp there is one day off and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn together with kids. Before the camp activities start there will be 2-days training about camp methodology and preparation. Most of kids are Russian-speaking children from minority group of Tallinn. Total number of kids is 30 to 40. Volunteers will work in pairs facilitating and leading a smaller group of 10 - 12 kids.

Accommodation

On beds in the class rooms of The Language School "In Down -Town", in the centre of Tallinn. Toilets and showers are available. Volunteers will have their breakfasts and dinners at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city centre. If you need a place to stay before or after the camp, we can help you to book a hostel in Tallinn. **But it will not be possible to stay at the camp accommodation after or before the dates of your camp.**

Location

Camp takes place in school situated in the centre of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng
The meeting place will be in the school "In Down Town" **at 14:00 on camp arrival date at Jõe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a motivation letter** along with the application form. Experience in work with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is from 20 to 30.** Please note, before making final decision about your participation in the camp, the project coordinator will have Skype interview with you.

Leisure time

There are many possibilities for leisure time activities as the camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, pubs, etc.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 09	LEPANIIDI FARM I	HIIUMAA	15.06 - 05.07	AGRI	3 vols
EST 19	LEPANIIDI FARM II	HIIUMAA	06.07 - 26.07	AGRI	3 vols
EST 31	LEPANIIDI FARM III	HIIUMAA	27.07 - 23.08	AGRI	3 vols
EST 44	LEPANIIDI FARM IV	HIIUMAA	24.08 - 21.09	AGRI	3 vols

Helping local organic farmers on the romantic island of Hiiumaa !

Project

Hiiumaa according to the Nordic sagas emerged from the Baltic Sea as a small islet more than 10 000 years ago. The island of Hiiumaa was first mentioned in historical documents as a deserted island called Dageida in 1228. The first inhabitants settled down at the end of the 13th century. Nowadays Hiiumaa is the second biggest island of Estonia with the area of 965 sq. km and the population around 10 000. It has many historical and nature sights, and there are kind people known for their hospitality and good sense of humor. The island is referred as a remote area of Europe, so EstYES feels particularly proud developing international voluntary projects for 20 years there. Also, for years EstYES has been cooperating with farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Lepaniidi Farm on Hiiumaa Island is one of such projects. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people.

Work

Lepaniidi Farm has currently about 150 sheep for producing meat and wool, 40 goats 20 of whom are for milk and goat cheese production. Volunteers will be helping grazing, feeding, milking the goats, processing the milk, but also picking berries and vegetables. So, in the mornings there will be goats milking, at days - picking the berries and fruits (strawberries, raspberries and blackcurrant) and making a jam/juice or there will be work in vegetable garden, removing weeds, picking vegetables, etc. During the autumn shift volunteers will be mainly picking up and sorting vegetables (potatoes, carrots, beetroots), milking goats and making cheese. Participants will have a great chance to get familiar with various farm jobs and even to learn how to make goat cheese! Inside of the house it would be great to give some hand too etc. cooking and cleaning around. The working day will be 6-7 hours, 5-6 days a week (NB! milking is every day). Work will be supervised by local hosts with whom volunteers will stay sharing work and leisure as a family.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions at the farm will be simple - in old sauna house or caravan, however on beds. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available in the main house; there is also traditional Estonian sauna in the farm. There is a kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking, which volunteers may use freely – just like at home. Usually volunteers will have breakfasts and lunch together with farmers cooked and served by the hosts, but you always can help with cooking. Dinners will be prepared on their own.

Location

Hiiumaa Island, Kaina parish, Ristivalja village, Lepaniidi farm. Hiiumaa Island is in the west of Estonia, 140 km from Tallinn. More information on www.hiiumaa.ee or www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport bus nr 2 and tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops by the Tallinn Bus Station. From there two times per day buses take you straight to Hiiumaa (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

Motivation letter is required. You have to be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in the country side of Estonia and be willing to do farm work, which can be hard sometimes. Not suitable for lactose allergic participants since host offers a lot of dairy products. The host eats a lot of meat products too, but volunteers can always cook for themselves. **NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed in this camp!**

Leisure time

There are lot of natural picturesque sights in the area. Sea coast is 7km away and there is a possibility to take the bicycles to go swimming. It is possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa Island on weekend. Hiiumaa offers a lot of events on weekends in summer. Hosts plan to arrange some tours around the island. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy nature and interested in traditional ways of rural living.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euros** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 10	Taevaskoja Youth Camp I	POLVA	25.06 - 09.07	KIDS	4 vols
EST 22	Taevaskoja Youth Camp II	POLVA	12.07 - 28.07	KIDS	4 vols
EST 35	Taevaskoja Youth Camp III	POLVA	02.08 - 09.08	KIDS	4 vols
EST 39	Taevaskoja Youth Camp IV	POLVA	15.08 - 23.08	KIDS	4 vols

Project

Taevaskoja Youth Camp is adventurous hiking camp that has been active for 24 years. The aim of Taevaskoja camp is to support children's development through non-formal education. During the youth camp kids participate in different workshops about health, safety, culture and enjoy climbing and hiking activities. Taevaskoja is located in South-Estonia, about 230 km from Tallinn. The camp site is very close to the one of the most popular natural touristic place - Suur Taevaskoda (The Large Heaven's Hall), surrounded by beautiful forest and close to the one of the longest rivers in Estonia. Such location brings children closer to unspoiled nature and gives them an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Estonian national heritage richly presented in the area. The camp aims also to develop children's knowledges about different cultures and support the growth of tolerance. To do that Taevaskoja Youth Camp invites international volunteers to join the camp as animators. Children come to Taevaskoja camp from all over Estonia. Most of them have basic knowledge of English and are very happy to have a chance to practice it. More information on www.taevaskoja.ee/taevaskoja-noortelaager/ Camp has several periods with different age groups of kids.

Work

Each day of the camp will have a program completed by local coordinators and the volunteers will be helping to realize it. We expect that volunteers would lead workshops connected with their **culture (traditional dances, games, everyday life, food etc)**. The main activities will be intercultural learning through finding differences and similarities between Estonia and countries, where volunteers come from (history, traditions, language, singing, dancing, etc). It will be done through games, drama, sport, discussions. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. After placement volunteers will be contacted by organizers to get involved in the preparation of the program before arrival to Estonia. Volunteer will work in partnership with professional local educators and youth workers – 9 staff members.

Accommodation

In the same house with kids, separate room for volunteers and staff members (2-3 people in the same room). Volunteers will eat together with children and staff in the canteen. Showers, toilets and Wi-Fi are available.

Location

Taevaskoja is a tiny village in South-Estonia with 90 habitants. However, during summer period, it is one of the most visited natural sightseeing places. Distance from Tallinn is 230 km. <http://www.taevaskoja.ee/taevaskoja-loodus>
<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/suur-ja-vaike-taevaskoda-sandstone-outcrops>

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn or Riga, capital of Latvia. From these cities it is easy to travel to Tartu by bus. From Tartu you can come to Taevaskoja by bus or train. If needed we can pick you up in Tartu by car.

Special requirements

You have to love kids and be really **motivated to work** with them. **The work demands 24-hours commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes.** Weekend is not free! Experience in work with children is an advantage. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. All exciting ideas of activities for kids, games etc are welcome. Good ability to communicate in English is necessary and knowledge of Russian may be useful. **Volunteers age is 20-30.**

Leisure time

Plenty of possibilities: hiking, swimming, sunbathing, sports, games, excursions to the places of interest in the area.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

This project is organized for kids by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" within its annual activities on multicultural issues. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method which includes project work, games, handicrafts, meetings, discussions, direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English language practice. The project gets 10 to 13 years old kids from Estonia, providing them the first experience of the intercultural learning. This year camps' topic is "Gardens of Babylon". The main idea will be to discover which impact has the plant health on people and on the planet as whole. What are the main problems of plants, what we can do ourselves to take good care of them. During camp there will be meetings, discussions with local and international professionals of this field. Thematic photo and video contests for volunteers and camp participants will be organized.

Work

Activating teenage participants providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. The volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by the team of volunteers are playing games and music popular in the countries the volunteers represent; drama and sports; preparing festivals and disco parties, intellectual and social games, common discussions, handicrafts; leading and supporting teens in their work on the team projects within the discussed themes of the camp etc.; preparing and leading teams' presentations on the countries the camp volunteers are from. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity, and finally party in the evening. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants.** Most of local kids are Russian-speaking youngsters from the minority groups of Estonia. The total number of participants is around 35.

Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in the shared rooms for 2-4 persons of the same camp house as kids. Toilets and showers are of common use. You do NOT need a sleeping bag, but please bring your own towels. All meals are provided in the camp canteen. But if you have a special diet, please bring your own food with you, as during camp it will not be possible to visit shop. Village is situated pretty far from the city. More info about the camp site www.veldemani.ee

If you need a place to stay before or after the camp, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn. Please note: **it will not be possible to stay at the camp accommodation after the end of the camp.**

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Viljandi; specially arranged transport to Vaibla village. You are expected to **arrive to Tallinn, Joe str 3 by 14:00 as latest on the arrival date of the camp.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a letter of your motivation** along with the application form. Experience in work with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. which can be used during your country presentation. It will be great if you can bring any traditional food for intercultural evenings. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is from 20 to 30.** Please note that before making final decision about your participation in the camp, project coordinator will have Skype interview with you.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for active leisure time in this countryside camp: swimming, sunbathing, hiking, sport, etc. Excursion to Viljandi, a culture town well known for its valued Culture Academy, Ugala Drama Theatre and international Folk Music Festival, will be organized. More on www.viljandi.ee

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

Would you like to spend two weeks of your summer helping to organize a youth work camp for local youngsters and through that get to know Estonian culture and meet new friends? If yes, then this is the project for you! For many years Voka Youth Centre together with neighbour municipalities organizes a youth work camp, where youngsters aged 12-18 are working 4 hours a day (landscaping, cleaning, painting, light building, etc) and after that have diverse fun activities together. We look for volunteers who will help us to organize and run this camp. The camp is organized together with municipality of Jõhvi <https://www.johvi.ee/web/eng/eng>

Work

We ask volunteers to help us to run this work camp for youngsters: organize free-time activities, team-building games, culture nights for participants, etc. Volunteers alongside with local leaders will be responsible for the whole cultural and social program of the camp. Also, volunteers are asked to join young people helping doing the work of the camp. Work is mainly outdoors. This job requires high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants. Some days may be quite long for late-night orientations, landscape game in the forest, campfire etc. But it will all be FUN! It will be great if you could introduce your country and culture to local young people.

Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in Voka Youth Center. Beds, bed sheets, blankets and pillows are provided. Toilets are available, and there is a box, band room, many games and a cinema room for watching movies (see some pictures on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VokaAvatudNoortekeskus/>). Shower is available in the nearby sports centre. There volunteers have a possibility to play basketball, table tennis and use the gym. And there is a good chance to try traditional Estonian sauna. Some meals will be prepared and served, some meals participants have to make themselves – there is a kitchen in the youth centre and all ingredients for cooking will be provided. Please let us know if you have any allergies or special food requirements.

