



GLOBAL EDUCATION  
THROUGH VOLUNTEERING



# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

2020 - TURKEY

WORKCAMPS



GSM - YOUTH SERVICES CENTRE

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**HAPPY**  
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## ABOUT US

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GSM - Youth Services Centre, was founded in 1985 in Ankara in order to contribute to the personal, social, and cultural development of young people, and to support their active participation in social and economic life.

GSM considers the young people as the primary resource and the most dynamic part of the society. GSM believes that the active participation of young people in the social life contributes to the continuation and the development of social infrastructure.

GSM, makes effort for the development of youth work and youth policies with a right-based approach so that young people can become individuals who looks to the future with great hopes.

*GSM, deals with its all programs, projects, and activities within the framework of the basic principles of global education and youth work with a pedagogical approach. It is at the forefront of the studies on the mental, emotional, spiritual, personal, social and cultural development of young people.*

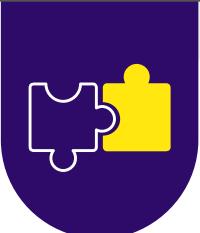


# OUR WORKING FIELDS

## VOLUNTARISM



## YOUTH WORK



## YOUTH POLICY



## YOUTH INFORMATION



## GLOBAL EDUCATION



## VOLUNTARISM

Volunteering is a social initiative aimed at helping or meeting a social need and is a unique learning process that contributes to the personal and social development of young people. In addition to the benefits obtained from the voluntary work, the young people involved in the voluntary work; develop skills in problem-solving and communication, learn teamwork, be more tolerant in the social life, cooperate and helping one another, have a better understanding of the society and the world, gain new life experiences, increase self-confidence, and also develop value judgements. GSM is an active participant of International Voluntary Service movement and an implementor of European Solidarity Corps Programs.



## YOUTH WORK

Youth Work is defined as social, cultural and educational studies which are aimed to create a learning environment designed to enable young people to discover and realize their potential. Youth Work is an educational process that takes young people into the center, which expresses different types of activities and approaches that will enable their personal, social and emotional development in line with their problems, needs, expectations and rights. GSM deals and carries out its all programs, projects and activities with a pedagogical approach within the framework of the basic principles of Youth Work, and it contributes to the development of youth works with the youth and education programs that GSM organizes.

# OUR WORKING FIELDS

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YOUTH POLICY



YOUTH INFORMATION



GLOBAL EDUCATION



## YOUTH POLICY

National Youth Policy can be summarized as the government's commitment on enhancing life standards of the young people and making opportunities for them and implementing these commitments. Sustainable, inclusive and holistic youth policies that will enable the active participation of young people in social, political, artistic, cultural and economic life have the potential to contribute to the solution expectations and needs of youth and their problems. GSM makes efforts to improve civil society dialogues for the development of Youth Policies and takes part in the related platforms.



## YOUTH INFORMATION

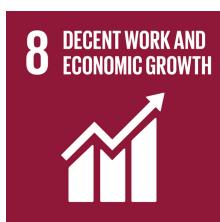
Youth Information, is a learning method which develops skills of young people in making positive life choices and making the right decisions, also including the education. Youth information; is a learning process that supports the development of youngsters' abilities; their access to beneficial services, opportunities, and possibilities; and their active participation in social and economic life. GSM helps young people to learn their problems and needs, and also makes it easier for them to find solutions. GSM tries to reach young people as many as possible using effective and appropriate ways; creative and innovator strategies, methods, and tools for the needs of different groups; and it serves as a "Youth Information Center".



## KÜRESEL EĞİTİM

GSM-Youth Services Centre is Turkey National Coordinator of the Council of Europe North-South Center, the Global Education Network. Global Education; is a holistic approach deals with the increasing links between local and global realities. Global Education which aims to improve participant global citizenship, intents people to understand the world issues, gain knowledge and skills for global problems in the basis of values and behaviors towards the global issues. Global Education helps individuals to understand the complication of the world; be aware of contradictions; understand that there is not one particular solution for complex problems, and think critically. It creates a reflexive educational process for the development of these competences; and for individuals to become active global citizens. Transformative learning enables a common vision for a world which is more fair and sustainable for everyone.

# UN - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

(2019)

GO TEAM!

DREAM BIG

# GENERAL FUTURES OF GSM WORKCAMPS



- 1) Workcamps are organized in the scope of the basic principles and understanding of International Volunteer Service and Global Education. Each one of the workcamps is related to Sustainable Development Goals.
- 2) Workcamps are organized by GSM in cooperation with universities, municipalities, public institutions, associations and other non-profit organizations.
- 3) The workcamps are international, and the common language is English.
- 4) Most of short term workcamps last for 14 days.
- 5) Each workcamp has 1 or 2 trained workcamp leader.
- 6) GSM workcamps does not cover insurance for the volunteers. The volunteers are responsible of their insurances and expenses in any case of possible health and accidents during the workcamp.
- 7) It is not allowed to use drugs. Workcamps are respectful to local/domestic sensitivities.