Location

The workcamp will mainly take part in Voka, which is a small village in Toila parish, Ida-Viru County. Ida-Viru County is one of 15 counties of Estonia. It is the most north-eastern part of the country. Ida-Virumaa is also called „Adventure Land“, as here we have more adventurous activities to do than in any other county in Estonia. Voka is about 170 km away from the capital, Tallinn. It is a picturesque place located just a few hundred meters away from the beautiful coast of the Baltic Sea.

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. From the Tallinn bus station at Lastekodu Str 46 bus to Jõhvi takes about 2,5 hours, there camp hosts will pick participants up. **NB! We expect the participants to arrive as early as possible on the camp arrival day.**

Special requirements

We are waiting for volunteers who are passionate about organizing activities for youngsters. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. A good level of English is required. **The minimum age of volunteers is 18.** Previous experience in work with children and teenagers is an advantage. Please provide a short motivation letter along with the application form. Camp language is Estonian and English.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for active leisure time around our county, Ida-Virumaa. Voka itself is located next to the sea and we have a lot of beautiful parks and forests around us, which makes Voka a great place for nature lovers. Here we have opportunities like disc golf, riding a boat on the lake, hiking and so on. Near Voka, in Toila, we have a fantastic Spa hotel and quite famous park called Oru park. For more information about our whole county, we suggest you to visit www.idaviru.ee.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. This fee has to be **paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 13	PARNU YOUTH CAMP I	PARNU	29.06 – 10.07	KIDS	4 vols
EST 23	PARNU YOUTH CAMP II	PARNU	13.07 – 24.07	KIDS	4 vols

Project

This project is organized by Parnu Youth Centre which was formed in 2008. It follows NGO Parnu Freeschool's youth work principles, ethics and standards. The aim of this project is to offer fun and educative summer camps with different subjects for the youngsters aged 7- 21. In every camp there are activities which help youngsters to develop as a citizen, improve their social skills and key competencies in fun and entertaining way. It is also important to offer fun and educative free time activities for the youngsters who come from families with difficult economic background. In every camp we use learning-by-doing method which includes teamwork activities, games, handicraft, meetings, discussions, seminars, excursions and direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English and/or Russian languages practice. In every camp there are about 50 youngsters divided in two groups. In one group there will be youngsters who speak Estonian and in the other group there will be mostly youngsters who speak Russian as their mother tongue. We look for volunteers for the cultural and adventure camp (5 days), creativity camp (5 days) and healthy camp (5 days). Between the camps there will be days off. Volunteers joining these camps have an excellent opportunity to practice work with youngsters of different backgrounds as well as teaching English and/or Russian languages.

Work and programme

Volunteers together with youth workers are responsible for the day activities in the camps. The general camp program (themes, actions, social activities, games, excursions etc.) is worked out by the youth workers before camps start. Still volunteers can work out some activities for youngsters during the camp days together with youth workers. The content of these activities depends of the camp's topics. In addition to volunteers there are 1-2 youth workers in both groups in every camp. The volunteers' tasks are:

- assisting youth workers in communicating and supervising youngsters;
- helping youth workers to prepare the day activities;
- carrying out planned activities;
- taking part in excursions, games, meetings, discussions, seminars and handicraft workshops;
- providing youngsters with communication, activating their vocabulary, encouraging them to speak English and/or Russian.

The work can be pretty intense, requiring high level of commitment, lots of communication and responsibility for the camp program and young participants. The camp days last from 12:00 until 19:00. Volunteers will stay with youngsters in this time period and then they spend some time to prepare the next day activities together with youth workers.

The camps activities will mostly take place in the Youth Centre of Parnu, but there are days and camps where we are going to visit different places such as Parnu Central Library, Parnu Museum, Parnu Adventure Park, sports games outside the youth centre in the park or at the beach and so on. In total there are 5 working days in 3 camps from Monday to Friday. It is possible that in the adventure and in the healthy camps there is one night with sleeping in tents in the forest (tent and sleeping bags will be provided).

Accommodation

Volunteers will sleep in the Parnu Youth Centre meeting room on the camp beds. Linnens, pillows, blankets are provided. Please bring own towels. Toilets and showers are of common use. Collective lunches will be organized in Parnu Youth Centre. Breakfasts and dinners can easily made in the youth centre kitchen where there are stove, freezer, microwave and cookwares. Very near to the youth centre there are grocery store and pubs where the volunteers can get their meals. Money will be given to volunteers to buy food for cooking.

Location

Most of the camp activities will take place in Parnu Youth Centre www.vabaajakeskus.ee/ ; www.facebook.com/vabaajakeskus/ ; www.instagram.com/parnu_noorte_vabaajakeskus/. The youth centre is just 15-minute walk from the city centre (stores, cinema, leisure time activities, pubs, clubs, parks, riverside etc), 5-minute walk from Parnu river and 30-minute walk from the beautiful Parnu Beach. More about Parnu: <http://www.parnu.ee/index.php/en/>. More about Estonia: <https://www.visitestonia.com/en>

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Parnu. **NB! You are expected to arrive to Parnu by 12:00 am at latest on the first camp day.** If you arrive one day earlier because of it we can help booking inexpensive hostel in Tallinn

Special requirements

We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games etc typical for your country which can be used during your country presentation. It will be great if you can bring any traditional food for intercultural evenings. We expect volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. Please share your hobbies, special skills and interest with youngsters. Generally, you have to be **highly motivated to work with youngsters**. Please provide a **letter of motivation** with the application form. Experience in work with youngsters is an advantage. **We need you to be trustworthy, active and capable** to participate in the activities of the camp. **Your criminal record must be clean. A good level of English and/or Russian is required. The age limit is 20-30. Smoking and drinking alcohol is absolutely prohibited in the camp and in the youth centre!**

Leisure time

There is plenty to do in Parnu: concerts, festivals, open-air shows etc. Summer period is especially rich for cultural events of all kinds. Parnu is known as the summer capital of Estonia. There are several sport halls, swimming pools, saunas and spas, fitness clubs, beautiful Parnu Beach – sunbathing, swimming and many other opportunities for outdoor sports and leisure time activities.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) is NGO dedicated to nature conservation. Its mission is to preserve endangered species and their habitats, natural landscapes and natural associations typical of Estonia. ELF has organized yearly nature conservation holidays where volunteers, participants and group managers work together in order to improve the living conditions of a certain species (i.e. natterjack toad, black stork) or maintain semi-natural communities. You can read on <http://elfond.ee/en> and see photos from volunteering camps of 2019: <http://www.talgud.ee/galerii/2019>

The aim of this camp is removing non-native invasive plant species **the Himalayan balsam and the Canadian goldenrod**.

Karula National Park and the Himalayan balsam

Karula National Park in South-Estonia is famous for its vast forests and a hilly landscape. This region is also an important habitat for the black stork which is a rare bird species in Estonia. The Estonian traditions and the old way of life are still alive in Karula. Historical farmhouses, old wagon trails, local dialect and smoke saunas are still here.

The Himalayan balsam is an invasive plant species that has spread to Estonian nature from the gardens. It spreads quickly and competes with the local flora for habitats, forcing the latter to disappear. Luckily, the Himalayan balsam can be easily removed by plucking and this method has been proved effective over the last two years. The worksite is next to a lake: bring Your swimwear!

The town of Tartu and the Canadian goldenrod

Tartu is the second largest town in Estonia and it houses the oldest and largest university of Estonia. The town is cut into two parts by Emajõgi river, which creates a scenic recreation area in the city center. Town has many museums, cafeterias and districts of century-old wooden houses. Tartu is a peaceful and lovely yet lively and youthful town.

The Canadian goldenrod is an invasive plant species that has spread from gardens. The Raadi district in Tartu was a secret military airfield in the Soviet Union. Nowadays it's a wasteland, but still an important habitat for many plant species, such as wild orchids. Thus, we need to stop the spreading of the goldenrod in Raadi, before this region becomes a monoculture of the latter species.

Work

The Himalayan balsam is plucked up manually. We will use boiling water to destroy the Canadian goldenrod. A typical workday will last for 6 hours. Work equipment and gloves will be provided by ELF. Participants need to bring suitable clothes for work, rubber boots, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

Accommodation

The region of Karula: in beds of the local village center. Showers and kitchen are available. One evening will be reserved for the traditional Estonian smoke sauna.

The town of Tartu: in beds of a local hostel. We will be cooking our own food throughout the camp. The Estonian group leader will compile the menu and buy the groceries.

Itineraries

- **29th June.** Around noon: arrival to Tallinn Airport. Public transport (bus) from the airport to Tartu (ca 2,5 h and 10 euros). Pick-up from Tartu coach station to Karula with ELF's minivan.
- **30th June and 2nd July.** Work in Karula: manually plucking up the Himalayan balsam.
- **1st and 3rd July.** Free days to explore the region of Karula and the town of Tartu.
- **4-6th July.** Work in Raadi and/or Anne districts in Tartu: the Canadian goldenrod.
- **7th July.** Drop-off to Tartu coach station. Public transport (bus) from Tartu to Tallinn Airport.

Special requirements

You have to bring working clothes, warm clothes as nights can be rather chilly, wet weather clothing, summer clothes as days might be hot, wellingtons, sleeping bag and sleeping mattress, swimwear, towel, insect spray. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

Leisure time

Board games, sauna, swimming, hiking and exploring the local surroundings, etc. Exploring of Tartu <https://visittartu.com/>

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **110 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, administration and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers either by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp or to the host upon arrival to the camp.**

EST 17	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP I	TALLINN	05.07 - 18.07	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols
EST 29	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP II	TALLINN	26.07 - 08.08	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols

Project

This project partner is ABC Language School situated in the Tallinn city center. The age of young people attending this school varies from 4 to 19. Every year in summer the school runs English language camps for kids which last for a week and are aimed at providing additional studies and real language practice to local kids and young people. International volunteers are warmly invited to join the project and contribute to this alternative learning process. Participation in this camp provides excellent opportunity to practice work with kids and English language teaching as well as to stay in the Estonian capital enjoying numerous attractions it offers to the guests during summer months.

Work

The general camp program is worked out by the supervisor of the camp. Volunteers together with a local project coordinator are responsible for the day activities in the camp. The volunteers' task is to provide children with live communication, activate their vocabulary and encourage them to speak English, to perform language activities and games (the vocabulary depends on the topic of the day and level of children knowledge), carrying out the planned activities, taking part in excursions (which are free for volunteers). The total number of camp participants is about **20 kids aged 8-15**. The volunteers will work in a smaller group of **10 children** in each. Most of the local children are Russian speaking youngsters. Camp activities will take place in the school situated in the centre of Tallinn. In total there are 6 working days: 09-18.00 (1h lunch break) and Saturdays 09-14.00, Sunday is the day off.