## What Do We Expect From The Volunteers?

- 1) Come to our workcamps with high motivation and lots of smiles,
- 2) Have an English speaking knowledge at Intermediate level at least (Higher level of speaking may be asked from the volunteers in some workcamps),
- 3) Be aware that using drugs is prohibited,
- 4) Çalışma alanında alkol kullanmamalarını,
- 5) Not to use alcohol in the study and open areas,
- 6) Arrange their arrival and departure transportation to the meeting point,
- 7) Bring the materials indicated in the info-pack with them,
- 8) Arrive the workcamp site on the arrival date and leave the workcamp site on the departure date,
- 9) Not to forget to get their accident and health insurances done in their home country, (GSM and its partners does not get health insurance done for the volunteers. The volunteers are responsible of their expenses in any case of possible health and accidents.)
- 10) Be ready to work 4-6 hours daily in weekdays (The working hours may increase or decrease in some workcamps.),
- 11) Bring songs, games, musical instruments if the volunteers are playing any.

# GENERAL FUTURES OF GSM WORKCAMPS



## What Are The Outcomes Of The Workcamps For The Volunteers?

- 1) Gain the knowledge, skills, values and behaviors necessary to become a citizen of the world
- 2) Learn to connect between global and local realities,
- 3) Try to find solutions to our global and common problems,
- 4) Learnt the importance of co-operating and helping out one another in the face of competition and individualism,
- 5) Develop their communication skills,
- 6) Learn to be unbiased and more tolerant in an multi-cultural environment ,
- 7) Improve their value judgements and understand the world better,
- 8) Have new life experiences,
- 9) Increase their self-confidence,
- 10) Experience volunteering as a young person by applying the benefits to themselves and the society and, make it a lasting motivation for their lives,
- 11) Have lots of fun with their peers from different cultures, discover the location, and take part in useful activities.



## GLOBAL EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

GSM-Youth Services Centre is an active part of International Volunteer Service Movement as ALLIANCE-Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations and CCIVS-Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service.

The people of the world today are faced by basic challenges: warfare and conflict, the struggle for social, cultural and economic justice and the preservation of the global ecosystem. The IVS movement is committed to overcoming these challenges. Our work is based on the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals.

IVS by people with different skills and high ideals is a practical demonstration of the commitment, solidarity and cooperation which our world so urgently needs. It is our aim to promote these ideals both locally and globally.

GSM-Youth Services Centre is Turkey National Coordinator of the Council of Europe North-South Center, the Global Education Network. NSC-The North-South Centre's objective is to enable forming strategies and policies, raising awareness, capacity-building, and expanding its co-operation area. The official name of The North-South Centre (NSC) is the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity.

The mandate of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe is to provide a framework for European co-operation designed to heighten public awareness of global interdependence issues and to promote policies of solidarity complying with the Council of Europe's aims and principles, respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion.

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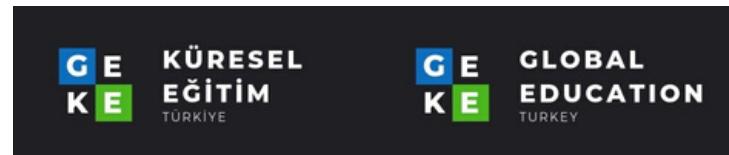
As a result of many ties of interdependence among countries, the world we live in has evolved into a globalised system. World-wide economic, geopolitical and social relations, modern communications and technologies, media and transport allow a fast flow of information. People and goods are both causes and characteristics of globalisation as a process that leads to an interdependent world and to what nowadays is called glocalisation. Globalisation is complex and ambivalent and its consequences can be regarded as both positive and negative.

Among the positive consequences of globalisation are the widening of peoples' horizons, access to knowledge and the products of science and technology, multiculturalism and intercultural views, an increase in opportunities, personal and social development and possibilities of sharing ideas and joint action towards solutions to common problems.

The negative consequences are mainly on social, economic and environmental levels. On one hand there is increasing poverty in societies, low standards of living, disease, forced migration, and human rights violations, exploitation of weak social groups, racism and xenophobia, conflicts, insecurity and growing individualism. There is a growing gap between developed and developing countries and between privileged and excluded people. On the other hand, there are many environmental repercussions such as the greenhouse effect, climate change, pollution and the exhaustion of natural resources.

Worldwide consciousness of global change towards more sustainable, fair development and the need for international cooperation have been increasingly addressed through covenants, declarations and campaigns promoted mainly by a growing civil society commitment and international organisations. Hence, the need for global education as an international dimension in learning and teaching methods in both formal and non-formal education in order to move towards a better understanding of the current issues of the world, its impact at local and global level, is not only a need, but an ethical challenge in today's world.

As a part of Global Education and International Volunteer Service, GSM aims to provide global education approach, and values of global education to volunteers from different countries and Turkey by gathering all its short-term volunteer services(workcamps) under the name of "Global Education Through Volunteering".



# UNIVERSAL CHARTER OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

UNIVERSAL CHARTER OF IVS  
ADOPTED BY ALLIANCE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017



## We, the following,

ALLIANCE (Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations),  
CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service),  
EAVS (Eastern Africa Voluntary Service Development Network),  
ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange),  
NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia),  
SCI (Service Civil International),

present our fundamental principles and ideals through this Universal Charter of International Voluntary Service (IVS).

## PREAMBLE

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## PRINCIPLES

Volunteers are people who offer to devote their knowledge, time and energy, within the framework of a collective social effort, working actively for the general interest of the community without replacing paid labour. IVS brings mutual benefit to volunteers and to the wider community. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn from experiences and to develop through new friendships and intercultural learning. Volunteers must not be exploited for private interests. Volunteers cannot expect any compensation other than personal growth, gaining knowledge, skills and sense of value for both themselves and the local community.