Accommodation

We provide studio in Tallinn for 2-3 people with kitchen, toilet and shower. Lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city center, breakfasts and dinners should be cooked by volunteers in the apartment. Ingredients for cooking or money to buy it will be provided by the project host.

Location

Camp will take place in the centre of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with children. **Please provide a motivation letter** along with application form. **Experience in work with kids or youth is an advantage**. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for children are essential. **A very good level of English is required**. **Minimum age** of volunteers is **20**.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste. Summer period is especially rich with cultural events of all kinds.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp**. If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization

Project

The northern shore of Lake Kuremaa, where you find a 250-metre stretch of golden sand, is the only organized public beach in Jogeva County manned by lifeguards. Kuremaa Beach House is a project run by the NGO Oieke, which takes care of the area, promotes sustainable life-style, develops nature tourism activities, offers various leisure activities to public and organizes summer camps for youngsters. Volunteers are invited to help this NGO and locals to take care of the beach house and its surroundings and prepare it for the summer season. Some projects photos can be seen here <http://kuremaa.eu/rand/> This camp follows very successful first try of the last year.

Work

Wide range of activities will be offer to volunteers – mostly in the field of maintenance and development of the visitor site and the territory of the beach and surrounding. It involves: tidying up the area, cutting bushes and straws, weeding; works with soil and stones, landscaping, building a fire place, easier construction work like building benches; painting, preparing fire woods, etc. There may be also some works in horse stables and pastures. The working time is 6-7 full hours a day, which may vary depending on the daily leisure activities and actual weather conditions. Most of these activities will take place outdoors, but weather conditions will be taken into account.

Accommodation

The accommodation will be in Kuremaa guest house in 2-4 bedded rooms. Bed linen, pillows and towels are provided, so sleeping bag is NOT needed. Toilets and showers are available. It is planned to visit Estonian Sauna some days. Food will be cooked and served in the local cafe nearby. Some days will be spent in a local youth centre with a possibility to cook own food, which can be shared then with local youngsters.

Location

Kuremaa rannamaja is located in Kuremaa borough, Jogeva country. Jogeva is situated in the eastern part of Estonia, approximately 180 km from Tallinn. Estonian second largest city Tartu lies 48 km away. Camp venue itself is 13 km away from Jogeva. More information is on the following websites: www.visitestonia.com, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B5geva>

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. Bus or train to Jogeva, pick up by camp host.

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural and historical picturesque sights in the area as well as good possibilities for swimming in the lake and hiking in the forest or visiting Kuremaa Castle, Watermill, Stables. On the beach there is a basketball court, volleyball court, barbecue area, camping and recreation area. It is possible to use boats, water bicycles, surfing wheels, paddleboards, balls, etc. There is an opportunity to visit Tartu, the second biggest city of Estonia, which is located just 48 km from Kuremaa and has a lot of activities to offer (see more on <https://visittartu.com/>)

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded, creative and ready to adapt to simple conditions of the common life in the countryside of Estonia. Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing **physical work** under changing weather conditions. You should take clothes for hot summer days and some colder rainy periods as well as working clothes which may get dirty. English is the camp language.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 49	PRANGLI MUSEUMS I	PRANGLI	09.07 - 19.07	MANU / KIDS	7 vols
EST 50	PRANGLI MUSEUMS II	PRANGLI	20.07 - 30.07	MANU / KIDS	7 vols
EST 51	PRANGLI MUSEUMS III	PRANGLI	03.08 - 13.08	MANU / KIDS	7 vols

Project

Prangli is an island located in Baltic Sea in Northern Estonia. It's a small gem with beautiful and diverse nature, hospitable inhabitants with its own strong traditions. The first records of this island originated from 1387 when the island had name *Rango*. The area of Prangli island is only 6,44 km² and approximately 80 people live there all year around. There is a small church on the island that was built on 1848, a school with 8 students and a community house. For tourists there is a restaurant that is open only in summer season, folk museum and nature museum run by locals to introduce the history and wildlife of this small unique island. International volunteers are invited to help the maintenance of these museums. And as there will be a children nature and art camps on the island at the same time volunteers will be asked to help out there introducing their countries and cultures to kids. Also, volunteers are asked to help with preparation and running of cultural events on the island. Prangli info: www.prangli.ee, <https://pranglireisid.ee/2017/03/05/5-reasons-why-visit-prangli-island-estonia/?lang=en>

Work

Volunteers will help restoration of exhibits of the Island museums, fix elements of museum buildings and work in the garden and area around museums. There will be a summer camps for children held on the same time, where volunteers are asked to assist playing fun games and presenting own countries. Age of children 7-9. And as there will be cultural events on island (concerts, festivals) volunteers will be involved in preparation work and tidying up after. The working time is 6-8 hours a day. Work will be done under the supervision of the local host.

Accommodation

Be ready for simple conditions. Accommodation is in a house but please bring your sleeping bag. Dry toilet is outside house, washing facilities are in sauna. Food ingredients will be provided by local host, volunteers will cook for themselves.

Location

Prangli Museum is located on Prangli island, which belongs to Viimsi Parish in Harjumaa country. The island is situated in the northern part of Estonia, approximately 30 km from the capital city Tallinn.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. Transfer to Leppneeme harbour and boat to the Island of Prangli. **NB! You have to arrive to Tallinn in the afternoon of arrival day, the departure is scheduled to 16:00 on the last day of the camp.** If you have difficulties with it please feel free to contact us.

Leisure time

The nature in Prangli is untouched and stunning. There are many natural picturesque sights on the island, good possibilities for swimming in the sea or hiking in the forest. This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of living. Boat sea trip is planned!

Special requirements

You have to be motivated, open-minded, creative and ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life on the tiny island. It is vital to have mosquito repellent!

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** each towards local travel costs to the island and costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

EST 21	PARIISI I	RAKVERE	10.07 - 24.07	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols
EST 28	PARIISI II	RAKVERE	25.07 - 02.08	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols

Project

Do you want to spend two weeks working with kids in the **village of Paris in Estonia**? Then this camp is for you! The camp is organized for kids and teenagers by the Association of Teachers of English in Estonia. The main aim of the camp is to provide intensive experience of learning and practicing of English language for kids and teenagers outside school curriculum using facilities of children camp Pariisi. The camp program includes games and activities, performances in the open air, hikes, excursions and visits, talks and discussions in the working groups. The language of the camp is **English** – although the name *Pariisi* might provoke another expectation!

Work

Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as English language environment. It will be done through the games, drama, sport activities, excursions, discussions, etc. Volunteers with local coordinators will be responsible for the whole program of the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours some days, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program.**

There will be **2 shifts during first 2 weeks**, both dedicated to English and Nature Adventure + some horse riding. The age of kids is 10-13 in the first one and 14-16 on the second. And it is going to be up to 50 youngsters in every shift.

Second camp will be dedicated to active life style, sports and horse riding. The age of kids is from 10 to 16. And it is going to be around 40 participants in total. Volunteers will be working alongside local educational staff members.

Accommodation

Camp has two buildings with 2-3 bedded rooms. Volunteers will stay in their own room. Beds are provided, but please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets, showers and sauna are available. There is a hall for performances, open air stage, swimming pool, sport facilities for ball games, table tennis, bicycles, etc. Volunteers and participants will have their meals in the local canteen. See some photos on www.pariisi.ee

Location

Camp takes place in Pariisi village, about 100km from Tallinn the capital of Estonia. Nearest towns are Rakvere (20km) and Tapa (15km). The picturesque area around the camp with many hills, streams, rivers and lakes is very suitable for hikes and bicycle tours. Famous Lahemaa National Park is about 20 km from the camp. More information on www.visitestonia.com, www.lahemaa.ee, www.rakvere.ee

Terminal

Airport, bus or train station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Rakvere and pick up by camp hosts.

Special requirements

The min age of volunteers is 19. A very good level of spoken English is required. Please provide your **Motivation Letter**. You should be really motivated to work with kids and teenagers. Previous experience is an asset. All ideas of activities for youngsters, games etc. are welcomed. It is highly desirable that you could share some of your skills and knowledge with children - e.g. teach them dancing or playing music, make a performance or do some handicrafts. It is important to be sporty for joining the second camp.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities: swimming, hiking, sports, horse riding, etc. Excursions to Lahemaa National Park and Rakvere are possible.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **The fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 24	ZOO I	TALLINN	14.07 – 25.07	ENVI	8 vols
EST 38	ZOO II	TALLINN	11.08 - 22.08	ENVI	8 vols

Planting trees and flowers in the wonderful Zoo of Tallinn

Project

Tallinn Zoo www.loomaaed.ee was founded in 1939 and during 80 years of existence it has managed to assemble the most fascinating zoo collection in Northern Europe. Zoo participates in a numerous conservation projects, playing a leading role in the reintroduction project of the European mink and the Black vulture. Tallinn Zoo introduces the public to a variety of animals and conveys information about wildlife through interpretative signs and boards, interactive devices, printed handouts and media representations. From autumn through spring, classes for young animal lovers - schoolchildren of different age are regularly conducted in the Zoo. For over 12 years ESTYES has been supporting Zoo running various voluntary service activities and projects there. The workcamp, you are going to take part in, is one of them.

The camp is organised in cooperation with the Pohja Tallinn Open Youth Centre <http://ptnk.ee/et/> which kindly provides accommodation to participants.

Work

The work mainly consists of doing various gardening jobs in the green areas on the large Zoo territory: clearing and tiding up, mowing grass, cutting bushes, planting flowers. Most of the work will be outdoors. In case of rainy weather alternative work indoors will be found. The work is planned for 4-5 hours a day. Please note that the work does not include direct contact with the animals. In addition, there might be some simple administrative work like helping to run a survey of Zoo visitors.

Accommodation:

You will stay in the North Tallinn Open Youth Centre of Tallinn. It takes about 10 min by tram to get from there to the city centre and around 30 min by bus to get to the Zoo. Public transport passes will be provided for the whole duration of the camp. Volunteers will have one big sleeping room, common room, equipped kitchen, shower and toilets. There is also shower in the Zoo which can be used after work. You will sleep on mattresses on the floor. Please bring your sleeping bags! Volunteers have to prepare their own meals for breakfasts and dinners. Lunches will be organised in the Zoo.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, the largest city with 450 000 inhabitants and times more tourists during summer season. It is proud for its well-preserved Old Town included to the UNESCO World Heritage List. You can get a lot of information on <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng>. Zoo lies to the west from the city centre, about 15 min by public transport.

Terminal

Airport, bus or train station, harbour in Tallinn.

Special requirements

No special skills required, but you have to be ready for some physical work. This camp is not suitable for volunteers allergic to hay or plants. Tools will be provided, just take your working clothes & gloves.