IVS is a vehicle for non-formal and informal education and seeks to encourage the belief of the volunteers and their hosts in their personal potential as tools of positive change. IVS demonstrates a concern for the problems of local communities, raises



## UNIVERSAL CHARTER OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

awareness among the stakeholders involved, and shows how problems may be overcome through co-operative effort.

Volunteers should co-operate with the local community as fully as possible in useful work and exchange knowledge, skills and experience with the members of the local community. Thus, international voluntary service supports local objectives and actions, provides practical training and education, develops social responsibility, self-awareness and self-reliance, as the basis for sustainable socio-economic progress.

IVS encourages a spirit of reciprocal international co-operation, and emphasises the need to reconstruct global society to achieve material and social equality between countries and between people. IVS encourages global citizenship and promotes peace, justice and sustainability.

### COMMITMENT

Volunteers, IVS organisations, hosting communities and all other stakeholders should work within the spirit of this Charter. We, who co-sign it, commit ourselves to subscribe to the principles above and we appeal to national and international bodies as well as states and local governments, to provide the voluntary organisations with the necessary means to develop international voluntary service.

This Charter can be amended over time. However, IVS at the local and global level is a tide of practical idealism, which will only be effective if it retains its basic principles.

*27th General Conference of CCIVS, 8-13 November 1998, Rabat - Morocco*

*Revised in the Meeting of Global Task Force "What is Our IVS?", 29 September-03*

*October, 2017, Kawasaki - Japan*

*Adopted by the 35th General Assembly of the Alliance - 1-3 November 2017, Athens - Greece*





CODE	PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE	THEME	VOL	AGE
GSM01	OUTDOOR SPORTS FEST	KEMALİYE ERZINCAN	20 JUNE	5 JULY	FEST CULT	18 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM02	TEACH ME HOW TO SAY HELLO!	MEZİTLİ MERSİN	3 JULY	7 AUGUST	MTV EDU STUDY	2 VOL	18-31
GSM03	MY CHILDHOOD	MEZİTLİ MERSİN	3 JULY	17 JULY	SOCIAL KIDS	8 VOL 1 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM04	LAKE & FOREST 1	GURSU BURSA	6 JULY	20 JULY	ENVI RENO	14 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM05	GASTRONOMY FEST IN VILLAGE	SEFERİHİSAR IZMİR	6 JULY	20 JULY	FEST RENO	14 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM06	WILDLIFE INN	KARACABEY BURSA	10 JULY	24 JULY	ANIM ZOO	8 VOL 1 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM07	OUR BEST FRIENDS	CİDE KASTAMONU	7 AUGUST	21 AUGUST	ANIM ZOO	14 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM08	NIKSAR HERITAGE	NIKSAR TOKAT	7 AUGUST	21 AUGUST	WHV RENO	14 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM09	DREAM VILLAGE	BADEMLER IZMİR	10 AUGUST	24 AUGUST	FEST RENO	8 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM10	SUN IS SHINING	SELCUK IZMİR	14 AUGUST	28 AUGUST	ENVI RENO	14 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM11	LAKE & FOREST 2	GURSU BURSA	21 AUGUST	4 SEPT	ENVI RENO	14 VOL 2 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM12	OLDIES BUT GOLDIES	MEZİTLİ MERSİN	24 AUGUST	7 SEPT	SOCIAL ELDERLY	8 VOL 1 LEADER(S)	18-31
GSM13	SAVE THE SAILBOAT	BODRUM MUGLA	ON PROCESS	ON PROCESS	RENO CONS	ON PROCESS	18-31
GSM14	SEARCH & RESCUE SCOUTS	ATASEHIR İSTANBUL	ON PROCESS	ON PROCESS	EDU STUDY ENVI	ON PROCESS	18-31

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



We Are Volunteers!



CCIVS

# Outdoor Sports Fest

 Kemaliye - Erzincan

 20 June - 05 July 2020

 **Festival - Culture**

 18 Vols + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Age



## Partner

This year we will organize the voluntary work program for the first time, which will be held in cooperation with Kemaliye Foundation of Culture and Development (KEMAV) and GSM. For more information about KEMAV please visit the website <https://www.kemav.org.tr>.

## Work

In this camp, volunteers will help with the preparation phase of Erzincan Kemaliye International Culture and Extreme Sports Festival and daily activities during the festival. Volunteers will deal with auxiliary works about the organization of the festival, visitors, professional and amateur athletes.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will be accommodated in double-rooms of the dormitory. Meals will be provided ready at the dining hall of the dormitory and the designated restaurants

## Location & Leisure

Kemaliye has been a place where different cultures have lived since its foundation. Traces of this common culture are also reflected in the details. The houses located between one thousand and one shades of green formed by mulberry, walnut, plane, poplar trees offer the most beautiful examples of harmony between the natural environment and the architecture. The first thing that strikes you in Kemaliye, a small and charming town situated in a valley stretching between deep canyons, is the wooden houses and the mallets on the doors of these houses. Kemaliye houses and door knockers, which describe the history and sociological structure of Kemaliye for thousands of years, are one of the most prominent features of the city. The mountainous structure of Kemaliye provides a very convenient environment for the performing of nature sports. "International Culture and Extreme Sports Festival" is held every year in Kemaliye. Within the scope of the festival, windsurfing, base jumping , sportive rock climbing, river sports (canoeing, and rafting), Lake Sports (water skiing, rowing), mountain biking, outdoor sports such as trekking activities are carried out, and to watch culture and art exhibitions, all nature and culture lovers visit the hidden paradise Kemaliye.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to play nature sports and learn new sports, meet international professional athletes and enjoy the festival as part of the International Culture and Extreme Sports Festival. The volunteers will have the opportunity to explore Kemaliye in their free times and learn about the making of traditional foods of Kemaliye, the opportunity to take a boat trip in the canyon and they will be able to learn the history, nature, cultural and natural beauty of Kemaliye.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Erzincan Airport, İstanbul Airport or  
Sabiha Gokcen Airport

# Teach Me How To Say Hello!



Mezitli - Mersin



03 July - 07 August 2020 (30 Days)



MTV - Education - Study



2 Vols. | 18-31 Ages

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES

1

NO POVERTY

5

GENDER EQUALITY

4

QUALITY EDUCATION

10

REDUCED INEQUALITIES



## Partner

We will organize this camp in cooperation with Mersin-Mezitli Municipality and this year will be the third year of our cooperation. For more information about our partner, please visit <https://www.mezitli.bel.tr>

## Work

In this camp, volunteers will teach English to the selected staff of the Municipality to support Mersin Municipality's capacity strengthening activities. Thus, the skills of the personnel of Mezitli Municipality, which is the first in the world in the field of social innovation, will be increased, and these personnel will be able to serve the society better.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will accommodate in the cute guesthouse of the Happy Life Village of the Municipality. The guesthouse has a shower, toilet and air conditioning, and has bunk beds. Volunteers will eat their food at Down Café where individuals with Down Syndrome work. The dishes will be prepared by the chefs of Down Café. Thus, the food needs of the volunteers will be met, and the employment and socialization processes of individuals with Down Syndrome will be supported.

As a second possibility, hotel accommodation can be provided to volunteers.

## Location & Leisure

The mezitli, a Mediterranean district, is one of the biggest and most beautiful districts of the Mersin which is one of the Turkey's most beautiful touristic city. Mersin and Mezitli are among the provinces and districts preferred for accommodation by the refugees from Syria who came to Turkey due to the civil war. In this region, which has a Mediterranean coast full of palm trees, many cultures and communities coexist and there are many natural and cultural heritages from the Ancient Roman and Hellenistic Periods.

"Women Producer Markets" project implemented by Mersin Mezitli Municipality, came first in the "International Guangzhou Urban Innovation Awards" held in China. Mersin-Mezitli Municipality, the one of the most successful municipalities of Turkey with its intense efforts on social innovation and urban studies, hosts this camp. Mersin Mezitli Municipality, which stands out with its social and economic supports and sustainable environmental projects that it provides to socially disadvantaged individuals such as people with disabilities, Down syndrome, individuals with autism, children, the elderly, asylum seekers, is one of the factors that make this region attractive.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Adana Sakirpasa Airport -  
İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport

# My Childhood

 Mezitli - Mersin

 03 July - 17 July 2020

 Social - Kids

 8 Vols. + 1 Leader | 18-31 Ages



## Partner

We will organize this camp in cooperation with Mersin-Mezitli Municipality and this year will be the third year of our cooperation. For more information about our partner please visit <https://www.mezitli.bel.tr>

## Work

Volunteers will work in the day care homes (kindergarten) of Mersin-Mezitli Municipality. Volunteers will teach children English, play games with them, organize activities and activities produced by non-formal education methods to support the socialization and learning processes of children aged 3-6.

## Accommodation & Foods

The volunteers will stay in the charming guesthouse of the municipality's Happy Life Village. The guesthouse has a shower, toilet and air conditioning and has bunk beds. Volunteers will eat their meals at the Down Café, where individuals with Down Syndrome work. The dishes will be prepared by the cooks of down café. Thus, both the volunteers' food needs will be met and the employment and socialization processes of individuals with Down Syndrome will be supported.

## Location & Leisure

One of the most beautiful tourist cities in Turkey, Mezitli, a Mediterranean town connected to Mersin City, is one of the largest and most beautiful districts of the city. Mersin and Mezitli are the main cities and districts that are mostly favored for refugees for harboring coming to Turkey due to the Syrian Civil War. This region, which is a Mediterranean coast full of palm trees, where many cultures and communities live together, also has many natural and cultural heritage from the ancient Roman and Hellenistic periods.

The "Women producer Markets" project, implemented by the Mezitli Municipality of Mersin, won first place in the "International Guangzhou Urban Innovation Awards" held in China. Mersin-Mezitli municipality, one of the most successful municipalities in Turkey with its intensive efforts in social innovation and urban studies, is the host of this camp. Mersin Mezitli Municipality, which stands out with its social and economic support and sustainable environmental projects for socially disadvantaged individuals such as disabled people, Down syndrome people, people with autism, children, the elderly, asylum seekers, is one of the main factors that makes this region attractive.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearast Airport:** Adana Sakirpasa Airport -  
İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport

# Lake & Forest - 1



Gürsu - Bursa



06 July - 20 July 2020



Environmental - Renovation



14 Vols. + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Age



## Partner

This workcamp will be organized for the second time this year within the scope of "Adrenalin Park" in cooperation with Gürsu Municipality, Gürsu Bursaspトルular Association and GSM. For more information about Gürsu Municipality, please visit <http://www.en.gursu.bel.tr/>.