Leisure time

Besides, that volunteers will get well acquainted with the Zoo and its inhabitants from inside, there are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the capital, where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing & museums, countless festivals and concerts, live music, pubs, etc. And you will have time for it as working days are short. It is planned to visit Open Air Museum and Botanic Garden of Tallinn. On weekend it is possible to go for a day cruise to Helsinki or enjoy Maritime Days in Tallinn <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/see-do/events/eid-8525>

All in all, this camp provides an excellent opportunity to experience Tallinn's vivid life in summer. **Go for it!**

Participation fee

As there are no public funds to support your participation in this camp neither from the state nor from the private sponsors, you are asked to contribute **150 Euro towards cost of board, lodging, local transport and leisure program**. The fee has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.

How honey is made? Come to find out and taste!

Project

For many years EstYES has been cooperating with eco-farms around Estonia for solidarity and respect for their work and to support local people involved in agricultural sector, who keep traditional and develop eco-farming in Estonia despite of all difficulties. Kriusilla Farm is one of them. This is the organic farm dealing with traditional bees-keeping and promoting sustainable lifestyle. So, this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share eco-values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. This camp follows positive experience of the camps of almost 10 previous years.

Work

Kriusilla is a small farm dealing mainly with beekeeping and forestry. Volunteers will be doing some forestry work (cleaning and weeding forestry, planting trees, building wood construction) but also collecting honey, cleaning and improving bee houses, possibly helping to build new ones. There can be also some light odd jobs in the house, building and gardening. The working day will be 5-7 hours depending on weather conditions.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions on the farm will be simple, but beds are provided. Please bring your sleeping bags. Toilets and showers are available. There is kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking. Volunteers will be served food cooked by the hosts.

Location

The farm is located in Anija Community of Harjumaa County. Distance from Tallinn is about 40 km. More information on www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, train to Kehra.

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the rural life and be ready to do farm work, which can be hard sometimes. **NB!** Obviously, the volunteers **should not be afraid of or be allergic to bees**. There are 3 children in the family of Kriusilla Farm, and participants are welcome to spend some time with them sharing their culture and languages.

Leisure time

There are a lot of leisure time possibilities in the area for people enjoying nature and interested in sustainable way of living. There are many interesting locally important natural sites in the area. There is Jagala River 4 km away, picturesque lakes about 20 km away and the sea 40 km away. Short trips in the area are planned by hosts. It is easy and quite possible to go to Tallinn on your own in the free time to enjoy its attraction and numerous opportunities flourishing in summer period. Besides there will be some local festivities in the villages nearby www.voose.ee; www.viikingitekyla.ee ; www.korvemaa.ee/en ; <https://anijamois.ee/> which can be attended together with the hosts.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp**. If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) is NGO dedicated to nature conservation. Its mission is to preserve endangered species and their habitats, natural landscapes and natural associations typical of Estonia. ELF has organized yearly nature conservation holidays where volunteers, participants and group managers work together in order to improve the living conditions of a certain species (i.e. natterjack toad, black stork) or maintain semi-natural communities. You can read on <http://elfond.ee/en> and see photos from volunteering camps of 2019: <http://www.talgud.ee/galerii/2019>

The aim of this camp is restoring the habitats of endangered amphibians **the natterjack toad and the northern crested newt**.

West-Estonia and the natterjack toad

The Matsalu National Park in West-Estonia is one of Europe's most important stopover sites for waterfowl on their flight from the Arctic to Western Europe. It is a true paradise for bird watchers. The national park comprises the shallow Matsalu Bay, nearly 50 islands and islets and the Väinameri sea surrounding them. The coastal meadows by Matsalu Bay, which are among the largest in Europe, are an important feeding place for migratory birds and a nesting site for some rare species.

The natterjack toad can be easily recognized by a bright yellow stripe on its back. This amphibian used to be a common species in Estonian coastal meadows. Unfortunately, as the traditional farming and agriculture have changed, many meadows are no longer used for cattle and the open landscapes gradually disappear. The natterjack toad inhabits open meadows that have temporary ponds and no high vegetation.

Haanja in South-Estonia and the crested newt

Haanja is the highest part of an otherwise low country. It's locally known for some distinct cultural heritage: smoke saunas and Võru dialect. The hills of Haanja create a very diverse landscape with small size fields, hay-meadows, forests and wetlands. A perfect habitat for many cultural landscape species that have been lost in intensive farming areas.

The northern crested newt is a rare dark lizard-like threatened amphibian species in Estonia, occurring mainly in the southern part of the country. One of the main reasons for the decrease in the crested newt's numbers is the lack of small water bodies suitable for breeding ponds. With the help of volunteers, we can clear the ponds from brushwood and vegetation, which helps to ensure the survival and increase of existing populations.

Work

Our work will be removing junipers and brushwood from the habitats of amphibians. A typical workday will last for 6 hours. Work equipment and gloves will be provided by ELF. Participants need to bring suitable clothes for work, rubber boots, sleeping bag, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

Accommodation

The region of Matsalu (West-Estonia): simple accommodation on mattresses on the floor of an old school house. Showers and kitchen are available. One evening will be reserved for sauna. The region of Haanja (South-Estonia): in beds of a local rental house.

We will be cooking our own food throughout the camp. The Estonian group leader will compile the menu and buy the groceries.

Itineraries

- **20th July.** Around noon: arrival to Tallinn Airport. Public transport (bus) from Tallinn Coach Station to the town of Lihula (ca 1,5 h and 10 euros). Pick-up from Lihula with ELF's minivan.
- **21-22nd July.** Work in Matsalu (West-Estonia).
- **23th July.** Free day to explore the region of Matsalu. Pick-up from Tartu Coach Station in the evening. Transport from Tartu to Haanja with ELF's minivan.
- **24-25th and 27-28th July.** Work in Haanja (South-Estonia).
- **26th July.** Free day to explore the region of Haanja.
- **29th July.** Drop-off to Tartu coach station. Public transport (bus) from Tartu to Tallinn Airport (ca 2,5 h and 10 euros).

Special requirements

You have to bring working clothes, warm clothes as nights can be rather chilly, wet weather clothing, summer clothes as days might be hot, wellingtons, sleeping bag and sleeping mattress, swimwear, towel, insect spray. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

Leisure time

Board games, sauna, swimming, hiking and exploring the local surroundings, etc.

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **110 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, administration and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers either by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp or to the host upon arrival to the camp.**

Project

This project is organized for teenagers by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" within its annual activities on multicultural issues for teens. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English language practice. The project gets 14 to 17 years old teens familiar with national traditions of the countries from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative as well as tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. This year camps' topic is "Gardens of Babylon". The main idea will be to discover which impact has the plant health on people and on the planet as whole. What are the main problems of plants, what we can do ourselves to take good care of them. During camp there will be meetings, discussions with local and international professionals of this field. Thematic photo and video contests for volunteers and camp participants will be organized.

Work

Activating teenage participants in the city camp and providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by team of volunteers are playing games and music popular in the countries that volunteers represent, drama, sports, preparing festivals, common discussions, excursions, actions for peace and nature protection, leading and supporting teens in their work on the team projects.; preparing and leading the teen teams' presentations on the countries the camp participants and volunteers are from. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants.** You will stay with teens 10.00 – 17.00 and spend another hour to prepare next day activities and get feedback. In the course of camp there is one day off and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn together with teens. Before activities start there will be 2 days training in the Language School "In Down-Town" about camp methodology and preparation. Most of local teens in the camp are Russian-speaking youngsters from minority group of Tallinn. Besides local teens 15 teenage participants from abroad are expected to join this camp. The total number of participants is about 40. Volunteers will work in pair facilitating and leading a smaller group of 10 - 12 teens during the day.

Accommodation

On beds in the class rooms of the Language School "In Down-Town", in the centre of Tallinn. Toilets and showers are available. You will have breakfasts and dinners at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city centre. Please note: it is not possible to stay at this accommodation before or after the camp. If you need a place to stay, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn.

Location

Camp takes place in school situated in the centre of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng

The meeting place will be in the school "In Down Town" **at 14:00 on camp arrival date at Joe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a motivation letter** with the application. Experience in work with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We ask you to bring some materials, music, national games, snacks, etc. which can be used during your country presentation. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is from 20 to 30.** Before making final decision about your participation in the camp, the project coordinator will have Skype interview with you.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as the camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, pubs, etc.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. This **fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

Helping local community to run International Folk Dance Festival

Project

It became a good tradition for EstYES to organize international workcamps in co-operation with Marjamaa Community. It lies on the half way between Tallinn and Parnu, and it is known for its rich historical and cultural heritage: ancient settlement in Varbola, XIII century church in Marjamaa, numerous German manor houses of XVIII-XIX centuries, etc. Local authorities see in the international camps a powerful tool for local development - not only in terms of work done by volunteers but mainly for introduction multicultural dimension to the population of small local communities in the country. The camp will take place in the village of Marjamaa, the centre of the community. The main idea of this camp is to assist running the 15th international Marjamaa Folk Dance Festival helping different practical tasks. More information about the Festival can be found here <https://marjamaafolk.ee/en/about-the-festival/>

Work

As there will be the 14th international Marjamaa Folk Dance Festival and The Days of the Village on 01.-04.08, volunteers are asked to help it out doing various practical jobs related to its organization and running. This will definitely involve a lot of cleaning and manual work! But it is also expected that volunteers contribute to the festival by introducing their national culture, music, also food to locals as well as organizing games and fun activities for local children during the Day of the Youth and Children in the frame of the Festival. Be ready to work for some hours on the weekend! A group of Estonian students of University Department of Culture will join international volunteers.

Accommodation:

Volunteers will have simple accommodation in the rooms of the Marjamaa Youth Centre right in the middle of the village, sleeping on beds and mattresses. Please bring a sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available. Volunteers will have lunches and dinners in the local canteen and breakfast prepared by themselves at the accommodation.

Location

Marjamaa is a village with ca 4000 inhabitants on the half way between Tallinn and Parnu. Distance from Marjamaa to Tallinn is 66 km. Being an administrative centre of community with 7000 inhabitants Marjamaa has several shops, department stores, culture house, cinema, several pubs, etc. Larger city nearby is Rapla (25km), an administrative centre of the county, with a population of about 7000 people. Marjamaa has a very good connection to Tallinn and Parnu. More information on www.marjamaa.ee and www.raplamaa.ee

Terminal

Airport, harbor, bus & train stations in Tallinn; bus to Marjamaa.

Special requirements

Please bring sleeping bag and pillow. It will be great if you could think about your contribution to the festival and bring some materials, music, games as well as national food/ drinks for it. If you can present folk songs or dances from your country or teach others it you really should not hesitate to do it! English is the camp language.

Leisure time

You can enjoy all performances of the Festival. During the international Folk Festival volunteers can join diverse activities and parties with the international participants and locals such as Festival Club every evening. Besides, it is possible to do sport at the school stadium, swim in the local swimming pool; also go to excursions to the ancient settlement in Varbola, Sillaotsa Farm Museum and other local places of interest.