## Work

Volunteers will work in Adrenalin Park, 20 km away from Gürsu center, during the program. Adrenalin Park was established on the edge of Ericek Pond. Volunteers will clean the lake and its surrounding forest area by foot, pedalo and canoes. They will work in repair, painting, renovation and landscaping works of Adrenalin Park, and they will also perform landscaping works to create living areas in the forest area. Adrenalin Park is also a public service social facility. They will also help with the technical organization of events such as zipline, canoe, ATV, the cafeteria at this facility. On the other hand, volunteers will work in the cleaning, painting and afforestation of a primary school and gymnasium.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will stay in cute bungalow houses located by the lake in Adrenalin Park on weekdays and in tents on weekends. The meals will be prepared by the cooks of Gürsu Municipality and will be sent to the working area every day.

## Location & Leisure

Established as the first capital of the Ottoman Empire and shaped by the complexes, Bursa's important commercial role has been demonstrated through large inns, covered bazaars and bazaars throughout the history. Gursu, where the density of people have migrated from the Balkans to Turkey, is a town 20 km from Bursa and founded on a flat plain. 42.8% of the district's 11,300 hectares of land is used in agricultural services and 46.6% is forest land. Gursu is one of Turkey's most important agricultural region. It is especially famous for its special pear type and peach.

Environmental trips will be organized for the volunteers on weekends, and the remaining hours will have the opportunity to do activities such as cycling, canoeing, climbing, mountain hiking, shooting and zipline in Adrenalin Park. In addition, they will be able to collect pears and peaches by visiting the villages, learn how to make pear and peach jam, and prepare tarhana and noodles with the peasant women. Internet connection is not yet available in Adrenalin Park and sometimes telephone networks do not work. However, volunteers will sometimes have the opportunity to go to the district center, which has a telephone network and wifi.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Bursa Yenisehir Airport - İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport

# Gastronomy Fest in Village



Seferihisar - İzmir



06 July - 20 July 2020



Festival - Renovation



14 Vols. + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Ages



## Partner

We are organizing this camp in cooperation with Seferihisar Municipality. To get information about Seferihisar municipality please visit <http://seferihisar.bel.tr>

## Work

Our volunteers will take part in the renovation and painting of the village walls with the gastronomy festival organized under the name of Ata Ekmeği ve Armola Peyniri Festival organized under the Sustainable Development Project of Seferihisar Municipality. Volunteers will take part in the preparation phase of this day-long gastronomy festival in Ulamış Village. They will also help with the renovation and painting of the village walls.

## Accommodation & Food

The volunteers will be accommodated in three different comfortable guesthouses with three rooms and a lounge belonging to Seferihisar Municipality. Food and/or food supplies will be provided for the volunteers.

## Location & Leisure

Teos, the oldest settlement in Seferihisar district, is known to have been founded by Cretans fleeing Akas in 2000 B.C. and to have been a city of Carians. Thus, it can be said that the region has been inhabited since 4000 years. Seferihisar is located in one of the third largest and most modern cities in Turkey. This district is home to a lot of natural and historical heritage. The district is very close to the unique beautiful coves of the Mediterranean and Anatolia. Volunteers will be able to participate in village life, enjoy the sea, sand and sun, and explore the natural and cultural heritage of Turkey and Anatolia.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport :** İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport -  
İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport

 Karacabey - Bursa

 10 July - 24 July 2020

 **Animal Protection - Environmental**

 8 Vols + 1 Leader | 18-31 Age



## Partner

This camp will be organized for the second time this year in cooperation with "Ovakorusu Bear Shelter" and "Celal Acar Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center". Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks Bursa Branch and Karacabey Municipality are the supporters of this camp.

## Work

Celal Acar Wildlife Rescue Center in Karacabey Ovakoru provides services for the treatment and rehabilitation of endangered wild animals and animals that are forbidden to trade in this center for a temporary period of time. There is also a "Bear Shelter" at the same location. The Wildlife Rescue Center and Bear Shelter are the only ones in Turkey in this area, and there are only a few examples in the world. Especially, wild animals introduced to Turkey by illegal means and wild animals injured in the region are brought to this facility and treated and rehabilitated, and then the animals are sent to the countries where they are taken or left to their natural environment. There are separate rehabilitation departments for lions, tigers, waterfowl, wolves, foxes, birds of prey, reptiles, deer, roe deer and monkeys, bird flight shelter and clinic building for the treatment of animals. Volunteers will help with the work done by professional officers at the Rescue Centre and Bear Shelter, as well as work such as feeding the animals, organizing space, cleaning and cage renovation.

## Accommodation & Food

The volunteers will be accommodated in a comfortable guest house at the Ovakorusu Bear Shelter. The meals will be alternated by the volunteers themselves with the food supplies that will be provided by the central administration. The guest house will also be cleaned by volunteers alternately.

## Location & Leisure

Bursa is one of the largest metropolitan cities in Turkey and has the 4th most population. One of the most economically developed cities of Turkey, Bursa is the first capital of the Ottoman Empire. Bursa was listed in the World Heritage List in the cultural category by the World Heritage Committee at 38. meeting. Bursa, which was founded as the first capital of the Ottoman Empire and was shaped by complexities, has an important commercial role throughout its history, and is shown by the great inns, bedesten and bazaars in the city. Uludag in Bursa, which is known for its historical riches as well as its natural riches, is one of the most important ski resorts in Turkey. As it is developed industrially, it is a highly productive region as well as agriculturally. Karacabey, where the Wildlife Rescue Center and Bear Shelter are located, is 70 km from Bursa, 35 km from Manyas Bird Sanctuary National Park and 40 km from Bandırma. The Central Directorate will organize environmental trips for volunteers to explore the beauty of the region, and workshops to help young people get to know Turkey's wildlife.

 Karacabey - Bursa

 10 July - 24 July 2020

 Animal Protection - Environmental

 8 Vols. + 1 Leader | 18-31 Age

## Requirements

Volunteers should act carefully in the work environment, they should show utmost care for their own safety. They should not forget that the volunteers must have their own health and accident insurances for possible accidents and health conditions. Necessary documents such as Motivation Letter, Volunteer Signature, Declaration of Working with Animals, Criminal Record Record will be requested from the volunteers.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Bursa Yenisehir Airport- İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport



# Our Best Friends

 Cide - Kastamonu

 07 August - 21 August 2020

 **Animal Protection - Renovation - Cons**

 14 Vols. + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Ages



## Partner

This camp will be organized for the first time this year in cooperation with Cide Municipality. This location has an important aspect for GSM. GSM - Youth Services Center made its first international volunteer work program in 1989, again in cooperation with Cide Municipality. For more information about Cide Municipality, please visit <http://www.cide.bel.tr>.

## Work

Volunteers will work for street animals in and around the Cide district center during the program. Volunteers will work in the construction, repair, painting and landscaping of animal shelters and huts for the Cide beachfront, neighboring neighborhoods and stray animals in the center, and will assist the street animal care support unit. In addition, they will assist the Municipality Children's Entertainment Center, Age Collection Center and Tourism Information Office.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will be accommodated in tents on the beach. Tents will be provided to volunteers by the Municipality. Volunteers are required to bring their own mats and sleeping bags with them. The meals will be made by the cooks of Cide Municipality and will be provided with three meals a day.

## Location & Leisure

Cide, Turkey's most beautiful bays of, is one of the northern districts with mountain and forest. Küre Mountains, which is a world heritage and under protection, is located in Cide. Known by Yellow Writing, a local women's accessory (a headscarf worn by women and Anatolian culture), this district is home to numerous natural and historical heritages worth seeing. Cide, which is a cute and small district, also stands out with its local dishes and handicrafts. You will collect unforgettable memories, make lasting friendships and spend a unique two weeks in Cide, one of the most charming districts of the northern region. Volunteers will enjoy the sea, the forest and the fresh air in this charming district.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Kastamonu Airport -  
İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport



Niksar - Tokat



07 August - 21 August 2020



World Heritage - Renovation



14 Vols. + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Age



## Partner

**Early Period of Anatolian Turkish Heritage:** Niksar, capital of the Danishmend Dynasty, will organize International Voluntary Work program within the scope of World Heritage for the first time. Tokat Governor's Office, Niksar Municipality, Capital Tokat People Education, Culture and Solidarity Association (BAŞTEK) and Youth Services Center Association (GSM) will organize this program in cooperation. For more information please visit the websites <http://tokat.gov.tr>, <http://www.niksar.bel.tr/>, <http://www.bastekstk.com/>

## Work

Niksar, which is on the UNESCO-World Heritage Tentative List, was the capital of the Danishmend Dynasty in 12th. and 13. centuries. In niksar there are madrasas, lodges, mosques, administrative structures, baths and memorial tombs belonging to this period. Volunteers will work to preserve and promote these artifacts from the period of the Danishmend Dynasty. They will renew the information signs for visitors of Niksara, clean the environment and help with the landscaping of the protected works. In addition, volunteers will conduct digital media studies to promote world heritage sites locally, nationally and internationally.

## Accommodation & Food

The volunteers will stay at the Niksar Municipality guest house. They will be served their breakfasts, lunches and dinners in the dining room of the guesthouse. During trips outside Niksar, lunches will be prepared as lunch boxes. Meals will be prepared by the shef in the guesthouse, and volunteers will alternately help to prepare meals, wash dishes and clean the area where meals are eaten.

## Location & Leisure

Niksar, one of the important centers of the ancient period, Danishmend Dynasty and Seljuk period, where nature, culture and historical wealth mingled, was established on the slopes to the northwest of niksar plain, where the Kelkit Valley expanded. Niksar is included on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative (preliminary) list with its cultural heritage witnessing the early period of Anatolian Turkish civilization. Niksar, the capital of Danishmend, one of the most important Turkish States of Anatolia, has madrasas, lodges, mosques, administrative structures, baths and monumental tombs that bear witness to the 12th and 13th centuries. This heritage owned by Niksar and its surroundings is bear the Anatolian-Turkish Civilization's and within a broader framework, Islamic Civilization's testimony of the scientific, social and economic developments. Yağibasan Madrasa in the city is the first madrasa in Anatolia besides the fact that the education given here has continued its effect on Anatolian soil for centuries. Until the last period of the Ottomans the manuscripts of the professors who research or teach in this madrasa were used and the students of the professors trained in this madrasa have been taught science all over Anatolia. The Lodges, mosques and palaces owned by niksar are give information about how social and urban building is managed, how resettlement is conducted and how are the settlements is conducted during the settlement of Oğuz tribes in Anatolia. Niksar's legacy is also important in terms of showing that the meeting the social needs of Danishmend's newly resettled families and having all the structures that enable these new families to participate in social life as part of the society and revealing how fast administrative and social structures work.