Participation fee

Due to the lack of financial support for the project the participation fee of **100 Euro** is requested from volunteers to cover the costs of board, leisure activities and administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

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The aim of this camp is **mire and coastal meadow restoration - the mire of Laukasoo (North-Estonia) and coastal meadow in Matsalu National Park (West-Estonia)**. Mires are freshwater reservoirs and crucial for carbon fixation. Coastal meadows in Matsalu are important habitat for the ruff (*Calidris pugnax*).

North-Estonia and mire restoration

Lahemaa National Park is located on the northern coast of Estonia and it is considered an important forest conservation area in Europe. The national park comprises scenic bogs, picturesque shorelines and large boulders that have been here since the end of the last ice age. You can also find a number of old majestic mansions here, such as Palmse, Sagadi and Vihula.

The Laukasoo mire is located in Lahemaa National Park. The worksite is not accessible by car, which is why we will have to walk 1-2 km to the site, whilst carrying the work equipment (shovels and buckets). We will be digging peat and using the blocks to create a dam on a drainage ditch. Closing of the drainage network is necessary for restoring the water regime of the mire. The work is physically demanding, but doable for people with average physique and stamina.

Matsalu in West-Estonia and the ruff

The Matsalu National Park in West-Estonia is one of Europe's most important stopover sites for waterfowl on their flight from the Arctic to Western Europe. It is a true paradise for bird watchers. The national park comprises the shallow Matsalu Bay, nearly 50 islands and islets and the Väinameri sea surrounding them. The coastal meadows by Matsalu Bay, which are among the largest in Europe, are an important feeding place for migratory birds and a nesting site for some rare species.

Ruff is a medium sized wader that breeds in marshes and wet meadows. It is a protected species in Estonia whose numbers are influenced by drainage and disappearing coastal meadows. What makes the ruff so interesting is the fact that it has significant sexual dimorphism. The male is much larger than the female and has a distinct breeding plumage with an impressive tuft on the head. Our work in the camp will be clearing a habitat of the ruffs from brushwood.

Work

Work in Laukasoo mire will be building dams out of peat blocks. Work in Matsalu will be clearing a lakeside from brushwood. A typical workday will last for 6 hours. Work equipment and gloves will be provided by ELF. Participants need to bring suitable clothes for work, rubber boots, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

Accommodation

Simple accommodation on mattresses or in beds in sleeping bags. Showers and kitchen are available. One evening will be reserved for traditional Estonian sauna. We will be cooking our own food. Estonian group leader will compile the menu and buy groceries.

Itineraries

- **1st August.** Around noon: arrival to Tallinn Airport. Public transport: train from Ülemiste station (ca 1 h and 6 euros) or bus from Tallinn Coach Station to the town of Rakvere (ca 1,5 h and 6 euros). Pick-up from Rakvere with ELF's minivan.
- **2nd and 4th August.** Work in Laukasoo mire (North-Estonia).
- **3rd August.** Free day to explore the Lahemaa National Park.
- **5th August.** Transport from North-Estonia to West-Estonia. The route goes through the town of Tartu in South-Estonia to load new work equipment.
- **6th and 8th August.** Work in Matsalu National Park (West-Estonia)
- **7th August.** Free day to explore West-Estonia.
- **9th August.** Drop-off to Lihula. Public (bus) from Lihula to Tallinn Coach Station (ca 2 h and 9 euros).

Special requirements

You have to bring working clothes, warm clothes as nights can be rather chilly, wet weather clothing, summer clothes as days might be hot, wellingtons, sleeping bag and sleeping mattress, swimwear, towel, insect spray. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

Leisure time

Board games, sauna, swimming, hiking and exploring the local surroundings, etc. Exploring of Tartu <https://visittartu.com/>

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **110 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, administration and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers either by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp** or to the host upon arrival to the camp.

Teaching children languages in fun and interactive way staying in the heart of magical Tallinn**Project**

This project is organized for teenagers by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" within its annual activities on multicultural issues for teens. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative language practice. The project gets 14 to 17 years old teens familiar with national traditions of the countries from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative as well as tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. This shift targets particularly those youngsters, who **do not speak English** but other languages. Thus, camp has 3 working languages: **French, German and Spanish**. This year camps' topic is "Gardens of Babylon". The main idea will be to discover which impact has the plant health on people and on the planet as whole. What are the main problems of plants, what we can do ourselves to take good care of them. During camp there will be meetings, discussions with local and international professionals of this field. Thematic photo and video contests for volunteers and camp participants will be organized.

Work

Activating teenage participants in the city camp and providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by team of volunteers are playing games and music popular in the countries that volunteers represent, drama, sports, preparing festivals, common discussions, excursions, actions for peace and nature protection, leading and supporting teens in their work on the team projects.; preparing and leading the teen teams' presentations on the countries the camp participants and volunteers are from. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants.** You will stay with teens 10.00 – 17.00 and spend another hour to prepare next day activities. In the course of camp there is at least one day of travel outside Tallinn together with teens. Before activities start there will be 2 days training in the Language School "In Down-Town" camp methodology and preparation. Most of local teens in the camp are Russian-speaking youngsters from minority group of Tallinn. Besides local teens 6 teenage participants from abroad are expected to join this camp. The total number of participants is 12-15.

Accommodation

On beds in the class rooms of the Language School "In Down- Town", in centre of Tallinn. Toilets and showers are available. You will have breakfasts and dinners at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city centre. Please note: **it is not possible to stay at this accommodation before or after the camp.** If you need a place to stay, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn.

Location

Camp takes place in learning centre situated in the centre of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng

The meeting place will be in the school "In Down Town" **at 14:00 on camp arrival date at Joe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with teens. Please **provide a motivation letter** along with application form. Experience in work with youth is an advantage. **Your ideas** and actual **preparation** to do the activities for teens are essential. We ask you to bring some materials like postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. typical for your country or region which can be used during your country presentation. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country with ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. Good level of **French or German or Spanish** is required.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST F1 Family Camp at Kiidi Farm VORU 10.08 - 18.08 ENVI/ FAMILY 20 adults + 20 kids

Project

For a decade EstYES promotes camps where parents and children can participate together. The idea is to create a kind of temporary community where adults and children can share the ideas of voluntary activity for the benefit of rural area. The schedule of the camp allows adults to act as volunteers like in any other voluntary camp working 4-5 hours a day for practical tasks. Meanwhile children "work" as well, in the sense that they take part in the activities helping parents and sharing easy tasks with them. Local organisers supported by parents care about the children during the working activities, providing snacks, proposing games and activities, etc. In the daily free time and during days off group excursions and other activities will be organised by the local hosts. Parents can join the camp in pair or alone with their children. Some English is necessary for parents in order to communicate among them and with the compleader. The camp follows a very positive 14 years experience. Here is the link to the video of last year Family Camp https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jd_Bsm1pYI&t=9s

Venue

It is a very long tradition for EstYES to organize international workcamps in co-operation with Kiidi Farm located in the Voru County in the South of Estonia. With the support of the state and local authorities the eco- and farm sustainable tourism has been developed in this area. Besides promoting the environmental tourism, this initiative supports rural development, which is an important issue for Estonia. Estonian Association of Farm Tourism has launched several projects, and Kiidi Farm, where the camp takes place, is one of them. It is run by the large Piho family with 8 kids of different age. More information on Kiidi Farm is on site www.kiidi.ee

Location

The charm of Haanja Uplands in South Estonia lies in its lovely hilly landscape, winding roads and numerous lakes. Most of its ancient villages, special dialect, handicraft, and customs have been preserved until today. The whole area, called Vorumaa, is an area of outstanding beauty. It is famous for its diverse and very well-preserved nature. Untouched forests with wildlife, deep valleys, hills, 170 small lakes with extremely clean water, numerous rivers with caves in the steep banks - you can find everything there. Kiidi Farm is situated 15 km south of Voru, capital of the County, which has a population of 15 000 people and lies about 250 km south-east of Tallinn, very close to the Latvian and Russian borders. The closest village to Kiidi Farm is Rouge (3km) with a population of less than 1000 people. More information about Estonia www.visitestonia.com; South-Estonia www.visitvoru.ee

Work

Various works in the forest: cutting unwanted trees and bushes, burning old tree brunches and brushwood, preparing firewood for heating the farm; also, some odd jobs around the farm buildings as well as general household work. Most of the work will be outdoors. There can be also some light maintaining works indoors if weather is too rainy. The work will be usually 3-5 hours a day, the rest of the time will be spent to get acquainted with the area, its natural and historical sites as well as with local people. Local people will join the camp for work and leisure.

Accomodation:

In the farmhouse in 2-4-bedded rooms depending on the size of family. WC, shower, hot water, sauna is available. Hosts will prepare meals themselves, however, participants will be asked to help out in the kitchen.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus or train station in Tallinn; bus to Voru; transfer to Kiidi Farm. Bus from Tallinn to Voru takes about 4 hours, schedules are available on www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

The camp is open for families with their children, generally aged 3 to 13, however the kids' age is flexible. Parents can come in pairs or alone. English is the camp language.

Leisure time

There are many possibilities for leisure time, especially for those who love nature: acquaintance with nature of the area, hiking, swimming, etc. Excursions to the numerous places of interest of the County of Voru, including visit to Haanja National Park with the Estonian highest point are planned. Volunteers will have a very good chance to get in close contact with the local people, experience local traditions and learn some customs – for instance like hot Estonian sauna!

Participation fee

Since we do not receive any funds to support your participation in this camp neither from the state nor from private sponsors, you are asked to contribute towards cost of board, lodging, local transport, leisure time program, etc. The fee has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp to the host, and it is **200 Euro for every adult and 150 Euro for every child.**

Project

Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) is NGO dedicated to nature conservation. Its mission is to preserve endangered species and their habitats, natural landscapes and natural associations typical of Estonia. ELF has organized yearly nature conservation holidays where volunteers, participants and group managers work together in order to improve the living conditions of a certain species (i.e. natterjack toad, black stork) or maintain semi-natural communities. You can read on <http://elfond.ee/en> and see photos from volunteering camps of 2019: <http://www.talgud.ee/galerii/2019>

The aim of this camp is **coastal meadow and mire restoration - coastal meadow in Saaremaa (West-Estonia) and mire of Laukasoo (North-Estonia)**. Coastal meadows are an important habitat for the natterjack toad. Mires are freshwater reservoirs and crucial for carbon fixation.

Saaremaa island and the natterjack toad

Saaremaa island in West-Estonia is the largest island of Estonia which is famous for its alvars, windmills, The Kaali Meteorite Crater Field, the scenic walks on Panga Cliff and much more. Saaremaa's only town, Kuressaare, houses a well-preserved castle. We will be staying in the area of Viidumäe Nature Reserve, which is famous for its wild orchids which blossom mainly in May and June.

The natterjack toad can be easily recognized by a bright yellow stripe on its back. This amphibian used to be a common species in Estonian coastal meadows. As the traditional farming and agriculture have changed, many meadows are no longer used for cattle and open landscapes gradually disappear. The natterjack toad inhabits open meadows that have temporary ponds and no high vegetation.

North-Estonia and mire restoration

The Lahemaa National Park is located on the northern coast of Estonia and it is considered an important forest conservation area in Europe. The national park comprises scenic bogs, picturesque shorelines and large boulders that have been here since the end of the last ice age. You can also find a number of old majestic mansions here, such as Palmse, Sagadi and Vihula.

The Laukasoo mire is located in Lahemaa National Park. The worksite is not accessible via car, which is why we will have to walk 1-2 km to the site, whilst carrying the work equipment (shovels and buckets). We will be digging peat and using the blocks to create a dam on a drainage ditch. Closing of the drainage network is necessary for restoring the water regime of the mire. The work is physically demanding, but doable for people with average physique and stamina.

Work

Work in Saaremaa will be clearing a coastal meadow from reed with rakes and pitchforks. The work in Laukasoo mire will be building dams out of peat blocks. A typical workday will last for 6 hours. Work equipment and gloves will be provided by ELF. Participants need to bring suitable clothes for work, rubber boots, sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

Accommodation

Simple accommodation on mattresses or in beds with sleeping bags. Showers and kitchen are available. One evening will be reserved for the traditional Estonian sauna. We will be cooking our own food throughout the camp. The Estonian group leader will compile the menu and buy the groceries.

Itineraries

- **15th August.** Around noon: arrival to Tallinn Airport. Public bus from Tallinn Coach Station to Virtsu harbour (ca 2 h and 12 euros). Pick-up from Virtsu with ELF's minivan. Extra cost: ferry tickets from Virtsu to Saaremaa (ca 6 euros for round-trip).
- **16th and 18th August.** Work on Harilaid peninsula (located in North-West Saaremaa).
- **17th August.** Free day to explore the North-West region of Saaremaa.
- **19th August.** Transport from Saaremaa to North-Estonia with ELF's minivan. The route goes through the town of Tartu in South-Estonia to load new work equipment.
- **20th and 22nd August.** Work in Laukasoo mire (North-Estonia).
- **21st August.** Free day to explore the Lahemaa National Park.
- **23rd August.** Drop-off to Rakvere. Public transport: train or bus (ca 1,5 h and 6 euros) to Tallinn.

Special requirements

You have to bring working clothes, warm clothes as nights can be rather chilly, wet weather clothing, summer clothes as days might be hot, wellingtons, sleeping bag and sleeping mattress, swimwear, towel, insect spray. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

Leisure time

Board games, sauna, swimming, hiking and exploring the local surroundings, etc. Exploring of Tartu <https://visittartu.com/>

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **110 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, administration and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers either by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp** or to the host upon arrival to the camp.

Make new friends helping local people in the heart of Estonia!**Project**

Pilistvere is very small village in the center of Estonia. Although small it is full of life in summer: several activities make local people busy, and all visitors are warmly welcome to participate! Village is known for the rich history, beautiful landscape mixed pure nature: forests, springs, rivers and small riverlakes. The aim of the project is support life in a countryside through diversity of culture and experience. Also, we hope to encourage understanding between different cultures and pass strong message about voluntary service around. Local community - young people and adults - of this rural area will be involved to the project for work, leisure and (inter)cultural activities.

Work

Work will include landscaping, clearing and tidying up green areas and objects of local importance in the village such as taking care of old historical cemetery, work around the local pastorate, etc. It is also possible to participate in local youngster's social-enterprise summer cafeteria. The working day will be 5-7 hours a day. Work will be done under supervision of local technical leaders. Work is mainly physical and outdoors. Local young people will join international volunteers for work and leisure time.

Accommodation

Work and accommodation will take place in Pilistvere Pastorate which also acts as camp and seminar centre. Volunteers will sleep in beds but please bring your sleeping bag or bed-sheets. Toilets and showers are available, as well as kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking. Volunteers will have to make breakfast on their own while the rest of the meals will be cooked and served by the local staff. We ask you to bring some snacks for the international evening if possible.

Location

Pilistvere, a village of Viljandi County, lies in central-Estonia, half way from Tallinn to Tartu, where the main road turns to Viljandi. Distance from Tallinn is 140km, from Tartu - 70km, from Viljandi - 40 km. More information: www.viljandimaa.ee, www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, bus to Poltsamaa, where locals will pick up the volunteers.

Special requirements

Volunteers should be interested in rural life, be ready to participate in the discussions about rural development and to interact local young people. It will be appreciated if volunteers can tell about national voluntary practices and youth work for the benefit of the local development in their own countries. As the work can be quite physical sometimes, the volunteers should be in a good physical shape. Camp is organized by Estonian Lutheran Church Pilistvere congregation, so religious acceptance is appreciated. At the same time, this is NOT a religious camp by any mean.

Leisure time

Swimming in lakes and rivers, hiking to marshes, playing ball games with local youth, partying, joining local festivities and, of course, enjoying vivid international atmosphere of this large camp. It is planned to visit some Estonian towns and participate in local festivals. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy rural life and want to learn more about history and culture of Estonia staying right in the heart of it!

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

PS! If you are official participant in EstYes camp in Pilistvere join Facebook: Pilistvere EstYes 2020.

Project

The group of youth workers from Tallinn's youth centre "Youth Club Active" runs children's camp in Vihasoo for 25 years. The aim of Vihasoo camp is to give children possibility of active and meaningful summer vacations. The base of Vihasoo lies 70km from Tallinn. The camp is located on the territory of Lahemaa National Park. The wonderful nature, proximity to the sea (about 100m), good facilities – all this makes Vihasoo ideal place for leisure. Such location brings children closer to unspoiled nature and gives them an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Estonian national heritage richly presented in the area. Each summer period of the camp has its own theme. The topic for this shift is «Young and Bold», and the purpose of this period is to discover different countries and cultures through artistic expression which could be dancing or singing, national style party, music or art of any kind – anything volunteer is good at. The idea is to have intercultural diversity to be presented to kids. We want to give children opportunity to discover differences in cultures, that they can learn it and reflect after. To achieve this aim Vihasoo camp invites international volunteers to join it as animators. Most of children are Russian-speaking from minority community of Estonia. The area of the camp is 1,8 ha and it can host about 80 children on one shift. The age is 12-16. More information on www.vihasoo.ee

Work

Each day of the camp will have a program completed by local coordinators and volunteers will be helping to realize it. The main activities will be intercultural learning through finding differences and similarities between Estonia and countries, where volunteers come from (history, traditions, language, singing, dancing, etc). It will be done through art, games, drama, sport, discussions. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. Volunteers would lead workshops connected with their **cultural expression** during 5 days of the camp, which may culminate with small performance on the last day of the project. The duration of each workshop is 2 hours. You do not have to be professional, the most important that it is enjoyable and fun! Besides, each volunteer has to run one cultural night to present own country and culture to others. After placement volunteers will be contacted by organizers to get involved and guided in the preparation of the program before arrival to Estonia. Volunteer will work in partnership with professional local educators and youth workers - 25 staff members.

Accommodation

In the separate house with other staff members in 4-6-bedded rooms. Volunteers will eat together with children and staff in the canteen. Showers, dry toilets and Wi-Fi are available.

Location

Vihasoo is tiny village in the picturesque Lahemaa National Park 70km from Tallinn. Surrounded by forest, near to the sea, it is the ideal place for summer vacations. The nearest town (7km) is Vosu, spa town with about 1000 inhabitants.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, specially arranged car to Vihasoo. We will organise transfer for the volunteers on 19.08 - one day before children arrive to the camp that is to get to know each other and prepare things.

Special requirements

You have to love kids and be well **motivated to work** with them. **The work demands 24-hours commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes.** Weekend is not free! Experience in work with children is an advantage. We expect active volunteers with good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. Moreover, volunteer should be strong enough in some art to be able to lead a workshop for kids. All exciting ideas of activities for kids, games etc are welcome. English and Russian are the camp languages.

Leisure time

Hiking, swimming, sunbathing, sports, games, excursions to the places of interest in the Lahemaa National Park.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

Come and work for nature and sustainable living in Matsalu National Park

Project

Kodade cottage and Matsalu Creative Space are social enterprise initiatives which aim to sustain cultural heritage and to provide a rich variety of nature tourism services and active tourism services in the setting of unique wild nature. We also aim to provide work opportunities for people living in rural area. We have created a unique environment for creative camps, study camps and various types of events. We value sustainable living and align our activities with Matsalu National Park value system. Matsalu National Park has been created to protect migratory birds and is one of the most important protection areas of nesting and stop-over of coastal birds in Europe. In addition to bird protection Matsalu protects specific semi-natural habitats (coastal meadows and broods; woody meadows; reed bed and small islands) as well as the cultural heritage of the Väinameri sea <https://kaitsealad.ee/eng/matsalu-national-park>

Work

We offer a wide range of activities to our volunteers – mostly in the field of maintenance and development of the visitor site and the territory but also related to nature conservation in the surrounding area.

The range of activities that the volunteers can undertake: tidying up the area surrounding the camping houses, cutting down the bushes, works with soil and creating flowerbeds around the Matsalu Creative Space; creating resting places and playground areas for kids, repainting the 6 camping houses, rearranging the attic. It is also possible to build traditional stonewalls, cut down junipers, pick herbs, create nest boxes for birds or create local nature produce. The working time each day could be approximately 6-7 full hours which can vary depending on the daily leisure activities and weather conditions. Most of these activities will take place outdoors, but we will take weather conditions into account. The work will be supervised by the farm hosts with the help of the camp leader.

Accommodation

The accommodation is good - at Kodade holiday cottage (<http://www.kodade.ee/en/kodade-puhkemaja/maja-kirjeldus>) or at small camping houses (<http://www.kodade.ee/en/loov-ja-kulastuskeskus/kojakesed>). We also provide bed linen and towels. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking and the use of sauna. Food will be provided from local farms nearby. Volunteers will be served food cooked by locals for lunches during the week days otherwise it has to be cooked by the volunteers.

Location

Kodade Creative Space is located in Salevere Kula, Hanila parish, Pärnumaa county. Salevere is situated in the western part of Estonia, approximately 140km from Tallinn. More info on the websites www.hanila.ee; www.kodade.ee

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport, bus nr 2 going to the city centre stops at the Tallinn Bus Station. From bus station buses to Kuressaare go several times per day, taking you straight to Virtsu Sadam where volunteers will be picked up by camp host. Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded, creative and ready to adapt to a simple conditions of the common life in the countryside of Estonia. Please consider that the work is mainly physical, can be hard or sometimes repetitive.

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural picturesque sights on the area as well as possibilities for swimming in the sea or hiking in the forest. It is possible to choose whether to visit other parts of Laane- or Parnumaa, Haapsalu, Parnu or Saaremaa www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/west-estonia/haapsalu; www.visitparnu.com/en/ www.facebook.com/visithaapsalu/; (www.visitsaaremaa.ee/en/) which is planned by the host. Volunteers can visit more than one place for a modest extra fee. Matsalu itself offers a lot of various cultural events in summer. Furthermore there is a possibility to go on extra tours – such as nature walk, bicycle tour or boat tour on Kasari River. Nearby there are two stables who provide horseback riding (www.massuratsaklubi.ee and www.rannarantso.ee). In addition we can organise workshops and trainings with people from various fields of life. This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of rural living, who are curious and willing to use their creativity in the process of creating new environments of living.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST T1	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 1	NOVA	27.06 - 08.07	TEEN/ ENVI	40 int + 30 loc
EST T2	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 2	NOVA	07.07 - 18.07	TEEN/ ENVI	50 int + 20 loc
EST T3	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 3	NOVA	17.07 - 28.07	TEEN/ ENVI	50 int + 20 loc
EST T4	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 4	NOVA	27.07 - 07.08	TEEN/ ENVI	50 int + 20 loc
EST T5	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 5	NOVA	06.08 - 17.08	TEEN/ ENVI	50 int + 20 loc
EST T6	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 6	NOVA	16.08 - 27.08	TEEN/ ENVI	50 int + 20 loc

Project

This camp is organized for teenagers by youth sport club Lukas-Basket which has been running national youth camps for 20 years and International ones for the past 10 years. International teenage camps will be hosted on seaside in the West of Estonia in Laanemaa County in the municipality of Nova. Beautiful nature, numerous historical places, 200 years long tradition of health resort, unique cultural events are the treasures of the County. Nova with warm sea, white sand, mushroom and berry crops, picturesque lakes, cobble stone road and many places of interest is ideal place for leisure. The aim of Nova camp is to give young people possibility to have active, healthy and meaningful summer vacations with different sport adventures, to enjoy unspoiled nature and to learn to live in harmony with it, also to explore and realize their own capacities and limits. The program will include water activities, sport and ball games, eco-hikes, bicycle trips to places of interest, horse riding, fishing, rowing, sailing with Viking boats, acquaintance with local culture and many other exciting things. ***Mens sana in corpore sano (Healthy Spirit in Healthy Body)*** – this is the message of the camp! Besides all this, camp gives possibility for intensive contacts between local youth and their peers from abroad, showing youngsters the diversity of world cultures, broadening their horizons and encouraging active communication through games and creative activities. Finally, there will be **some voluntary work for nature protection and to support local community.**

The area of the camp is about 3 hectares and it can host over 70 youngsters on one shift. The age of local participants is 10-18. Local teenagers are mainly Russian-speaking of minority communities of Estonia. Videos from past camps are available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV4WZ61Zxyl> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwTAJF6pIGs&feature=youtu.be>

Program

There are diverse activities in the camp program: windsurfing, canoeing, sailing with Viking boats, running scooters, paintball in the forest, sport games - football, rugby, volleyball, athletics, self-defense training, different competitions, guided eco-hikes, forest cross, sport orientation in the forest on and on sea (navigation), fishing, bicycle trips to explore the area, table tennis, petanque, frisbee, disc-golf, trampolines, visit to the horse farm and horse riding, excursion to Keila waterfall and historical places of interest in the area, active games and adventure trail in Roosta Adventure Park, picnics on a seaside, evening of Estonian national dances and food, building sand and stones castles on the beach, Estonian sauna party, night cinema in open air theatre, etc. In addition, there will be creative workshops on decoupage, soap-making, wooden handicrafts and Estonian folk dances. Bikes are available for the whole camp duration free of charge.

Work

There will be some voluntary work such as painting of community buildings, making wooden toys and games for local orphanage, repairing benches and tables, cleaning local beach and old seaport from garbage, planting trees, cleaning old cemetery, little renovation works in the local school, clearing pavement, helping seniors living in the community with some household duties, berries and herbs picking to give the crop to the orphanage and seniors home, duty in a kitchen and around the camp once in a shift, etc. The work will be organised in cooperation with local forestry department, municipality of Nova and local school. **Please note that the work described above is planned for the whole summer and it may change from one shift to another depending on local needs, the season and actual weather conditions.**

Accommodation

In small wooden huts located nearby local school with seaside 500m away. There are beds and mattresses but **please bring your sleeping bag.** Showers, toilets are available in the school and additional bio-toilets are set on camping site. You will also try traditional Estonian sauna one day.

Catering

Three times a day. There are water machines with cold water in the school complex. Catering takes place in the school's mess hall or into the lager tent outside near the mess. Meals are cooked by professional cooks. However, participants will be asked to help cleaning.

Medical Aid

Camp staff members have medical certificates and are able to provide first aid. And there is a car on call 24/7 which goes to the nearest hospital, which is 40km away, in more serious case of any emergency.

Location

Nova is one of 11 municipalities of Laanemaa with about 400 inhabitants, located on the seaside 90 km west from capital of Estonia Tallinn and 40 km north from Haapsalu, famous spa town with many historic and cultural sites. More information on www.novavald.ee/index.php/1 The camp is located on Nova basic School's territory (www.nova.edu.ee)

Surroundings and camp's infrastructure

Schoolhouse

Sports hall

Table tennis

Wooden houses

Information centre

Refreshments stall with water coolers

Gym equipment for fitness exercises on school's territory

Football field

Basketball court on the school's territory

Volleyball court on the beach

4 lakes within 4 km from the camp side

2 sand beaches in the distance from 0,5-7 km

Forest Management Centre wooden tents with table and grill for picnic near the beach

Grocery store 0,5 km away

Hiking paths marked by Forest Department

Terminal and arrivals/ departure

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; specially arranged bus to Nova. Although pick up on arrival to Tallinn is possible at additional fee, it is not really needed since the meeting point (sport club gym) is located just 1km from the airport <https://goo.gl/maps/VSCkMgtorvw> and can be easily reached by tram from the airport (3 stops).

On arrival day there is an excursion in Tallinn, dinner, accommodation in Tallinn with lodging for the night at the gym of the sport club. Showers and WC are in the facility of the gym. On the next day there is a breakfast at 8 am and departure to camp site. On the last day of the camp there is a breakfast and departure at 11:30 am from the camp with the arrival to Tallinn airport by 13:30. If your departure is scheduled to an earlier hour a special transfer from the camp to the airport can be booked at additional fee. In case of earlier arrival or later departure accommodation in hostel can be booked upon request.

Special requirements

Participants have to be sporty (e.g. be ready to run up to 3 km, bike up to 25 km), independent enough, curious and interested in active life style.

Please inform us beforehand about allergies, dietary requirements you have or others prescriptions from your doctor. Please bring sleeping bag and mat, wind and waterproof clothes, goods shoes, warm and summer clothes. **It's desirable to take thermal underwear.** It is advisable to take tick vaccination before coming. **Generally, age of participants is 14-18,** however exceptions are possible. **NB! Smoking, drinking alcohol, using drugs is absolutely prohibited in the camp! This policy will be followed strictly! Thus, if you cannot quit smoking for a while perhaps it is better not to come.** Camp common language is English. Local languages are Estonian and Russian.

Participation fee

Unlike the "normal" camp there will be not too much of work here. Nevertheless, participants will be provided with board, lodging, local transportation and all equipment necessary to realize camp program. Besides, program involves a lot of extra costs for excursions, trips out, visits, sport activities, equipment, materials and general administration and leadership. Since neither EstYES nor its local camp partner, does not receive financial support for this camp from municipality or private sources, to realize this camp we have to charge participation fee of **400 Euro, which covers all camp and program costs including transfer from Tallinn to and from the camp, and which has to be paid by bank transfer before the camp or by participants upon arrival to the camp.** The bank details will be provided after the acceptance of the participant to the camp.

GENERAL PROGRAM

1 day	<p>Arrival to Tallinn. Meeting point at address: Pae 1, Pae Spordikompleks</p> <p>Excursion in Tallinn at 17.00 (NB! Participants who arrive after this time may not be able to take part in excursion), dinner nearby, accommodation in Tallinn - lodging for the night and placement at the gym.</p>
2 day	<p>8.00-Breakfast</p> <p>8.30 Departure to Nova camp, on the way - visit to waterfall Keila-Joa and the Manor House</p> <p>11.00 arrival to Nova camp</p> <p>11.00-11.45 accommodation and assembly</p> <p>12.00-14.00 sports competitions</p> <p>14.00-15.00 lunch</p> <p>15.30-19.00 sports and social activities</p> <p>19.00-20.00 dinner</p> <p>20.15-22.00 leader's time - play to explore</p> <p>22.00-23.00 free time</p> <p>23.00 time to sleep</p>
3 day-11 day	<p>7.30 waking up</p> <p>8.00-8.30 gymnastics on the seaside</p> <p>9.00-10.00 breakfast</p> <p>10.00-10.10 assembly</p> <p>10.10-11.00 free time (table tennis, badminton, athletics, archery, darts, fishing, etc. by wish)</p> <p>11.00-13.00 trainings (volleyball, rugby union, paintball, sports competitions, self-defense training, windsurfing, football, basketball, orienteering, bicycle trip, eco-hiking, swimming on the beach - one of those every day)</p> <p>13.00-14.00 free time (table tennis, badminton, athletics, fishing, etc. according to wish)</p> <p>14.00-15.00 lunch</p> <p>15.30-19.00 sports and social activities (going with canoe, boats and Viking boats, visit the horse farm and riding, swimming on the beach, visit the museum of nature and ethnography, volunteer's work, fishing, planting the memory tree, lessons of labor-netting bands, making brooches and amulets of wood, wood- and leather-working, decoupage, soap-making), going with ATV, Estonian sauna in the forest, etc.</p> <p>19.00-20.00 dinner</p> <p>20.15-22.00 relay race, fanny competitions, amusements, evening's cinema-village cinema, folk games, Estonian folklore evening-folklore group's performance, songs and dance together, group leader's time</p> <p>22.00-23.00 free time</p> <p>23.00 time to sleep</p>
12 day	<p>breakfast</p> <p>11.30 transfer from Nova to Tallinn</p> <p>13:30 Tallinn and transfer to railway station, airport or bus station</p>

Project

The project is organized by non-formal learning centre VitaTiim. Its mission is to create an inspiring international environment for Ida-Virumaa County youth, to promote life-long learning and personal development in the global world. And the most important task is to make young people believe in their own abilities.

This project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures and languages to the youth, learn and share different ways and techniques of creative expression and contribute to the development of local community. And the camp gives possibility for intensive contact between local youth and their peers from abroad, showing youngsters the diversity of world cultures, broadening their horizons and encouraging active communication through games and creative activities. International work camp participants will join local youth to work together for the benefit of the local community and to have leisure activities and intercultural learning experience together! Enjoy video from previous years camps: <https://youtu.be/-SZJ5XBWSWA> , <https://youtu.be/jDkoss091wY>

Work

Each day of the camp will consist of some voluntary work for the benefit of the local community and intercultural learning activities. Before lunch the participants will do light voluntary work in the different institutions in Narva: non-formal learning centre VitaTiim, center for kids with special needs Matveika, youth centre Merci, etc.

The work will involve painting of walls and paths; repairing benches and tables; doing little renovation works; cleaning local area, gardening; planting trees; organizing activities in camp for local kids and youth. The work will be often outdoors. Participants will be split in few smaller groups for the work period.

Program

After lunch participants will have an opportunity to run Language Cafe in their mother tongue or other language they speak fluently. Participants will take part in different creative workshops. All participants will be encouraged to contribute to the program and organize some art or creative workshops, run music or sport activity for other participants and local youth. Furthermore, every day there will be one country presentation with its culture, traditions, languages, music, songs, cuisine organized by the participants themselves. As you will be requested to make your country presentation, we ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, maps, symbols of your country or region, music or popular national games, etc. typical for your country or region. You will be encouraged to share your hobbies, special skills and interest with other camp participants and local youngsters.

There will be one day off in the camp and at least one day for travel outside Narva.

Camp program also includes sightseeing in Narva, visits to Narva Castle, Narva Town Hall, Narva College of Tartu University. Participants can visit SPA-centre in Narva-Jõesuu and animal farm. If weather is hot it will be possible to spend day on the sea side.

Leisure

There is plenty to do in Narva with concerts, festivals and open-air shows that take place both in the inner yard of the Narva Castle and elsewhere in the town. There are sport halls, swimming pool, fitness clubs and many other opportunities for leisure time activities.

Accommodation

Participants will stay in a hostel in shared rooms. Group leader will stay there with participants. Participants will get meal 3 times per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) which will be made according their dietary needs / please mention them!

Location

NGO VitaTiim is located in the centre of the Narva town. Close with place located shops, park, castle, etc. The camp will take place in the town of Narva, the 3rd largest city in Estonia and the easternmost point of the European Union. It lies 212 kilometers from Tallinn (the capital of Estonia) and 130 kilometers from St. Petersburg in Russia. The city stands on the left bank of the River Narva, 14 kilometers before it flows into the Gulf of Finland. At the estuary of the River Narva lies a small resort town Narva-Jõesuu which is famous for its pine woodlands and nice sandy beaches. Trips to Narva-Jõesuu will be trips organized for the camp participants. More info about Narva on http://www.narva.ee/en/for_tourists/page:469, <http://tourism.narva.ee/?mid=252>

Terminal

Airport, bus or train station, harbor in Tallinn. Pick up of participants at the arrival point is possible upon request.

Special requirements

The camp language is English. **The age of participants is 15 – 17. NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited in the camp according to the Estonian legislation!**

Participation fee

Due to lack of financial support for the project from local community the participation fee of **280 Euro** is requested from volunteers to cover the costs of board, lodging, diverse leisure time activities as well as administrative and pedagogical costs. This fee is different from sending organization's fee paid at home, and **it has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you prefer latter please ask our bank details from your sending organization.

Project

This project is organized by Tartu Youth Work Center. Its mission is to create an inspiring and educational environment for youth of Tartu, to promote life-long learning, healthy life style and youth personal development. This projects aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures and promote voluntary work to the youth and contribute to the development of local community. International work camp participants will join local youth to work together for the benefit of the local community and to have leisure activities and intercultural learning experience together. The camp gives possibility for intensive contact between local youth and their peers from abroad, showing youngsters the diversity of world cultures, broadening their mind and encouraging active communication through games and creative activities.

Work

Each day of the camp will consist of voluntary work for the benefit of the local community and intercultural learning activities. Before lunch participants will do light work in the different institutions in Tartu: Anne, Ilmatsalu and Lille Youth Center, parks etc. The work is very various like painting of walls and fences, doing little renovation jobs, cleaning local area, gardening, etc. Some work will be outdoors. Participants will be split into smaller groups for work. Also, they will help organize events and activities for local kids.

Program

Every day after work participants will take part in Language Cafes run by group leaders or volunteers. After the language program there will be fun leisure activities and visits to interesting places in Tartu and nearby. Weekends are off from work. Longer trips to visit national parks and places outside of Tartu will take place then. Every evening there will be one national presentation with its culture, traditions, languages, music, songs, cuisine organized by the participants themselves. Optionally, participants will be able to visit SPA-center in Tartu, Science center AHHAA, adventure parks, paddling, boat rides on lake etc. Swimming place with nice sandy beach is 200m from the accommodation. Participants can spend free time in youth center, where there are plenty fun activities like play station, boardgames, pool, table tennis etc. Center has big garden and lots of space for outdoor activities. Basketball court is right outside.

Accommodation

Participants will stay in the Anne Youth Center. Mattresses, pillows and sleeping bags will be provided but please bring your towels. Group leader will stay with participants in the Youth Center. Participants will get meal three times per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) according their dietary requirements. Anne Youth Center is located near to the city center of Tartu. It has big garden and open youth center area to spend free time. Nice sandy lakeshore area is just 200m from the accommodation. There are bikes in the center that all participants are free to use to explore the city or places nearby.

Location

The camp will take place in the town of Tartu, the second largest city of Estonia. Also known as the city of youth or university town of Estonia. It lies 180 km from Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. The city stands on the shore of famous Emajogi (Mother river). There are many naturally beautiful places close to Tartu that will be visited by the group. In the city there are many shopping malls, cafes, cinemas, diverse leisure activities, waterpark, river, playgrounds etc. There are plenty of things to do in Tartu for all kinds of interests. Trips to outside of Tartu will be organized for participants in the evenings and weekends. More information about Tartu: <https://visittartu.com/> and Estonia www.visitestonia.com/en

Terminal

Airport, harbor, bus station in Tallinn; bus or train to Tartu, from there camp leader will pick up international participants.

Special requirements

No special skills are needed. Tools for the work will be provided. Please bring your own towel, working clothes and gloves. The camp language is English. **The age of participants is 14 – 17.** As you will be requested to make your country presentation, we ask you to bring some materials: postcards or posters, symbols of your country or region, music or popular national games, food etc. typical for your country or region. You will be encouraged to share your hobbies, special skills and interest with other camp participants and local youngsters. **NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely and strictly prohibited in this camp!**

Leisure time

Tartu is know as the city of university and city of youth. There is a lot to do for youth specially during summer time. Various activities will be organised every day after lunch in the evenings for participants. There are several sport fields, and playgrounds, shopping centers, cafes, museums, lakeshore, river.

Participation fee

Due to lack of financial support for the project from local community the participation fee of **280 Euro is requested.** It covers accommodation, food, diverse leisure time activities as well as administrative and pedagogical costs. This fee is different from sending organization's fee paid at home, and **it has to be paid by volunteers by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** Please ask your sending organisation for our bank details.

Project

International language camp is organized for teenagers by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" (ALPS) within its annual activities on multicultural issues. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication by means of alternative English language practice which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad. The project gets 14 to 16 years old teens familiar with national traditions of the countries from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative, tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. At the same time camp gives foreign participants a great chance to meet youngsters of Estonia and experience local life staying in the host families of some of 20 local participants who will join this camp. This year camps' topic is "Gardens of Babylon". The main idea will be to discover which impact has the plant health on people and on the planet as whole. What are the main problems of plants, what we can do ourselves to take good care of them. During camp there will be meetings, discussions with local and international professionals of this field. Thematic photo and video contests for volunteers and camp participants will be organized.

Program

Camp program includes sightseeing in Estonian capital, visits to museums, meetings with organizations, social and sport games, performances in the open air, actions for peace and nature protection, discussions at the round table, team projects, presentations of the countries camp which participants and volunteers represent, etc. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Teenagers will stay in the camp activities zone from 10.00 to 17.00. There will be one day off in the camp and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn. The day off is spent in the host family. Camp activities will take place in a learning centre situated in the very centre of the city. To activate teenagers and run the program there will be 8 international volunteers and members of the local school staff.

Accommodation

In the apartments of the host families in Tallinn and suburbs. Travel cards will be provided, pick up service at arrival is provided upon request. Participants will stay in a separate or shared room. You do NOT need a sleeping bag. Participants will have breakfasts and dinners in their host families, lunches – all together in the city.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, largest city with 450 000 inhabitants and as many tourists during summer www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. Pick up by families at the point of arrival is possible upon request.

Special requirements

We will welcome any ideas to improve the program and your active participation in it. **English** is the camp language. **The age of participants is 14 – 16.**

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, etc.

Participation fee

Unlike the traditional voluntary camp there will be mostly informal educational activities and alternative language practice. Camp program implementation involves costs for board, lodging, domestic transport, materials, excursions, visits, cultural activities and general administration. Since neither EstYES nor ALPS receives any financial support for this camp from state or municipality, to make camp happened we have to charge **participation fee of 280 Euro**, which is different from your sending organization's fee paid at home.

It has to be paid by participants upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer prior to the start of the camp.

Project

An international language camp is organized by the language school "In Down Town", non-profit association "Alternative Language programs Satellite" (ALPS) and youth exchange association EstYES. The camp is aimed to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the teenagers aged 14 -17 and provide them with good practices in multicultural communication by means of alternative language practice, meetings, visits and direct contact with young people from abroad. At the same time this camp gives foreign participants a good chance to meet youngsters of Estonia and experience the local life staying in the host families of local participants who will join this camp. This camp is organized particularly for those youngsters, who does not speak English but other languages, so the languages of the camp are **French, German and Spanish**. This year camps' topic is "Gardens of Babylon". The main idea will be to discover which impact has the plant health on people and on the planet as whole. What are the main problems of plants, what we can do ourselves to take good care of them. During camp there will be meetings, discussions with local and international professionals of this field. Thematic photo and video contests for volunteers and camp participants will be organized.

Program

Camp program includes sightseeing in Estonian capital, meetings with organizations, social games, performances in the open air, actions for peace and nature protection, discussions at the round table, presentations of the countries camp participants and volunteers represent, team projects, etc. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Teenagers will stay in the camp activities zone from 10.00 to 17.00. There is at least one day of travel outside Tallinn. Camp activities will take place in a school situated in the centre of the city. To activate teenagers and run the program there will be 3 international volunteers and members of the local school staff.

Accommodation

In the apartments of the host families in Tallinn and its suburbs or directly in the school under supervision of group leaders. Travel cards and pick up service will be provided. Participants will stay in a separate or shared room. You do NOT need a sleeping bag. Participants will have breakfasts and dinners in their host families, lunches – all together in the city.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia with population of 450 000 people. See information on www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. Pick up by families at the point of arrival is possible upon request.

The meeting place will be in the school "In Down-Town" **at 14:00 on your arrival date at Joe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

We will welcome any ideas to improve the program and your active participation in it. Some knowledge of spoken **French or German or Spanish** is required in this camp. **The age of participants is 14 - 16.** We ask you to bring some materials like postcards or posters and maps, any symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. which are typical for your country or region.

Leisure time

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Participation fee

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