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6344/>

# Niksar Heritage

 Niksar - Tokat

 07 August- 21 August 2020

 World Heritage - Renovation

 14 Vols. + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Age

During the program, volunteers will have the opportunity to visit Niksar's cultural heritage sites and many historical, cultural and natural centers such as Kaz Lake, Mahperi Hatun Caravanserai, Ballica Cave, Melevihane, Tashan, Historical Sulu Street, Latifoglu Mansion, Arastali Bedesten, Tokat Culture House, Tokat Clock Tower, Deveciler Inn, Tokatlı Canyon and Zinav Canyon. Tokat is one of the cities of Turkey with unique beauties in terms of historical, cultural and natural aspects. Tokat is also one of the advanced cities in terms of agriculture and livestock. Agriculture and livestock activities are the source of the wealth of Tokat cuisine. In addition to tasting the flavors of Tokat cuisine such as Tokat kebab, Zile molasses, Zile Köme, Traditional cake of Niksar, Gözleme, Bat, Pağac, Keşkek, Sucuk, and numerous soup varieties and many other types of dishes, In the workshops to be held, they will also have the opportunity to learn how to cook and prepare them.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport



# Dream Village

 Bademler Köyü - İzmir

 10 August - 24 August 2020

 **Festival - Renovation**

 8 International Vols + 8 National Vols.

2 Leaders | 18-31 Yaş



## Partner

We will organize this camp in cooperation with the Bademler Village Culture and Art Association, and this year will be the ninth year of our cooperation.

## Work

Our volunteers will work with Bademler Village Culture and Art Association to raise awareness of intercultural dialogue and solidarity. Volunteers will work in the preparation and organization of the Sea Festival, organized every year by the villagers in Azmak Bay, which is very close to this village. The festival takes three days. Volunteers will come 1 week before the start of the festival and help with preparations. During the festival, they will both enjoy the festival and help the festival's work. At the end of the festival, they will take part in the collection and cleaning of the festival area. Almond Village is one of Turkey's most modern and developed villages. Volunteers will work and live together in this village with young people living in the village.

All the environmental and renovation works needed by the village can also be included in the work plan of this camp.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will stay alongside the hospitable and volunteer families of Bademler Village this year as every year and will eat healthy and homemade food made by families. Volunteers can take lunch with them as food and take them to the workplace. 1, 2 or 3 volunteers will be accommodated in a house. The houses have rooms, toilets and bathrooms. Houses are very modern houses.

## Location & Leisure

Bademler Village, the district of the İzmir which is the country's third largest province in the western region of Turkey, is one of Turkey's most interesting villages with its very typical culture and tradition. 10km to Urla, 60km to Izmir. The theater hall of the village was built in 1969, and today all residents are very interested in theater, both as a spectator and actor. During the day, residents work in farms and greenhouses, but in the evening they have become one of the actors on most scenes. During the camp, there will be a festival in Bademler and volunteers will have a chance to participate in the festival and have fun. This village is also famous for its typical wedding ceremonies and the "Sea Festival" where the whole village goes to the seaside and spends a day or two under the tents.<http://www.cittaslow.org/network>

**Language:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airports:** İzmir Adnan Menderes Hava

Airport -

İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gökçen Airport

 Selcuk - İzmir

 14 August - 28 August 2020

 Environmental - Renovation - Education

 10 International Vols. + 10 National Vols.

2 Leaders | 18-31 Ages

## Partner

We organize this camp in cooperation with Selçuk Municipality. For information about Selçuk Municipality, please visit <http://www.selcuk.bel.tr>.

## Work

Volunteers will take part in workshops (such as foreign language, music, wall painting) about the village academy in this camp, which is very rich in content; will paint a street wall in the city center and build a shelter for stray animals; participate in decision-making mechanisms in the youth assembly and increase democratic participation; He will deal with restorative agriculture and participate in awareness studies on the climate crisis in the Soil School; They will help to protect and promote the Ephesus Ancient City.

## Acommodation & Food

Volunteers will stay in tents in the youth camp on Pamukak Beach. Volunteers are required to bring their own mat and sleeping bags. They will be able to meet their needs such as shower, toilet and kitchen at the facility next to this camp. The dishes will be prepared by the cooks of Selçuk Municipality.

## Location & Leisure

"Ephesus" World Heritage site, which is listed as World Heritage Site; Çukuriçi Höyük, Ayasuluk Hill (Selçuk Castle, St. John's Basilica, Isa Bey Bath, Isa Bey Mosque, Artemision), the ancient city of Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary.

Ephesus, one of the most important centers of the ancient period, started from the prehistoric period, Hellenistic, Roman, Eastern Rome, principalities and Ottoman periods during the nearly 9000 years of continuous settlement and was a very important port city and cultural and commercial center in all stages of its history.

There are examples of the most outstanding architecture and urban planning of different periods in Ephesus, which contains icons that shed light on the outstanding urbanization, architecture and religious history of the Hellenistic and Roman periods.

Artemision, the cult center dated to the eighth century BC and famous as one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient period, is the place where the Ecumenical Consul dated 431, in which the Prophet Mary was accepted and proclaimed as the mother of Jesus, and the Church of Mary, one of the apostles of Jesus, wrote The Gospel of John in Ephesus. His unique works, such as the basilica built on the Tomb of John, which bears witness to the early Christian period, the House of the Virgin Mary, which is considered a pilgrimage site by Christians today, and the Islamic structures built during the principalities, Ephesus also offers a unique accumulation that still stands today in terms of religious history.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** İzmir Adnan Menderes Airport -  
İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport

# Lake & Forest - 2



Gürsu - Bursa



21 August - 04 September 2020



Environmental - Renovation



14 Vols. + 2 Leaders | 18-31 Age



## Partner

This workcamp will be organized for the second time this year within the scope of "Adrenalin Park" in cooperation with Gürsu Municipality, Gürsu Bursasporlular Association and GSM. For more information about Gürsu Municipality, please visit <http://www.en.gursu.bel.tr/>.

## Work

Volunteers will work in Adrenalin Park, 20 km away from Gürsu center, during the program. Adrenalin Park was established on the edge of Ericek Pond. Volunteers will clean the lake and its surrounding forest area by foot, pedalo and canoes. They will work in repair, painting, renovation and landscaping works of Adrenalin Park, and they will also perform landscaping works to create living areas in the forest area. Adrenalin Park is also a public service social facility. They will also help with the technical organization of events such as zipline, canoe, ATV, the cafeteria at this facility. On the other hand, volunteers will work in the cleaning, painting and afforestation of a primary school and gymnasium.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will stay in cute bungalow houses located by the lake in Adrenalin Park on weekdays and in tents on weekends. The meals will be prepared by the cooks of Gürsu Municipality and will be sent to the working area every day.

## Location & Leisure

Established as the first capital of the Ottoman Empire and shaped by the complexes, Bursa's important commercial role has been demonstrated through large inns, covered bazaars and bazaars throughout the history. Gursu, where the density of people have migrated from the Balkans to Turkey, is a town 20 km from Bursa and founded on a flat plain. 42.8% of the district's 11,300 hectares of land is used in agricultural services and 46.6% is forest land. Gursu is one of Turkey's most important agricultural region. It is especially famous for its special pear type and peach.

Environmental trips will be organized for the volunteers on weekends, and the remaining hours will have the opportunity to do activities such as cycling, canoeing, climbing, mountain hiking, shooting and zipline in Adrenalin Park. In addition, they will be able to collect pears and peaches by visiting the villages, learn how to make pear and peach jam, and prepare tarhana and noodles with the peasant women. Internet connection is not yet available in Adrenalin Park and sometimes telephone networks do not work. However, volunteers will sometimes have the opportunity to go to the district center, which has a telephone network and wifi.

**Lang:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Bursa Yenisehir Airport - İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport

# Oldies But Goldies



Mezitli - Mersin



24 August - 07 September 2020



Social - Elderly



8 Vols. + 1 Leader | 18-31 Age

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES

1 NO  
POVERTY

5 GENDER  
EQUALITY

4 QUALITY  
EDUCATION

10 REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES



## Partner

We will organize this camp in cooperation with Mersin-Mezitli Municipality and this year will be the third year of our cooperation. For more information about our partner, please visit <https://www.mezitli.bel.tr>

## Work

In this camp, Volunteers will work at the Aged-care Center of Mersin-Mezitli Municipality for the social needs of the elderly in elderly nursing homes and in their own homes in need of care. Volunteers who visit the elderly and support their socialization processes will also work with them in handicraft workshops to improve the mobility of the elderly due to aging.

## Accommodation & Food

Volunteers will accommodate in the cute guesthouse of the Happy Life Village of the Municipality. The guesthouse has a shower, toilet and air conditioning, and has bunk beds. Volunteers will eat their food at Down Café where individuals with Down Syndrome work. The dishes will be prepared by the chefs of Down Café. Thus, the food needs of the volunteers will be met, and the employment and socialization processes of individuals with Down Syndrome will be supported.

## Location & Leisure

The mezitli, a Mediterranean district, is one of the biggest and most beautiful districts of the Mersin which is one of the Turkey's most beautiful touristic city. Mersin and Mezitli are among the provinces and districts preferred for accommodation by the refugees from Syria who came to Turkey due to the civil war. In this region, which has a Mediterranean coast full of palm trees, many cultures and communities coexist and there are many natural and cultural heritages from the Ancient Roman and Hellenistic Periods.

"Women Producer Markets" project implemented by Mersin Mezitli Municipality, came first in the "International Guangzhou Urban Innovation Awards" held in China. Mersin-Mezitli Municipality, the one of the most successful municipalities of Turkey with its intense efforts on social innovation and urban studies, hosts this camp. Mersin Mezitli Municipality, which stands out with its social and economic supports and sustainable environmental projects that it provides to socially disadvantaged individuals such as people with disabilities, Down syndrome, individuals with autism, children, the elderly, asylum seekers, is one of the factors that make this region attractive.

**Language:** 1) Eng - 2) Eng

**Nearest Airport:** Adana Sakirpasa Airport -  
İstanbul Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport