

## ASSOCIAZIONE INFORMAGIOVANI Workcamps Programme – Season 2020

**Group:** International. From a minimum of 5 to 9 participants according to camp. In some camps we will include volunteers with fewer opportunities.

**Duration:** from 7 to 10 days according to camps.

**Working Hours:** 5/6 hours per day approximately

**Camp leaders:** Experienced camp-leaders or local host will facilitate the work of the volunteers and support them before arrivals with logistic and travel information

**Language:** English (knowledge of Italian is welcome but not necessary)

**Extrafee:** None except Teen camp.

**Insurance:** Will be provided for the entire duration of the camp (travels excluded). Insurance will cover illness, accidents, third liability and death. European participants are required to bring their European Health Card

**Infosheet :** Will be uploaded on e-vet or sent one month before the beginning of the camp

**PLEASE NOTE** that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format

CODE/NAME	Location	DATES (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type	No. vols	Age	Placement
IG20-07 Isola delle Femmine 3	Isola delle Femmine (Sicily), Italy	08/06/2020 - 08/17/2020	Manu, Envi	5	18-30	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-08 Isola delle Femmine 4	Isola delle Femmine (Sicily), Italy	08/19/2020 - 08/30/2020	Manu, Envi	5	18-30	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-09 Waldorf school association	Palermo (Sicily), Italy	08/30/2020 – 09/09/2020	Manu, Reno	9	18-30	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-10 Antillo	Antillo, (Messina, Sicily), Italy	09/03/2020 - 09/12/2020	Agri, Manu	8	18-30	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-11 Podere Onorate Olive Harvest 1	Roccatederighi (Grosseto) Toscana, Italy	10/05/2020 - 10/19/2020	Agri, Manu	6	16-35	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-12 Podere Onorate Olive Harvest 2	Roccatederighi (Grosseto) Toscana, Italy	10/22/2020 - 11/05/2020	Agri, Manu	6	16-35	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-MTV01 Italy Farm Stay	Pescosolido, Lazio, Italy	03/20/2020 - 11/15/2020	Agri, Manu	2	18-35	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-13 Poggio del Castagno	Pitignano (Grosseto) Toscana, Italy	08/31/2020 – 09/14/2020	Agri, Manu	5	18-30	9 <sup>th</sup> of march
IG20-14 Sicilia Natura: Traditions, art and history 1	Giuliana, (Sicily), Italy	06/20/2020 – 06/30/2020	Manu, Art	7	18-45	open
IG20-15 Sicilia Natura: Traditions, art and history 2	Giuliana, (Sicily), Italy	07/20/2020 - 07/30/2020	Manu, Art	7	18-45	9 <sup>th</sup> of march

## ASSOCIAZIONE INFORMAGIOVANI

### Workcamps within ESC Programme – Season 2020

**Group:** International. 13 volunteers including coordinator

**Group:** International. Each camp will involve volunteers with fewer opportunities (young unemployed, NEETs, young migrants, early school leavers).

**Duration:** 16 days (including 2 travel days).

**Working Hours:** 6 hours per day approximately

**Camp leaders:** Experienced camp-leaders and host will facilitate the work of the volunteers and support them before arrivals with logistic and travel information.

**Language:** English (knowledge of Italian is welcome but not necessary)

**Insurance:** volunteers from EU countries must have their EU health card. The volunteers will benefit from the ESC complementary insurance scheme for health or accident (CIGNA). Third liability insurance is provided by InformaGiovani.

**Infosheet:** Will be sent to supporting organisation/volunteer one month before the beginning of the activity.

**Travel costs:** will be reimbursed according to the partnership agreement. The amount will be calculated according to Erasmus+ distance band calculator (275 Euro for travel between 500 and 1999 Km; 360 Euro for travel between 2000 and 2999 Km)

**Pocket money:** volunteers will receive € 80,00 by InformaGiovani (i.e. 5,00 per day of activity, travel days included).

**Important.** Participants need to sign an agreement with Sending and Hosting partners. And to subscribe to PASS. Also to fill an online report at the end of the activity.

**NOTE: participation is free of charge (both fee or extra-fee) being the activities funded under ESC High Priority Area programme.**

CODE/NAME	Location	DATES (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type	No. vols	Age	Placement
IG20-01-ESC Geraci Siculo 1	Geraci Siculo (Sicily), Italy	07/01/2020 - 07/16/2020	Manu, Envi	9 (+4 locals)	18-30	On waiting
IG20-02-ESC Isola delle Femmine 1	Isola delle Femmine (Sicily), Italy	07/01/2020 – 07/16/2020	Manu, Envi	9 (+4 locals)	18-30	On waiting
IG20-03-ESC Biviere di Gela 1	Biviere di Gela (Sicily), Italy	07/02/2020 - 07/17/2020	Manu, Envi	9 (+4 locals)	18-30	On waiting
IG20-04-ESC Isola delle Femmine 2	Isola delle Femmine (Sicily), Italy	07/18/2020 – 08/02/2020	Manu, Envi	9 (+4 locals)	18-30	On waiting
IG20-05-ESC Geraci Siculo 2	Geraci Siculo (Sicily), Italy	07/20/2020 - 08/04/2020	Manu, Envi	9 (+4 locals)	18-30	On waiting
IG20-06-ESC Biviere di Gela 2	Biviere di Gela (Sicily), Italy	07/22/2020 - 08/06/2020	Manu, Envi	9 (+4 locals)	18-30	On waiting

## IG20-01-ESC and IG20-05-ESC Geraci Siculo



IG20-01-ESC Geraci Siculo 1 - 07/01/2020 – 07/16/2020\*

IG20-05-ESC Geraci Siculo 2 - 07/20/2020 – 08/04/2020\*

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Geraci Siculo (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 5 (+4 local volunteers)

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: MANU, ENVI

**Remarks:** Interest in environment issue related to recycling and reduction of plastic consumption. **Motivation letter** with proposal for a workshop. Basic accommodation.

ESC in high priority Area. No fee is due to sending organisation. Only ESC Programme Countries.

**Local partner:** The Municipality of Geraci Siculo is located in a very beautiful area in the Regional Park of Madonie, excellent spot for mountain and nature lovers. Geraci Siculo is a small town located on a mountain pick with beautiful views and peaceful surroundings. A very nice place to get to know exploring the countryside of Sicily.

**Work description:** Volunteers will be involved in cleaning of the Pollina river from waste (mainly plastic) supported by neighbouring municipalities (Geraci Siculo and Bompietro), and in the cleaning and maintenance of public areas, streets and old public spaces, build fences and irrigation of planting areas. They will work along other local volunteers and workers of the public administration responsible for green area.

In the afternoon, volunteers will work together to create an event/campaign to raise awareness about recycling and reduction of plastic consumption and decomposition time within the local community of neighbouring municipalities. This activity will support the ongoing initiative “plastic free” launched by the Environment Ministry and already joined by the municipalities.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in a school located in the town. Volunteers will sleep in the gym on inflatable camping mats provided. The school is equipped with a kitchen that volunteers will use to prepare meals by themselves in group; food to be cooked will be provided by the host organisation. Bathrooms with hot water showers are available inside the school. NO Internet. REQUEST: vols have to bring their own sleeping bag.

**Special requirements:** Geraci Siculo is a small town. This camp is suitable for people willing to live in a small town. It is perfect for nature amateurs.

**Location and free time:** During your free time you can hike in the mountains surrounding Geraci Siculo, there are a lot of beautiful walks. There are soccer and tennis fields. Geraci Siculo is very isolated, you can take a day off and go to Palermo or to Cefalù (to the seaside) with public transportation but be aware that there are very few buses per day and very often they leave early in the morning. Better to take a private local couch which costs can be shared among volunteers.

**Closest airport:** Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-02-ESC and IG20-04-ESC - Isola delle Femmine



IG20-02-ESC - Isola delle Femmine 1 - 07/01/2020 – 07/16/2020\* TBC

IG20-04-ESC - Isola delle Femmine 2 - 07/18/2020 – 08/02/2020\* TBC

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Isola delle Femmine (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 5 (+4 local volunteers)

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: MANU, ENVI

**Remarks:** Be able to swim is compulsory. Interest in environment issue, protection of sea and coast. **Motivation Letter** with proposal for a workshop. Basic accommodation. ESC in high priority Area. No fee is due to sending organisation. ESC Programme Countries only.

**Local partner:** The "Isola delle Femmine" is a natural reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection) since 1998. This little uninhabited island is located in a strategic place for the migration of a specific species of bird called Gabbiano reale (*Larus michahellis*), this area allows them to rest from migration and to grow numerically. Due to financial cutting, the reserve suffers from maintenance and the support received along the year is not as much as should be provided. This is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organize together every year workcamps to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitize the local community towards the place.

**Work description:** Work will be run in the little uninhabited island in the middle of the sea, therefore, is compulsory to be able to swim!

Volunteers will support natural reserve's staff in restoration of the flora with planting of new plants (this action is part of a thirty-year plan put in practice by Lipu), maintenance of existing vegetation (watering plants), maintenance of the protected area (re-building stone paths). Cleaning of the protected area (the area is subject to different marine streams that bring waste from the sea). Work will be done mainly in the morning and in case of wind or rain the work will be run on another day. Work can be tiring and hard due to hot temperature and Sicilian sun (hat and sunblock are compulsory).

In the afternoon, volunteers will work together to create an event/campaign to raise awareness about marine litter and man-made environmental issues, reduction of plastic and the impact of incorrect waste management on seas.

**Accommodation and food:** Camping style or in sharing apartments. TBC

**Special requirements:** Be able to swim is compulsory. Interest in environment issue, protection of sea and coast. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition. Motivation letter is compulsory in order to show interest in the project.

**Location and free time:** Isola delle Femmine is an Italian town in North-Western Sicily, in the province of Palermo. It is next to the sea so volunteers can spend their free time at the beach, do water sports, snorkeling, etc... Isola is a coast-town close to Palermo and connected with bus/train. Palermo is a beautiful city where there are many sights and places to spend the free time.

**Closest airport:** Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-03-ESC and IG20-06-ESC Biviere di Gela



IG20-03-ESC - Biviere di Gela 1 - 07/02/2020 – 07/17/2020\*

IG20-05-ESC - Biviere di Gela 2 - 07/22/2020 – 08/06/2020\*

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Biviere di Gela (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 5 (+4 local volunteers)

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: MANU, ENVI

**Remarks:** Interest in environment issue related to intensive agriculture, massive use of plastic in industrial agriculture and its impact. **Motivation Letter** with proposal for a workshop. Basic accommodation. ESC in high priority Area. No fee is due to sending organisation. Only E+ Programme Countries.

**Local partner:** The "Biviere di Gela" is a natural reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection). Due to its geographical position and climatic conditions, the lake Biviere (the largest Sicilian coastal lake and one of the few remaining natural ones) is one of the most important Sicilian wetlands for thousands of birds (e.g. ducks, heron etc.) stopping here during migrations or wintering during the colder months. Activities in the nearby, such as intensive agriculture, embankments and drainage for agricultural purposes constitute a continuous threat to the survival of the wetland habitat. Due to financial cutting, the reserve suffers from maintenance and the support received along the year is not as much as should be provided. This is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organised together workcamps to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitise the local community towards the place.

**Work description:** Volunteers will support local staff in the maintenance of the site and vegetation for prevention of fire risk, in the maintenance of visiting facilities and information signs to promote and facilitate a sustainable fruition of the area. Maintenance work will be done mainly in the morning.

In the afternoon, volunteers will define a strategy (event/campaign) to raise awareness about the dangerous effect of the intensive agriculture widespread in the territory and massive use of plastic in industrial agriculture and its impact on the local environment.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in a building located inside the Natural Reserve. Volunteers will sleep in a shared room in bunk beds. Accommodation is equipped with shared bathroom with hot water shower. A kitchen is available for volunteers. Meals will be prepared by volunteers in group. Food to be cooked will be provided by the host organisation. NO Internet. **REQUEST: vols have to bring their own sleeping bag.**

**Special requirements:** Biviere di Gela is a Natural Reserve located nearby the small town of Gela. This camp is suitable for nature amateurs interested in environment issue, willing to manual work and to basic lifestyle.

**Location and free time:** During your free time you can visit the small town of Gela and its beaches. Gela is not well connected in terms of public transports. To visit closest main cities (e.g. Agrigento 80km, Noto 110km, Syracuse 150km) during the day off, it is better to take a private local couch whose costs can be shared among volunteers.

**Closest airport:** Catania (CTA), Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-07 and IG20-08 - Isola delle Femmine



IG20-07 - Isola delle Femmine 3 - 08/06/2020 - 08/17/2020\*

IG20-08 - Isola delle Femmine 4 - 08/19/2020 – 08/30/2020\*

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Isola delle Femmine (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 3 - F 2

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: MANU, ENVI

**Remarks: Be able to swim is compulsory. Interest in environment issue, protection of sea and coast. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition.**

**Motivation letter** is compulsory in order to show interest in the project.

**Local partner:** The "Isola delle Femmine" is a natural reserve established in 1997 by the Sicilian Region and managed by LIPU (Italian league for birds protection) since 1998. This little uninhabited island is located in a strategic place for the migration of a specific species of bird called Gabbiano reale (*Larus michahellis*), this area allows them to rest from migration and to grow numerically. Due to financial cutting, the reserve suffers from maintenance and the support received along the year is not as much as should be provided. This is the reason why InformaGiovani with LIPU organize together every year workcamps to support the maintenance of the natural reserve and to sensitize the local community towards the place.

**Work description:** Work will be run in the little uninhabited island in the middle of the sea, therefore, is compulsory to be able to swim!

Volunteers will support natural reserve's staff in restoration of the flora with planting of new plants (this action is part of a thirty-year plan put in practice by Lipu), maintenance of existing vegetation (watering plants), maintenance of the protected area (re-building stone paths). Cleaning of the protected area (the area is subject to different marine streams that bring waste from the sea). Work will be done mainly in the morning and in case of wind or rain the work will be run on another day. Work can be tiring and hard due to hot temperature and Sicilian sun (hat and sunblock are compulsory).

In the afternoon, volunteers will work together to create an event/campaign to raise awareness about marine litter and man-made environmental issues, reduction of plastic and the impact of incorrect waste management on seas.

**Accommodation and food:** The LIPU offers a room inside their office equipped with 3 bunk beds, the accommodation offers one bathroom and a kitchen. The bedroom is very basic with a little terrace where to dinner (too hot to be used at lunch). All the volunteers will be accommodated in one common room equipped with bunk beds and share one bathroom. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition and willing to live as such! Volunteers will be responsible for cooking and cleaning.

**Special requirements:** Be able to swim is compulsory. Interest in environment issue, protection of sea and coast. Volunteers should be aware of a very basic condition. Motivation letter is compulsory in order to show interest in the project.

**Location and free time:** Isola delle Femmine is an Italian town in North-Western Sicily, in the province of Palermo. It is next to the sea so volunteers can spend their free time at the beach, do water sports, snorkeling, etc... Isola is a coast-town close to Palermo and connected with bus/train. Palermo is a beautiful city where there are many sights and places to spend the free time.

**Closest airport:** Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-09 Association free Waldorf school



IG20-09 - Association free Waldorf school - From 08/30/2020 until 09/09/2020\*

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City: Palermo (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 3

Min/Max age: 16/30 – Work type: MANU, RENO

**Remarks:** willing to manual work, sense of initiative is recommended.

**Local partner:** The association of the free Waldorf school manages the local school inspired by the principles of Anthroposophy (more info at <http://www.waldorfanswers.org>). The school is a community of teachers and pupils' families and they all do the necessary works to maintain the school building and garden.

**Work description:** Volunteers will support the teachers and the parents of the pupils in the manual work needed before the start of the school year. Main work will be maintenance of garden and classroom, including painting, arrange the play area for kids, repair desks, etc.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation in the school. Volunteers will sleep in inflated mattresses in a classroom and they will use solar shower. Lunch together with teachers and dinners self-prepared by volunteers with provided food. A kitchen is available for volunteers.

**Special requirements:** willing to manual work, sense of initiative is recommended.

**Location and free time:** The school is not far from the city centre. Volunteers can join social and cultural life of the city.

**Closest airport:** Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-10 Antillo



IG20-10 - Antillo- From 09/03/2020 untill 09/12/2020\*

**PLEASE NOTE** that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format

City: Antillo, Messina (Sicily)

Number of volunteers: M 4 - F 8

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: AGRI, MANU,

**Remarks:** Calm and peaceful area in the middle of a beautiful wood. This project will fit with nature lovers and people who don't mind to stay in a remote area.

**Local partner:** The farmhouse Pilato is making cultivation of fruit and vegetables in a natural way, transformation of products growing spontaneously or artificially. They are trying to promote rural tourism caring of hospitality, wellness and workshops of every kind (cooking, meditation, excursions, agriculture...). The farm is located in a remote and rural area of Antillo, in Sicily, inside of a wonderful wood. This project will fit with nature lovers and people who don't mind to stay in a calm and peaceful area far from the city.

**Work description:** Volunteers will be mainly involved in harvesting nuts, hazelnuts and transformation of seasonal products; domestic animal care (sheeps, chickens) and self-production activities. **STUDY PART:** Local shepherds can show their activities and traditional knowledge relates to the countryside.

### **Accommodation and food**

Volunteers will be hosted in rooms for two or three people. They must bring their own sleeping bag and towels. All rooms are equipped with a bathroom with hot water and electricity.

**Special requirements:** This project is recommended for people who don't mind to be out of the city and in a calm and peaceful area surrounded by the wood. Sometimes phones are not well connected, however, there is WIFI inside the house.

**Location and free time:** Antillo is a little town one hour far from Santa Teresa di Riva, Messina, Sicily. The farmhouse is located out of the town in the mountains. During free time, people can take advantage of all the indoor and outdoor spaces, of facilities and go to the mountains for a-day-trip by themselves or under the guidance of project coordinator. Moreover, a form of sharing knowledge through workshops or activities proposed by participants themselves will be promoted during the whole project. It is possible to visit nearby towns if volunteers are willing to stay away overnight. It is also possible to stay at the beach for some hours, or visit towns and nearest villages like Antillo, Campana dei Caduti...

Also hiking in the mountains is possible: From a nearby mountains "Montagna Grande" it is possible to enjoy of a breathtaking view over Etna, Santa Teresa di Riva and more.

**Closest airport:** Palermo (PMO), Catania (CTA)

## IG20-11 and IG20-12 - Podere Onorate



IG20-11 Podere Onorate Olive Harvest 1 - From 10/05/2020 until 10/19/2020\*

IG20-12 Podere Onorate Olive Harvest 2 - From 10/22/2020 until 11/05/2020\*

**\*PLEASE NOTE** that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format

City: ROCCATEDERIGHI (Tuscany)

Number of volunteers: 3M; 3F

Min/Max age: 16/35 – Work type: AGRI, MANU

**Remarks:** - willing to manual work. Interest in agriculture. Olive harvest is not a hard work but it is continuously the same thing day in and day out. This camp is for very motivated volunteers willing to work and interested in agriculture.

**A QUESTIONNAIRE** is needed to be filled together with the application form.

**Local partner:** Podere Onorate is a small farm, 1km south of Roccatederighi, up in the hills of Tuscany with a beautiful view over the Maremma towards the sea. We work about 9 hectares of diversified land. We have olives, vines, woodland, fruit trees, chestnuts, almonds, vegetables, herbs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, bees, a dog and cats. We follow the ideas of biodynamic farming. We do the dynamisation and spraying and preparing of compost. We don't burn the cuttings but shredder them for mulch. We try to preserve the natural surrounding and "wildness" of the place. We are not a producing farm, all we do is for ourselves: self-sufficiency or exchange with friends. We make really high-quality olive oil and a little wine. We also have a mechanics-, woodwork- and blacksmith-workshop: We try - and do - as much as possible ourselves: grow our own food, carry out building works, repairs, solar off-grid electricity, water, home and unschooling. During the summer we live completely outside. We have an outdoor kitchen and living room under the trees. There is a shower outside but there is also a simple, spartan bathroom with shower in parents house. Often we host guests and friends and wwoofers, trainees and international volunteers. We eat mostly vegetarian, if possible our own stuff, otherwise if possible organic. We also like meat, but it's no problem to avoid it. We are used to cook vegetarian or vegan. We can't spend too much money on food, but we like to cook and eat. We speak German, Italian, Swiss German, English and a little French. The farm is run by: - Gunther (1968), Nicole (1981), Olmo (2008) and thanks to all the helpers. - Gunthers father: Gunther sr (1938) living in a separated household. For further information, you can visit our webpage: [www.onorate.com](http://www.onorate.com) Or ask any questions you want: [info@onorate.com](mailto:info@onorate.com)

**Work description:** OLIVE HARVEST is a nice and calm work in the olive yards. We don't work with machines. We believe that the traditional handpicking in olive nets leads to a better quality of the oil, the surrounding and the human life of the people involved, no machines mean no stress and no noise, there's room to talk, to sing or to rest. The harvest days are long and hard days. we try to start as soon as humidity permits (usually between 8 and 10 am) and if it's raining, as soon as it stops and dries up. We will have good lunches together under the trees and continue picking until almost darkness (around 5 pm). then we take our little tractor to bring up the olives to the farm, under the roof in the workshop we clean them from the leaves, weigh and store them. The big goal is to make 400kg as soon as possible, best in one or two days for high oil quality. That's why during harvest days we have really to concentrate on the work. It's no stress but we need to push to make the goal. In the time some of the group does the olive cleaning some others cook dinner, lights the fires, does the table, the dishes and prepares for the next day. One by one can take a fast shower than we eat all together in the big tent. if there's someone who likes to play the guitar or some other instrument it would be welcome. Once we have reached the goal of 400kg next day in the morning we bring the olives to the oil mill. Each time one person can come to visit the mill. (there's only one place in the little Landover truck). When we come back we taste the new green oil on freshly toasted bread over a

little olive wood fire. We take this day off and use it to sit around the fire or the table and talk together and answer all questions you have, maybe next day we continue to work, or it's a completely free day. We will see this when we are together. We will adapt to personal and agricultural needs and the weather. If it rains, days are off. The olive harvest is not hard work but its continuous same thing day in and day out. It's hard to decide one year in advance about the perfect time to start with the harvest. that's why we are running two consecutive workcamps. maybe the first workcamp passes some days with preparing trees as cleaning them from bushes waiting for best time to harvest, or maybe we start right away; maybe the second workcamp stops earlier with harvest work and continuous with net fixing and collecting pruning. This depends on the season and cannot be decided yet. We expect from all of you, to be interested and involved in the work. We will be a team and we will have a goal to reach. Everyone brings in what he has, and does what he can. We don't expect professionals or hard workers but we expect joy, engagement and dedication. It would be good if volunteers are able to stand on a ladder or climb on a small tree, but there is also enough work from the ground, you should be interested in agriculture: the more you are interested the better it is. You will have many questions to ask and we will try to give many answers. Volunteers should be interested in an alternative lifestyle: we lead a free life. mostly outside. What we do, we do it for ourselves. You should be interested in teamwork, our single forces will give the power to all.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in shared small rooms in the house. If the weather is good you can also choose to sleep in a tent outside. We will provide sheets, covers, pillow and optionally tent and mattress. A big common tent will be there as a common place for all of us. There is no other space in the house. The day of departure, rooms must be cleaned and left in perfect conditions. if you take the first bus in the morning this can be done the night before. In the house, there is a spartan bathroom for common use. (farmers included). There is hot water but please be mindful while taking showers. water is available but limited. There is also an outdoor shower and a compost toilet is available outdoor as well. Please note that electricity in the farm is limited, therefore you will not be able to use a hairdryer, electric shavers or whatever. there is no washing machine. clothes must be washed by hand. hot water for cloth washing must be heated on the kitchen fire (not from the bathroom). You will be able to charge your phones, tablets etc. there is a wireless connection available even though it is not real fast and limited to necessary use. for long chats, there's a wireless place in the village. We will prepare food together in our outdoor kitchen, there is also an outdoor fireplace and oven... we eat together in the big common tent. Every day we choose a team for cooking, kitchen and bathroom service.

**Location and free time:** The farm is located in Roccatederighi a small town in the countryside of Tuscany where you can find wifi, a bar, restaurant, post office, bank office, small shops, doctor. It takes 15 minutes to walk to Roccatederighi. At 40 minutes walking distance you can find an ancient and abandoned castle (Castello di Sassoforte). At 45 minutes distance the little town and castle of Montemassi. The host are available to provide all information to reach the nearby town with public transportation but be aware that public transportation can be not always available.

**Closest airport:** Florence (FLR), Pisa (PSA), Rome

## IG20-13 - POGGIO DEL CASTAGNO



IG20-13 - Poggio del Castagno – 08/31/2020 – 09/14/2020

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Pitignano, GR

Number of volunteers: 3M 2F

Min/Max age: 18/30 – Work type: AGRI, MANU,

**Remarks:** Interest in out-door activities, agriculture and biodynamic farming is welcome. Remember to bring warm clothes as the weather can be chilly in the evening. Also bring a warm sleepingbag.

**Local partner:** Poggio del Castagno is a biodynamic organic farm run by a family where is possible to experiment techniques of innovative farming. They produce hazelnut, olive oil, vegetables, and turn barley into toasted and pearly barley.

**Work description:** Volunteers will mainly help in harvesting hazelnuts. It can be possible to be involved in other ordinary task. Work is arranged in the morning mainly.

**Accommodation and food:** Shared tents in the camping area that is furnished with hot water showers. Volunteers will cook for themselves. Internet is available only in a common room shared by anyone. REQUEST: vols have to bring own sleeping bag.

**Special Requirements:** Interest in out-door activities, agriculture and biodynamic farming is welcome. Remember to bring warm clothes as the weather can be chilly in the evening. Also bring a warm sleepingbag.

**Location and free time:** There are three interesting medieval villages in the surroundings of the farm: Pitigliano, Sorano and Sovana. Also trekking pathway are closeby. Saturnia's thermal bath are 30 min. far by car.

**Closest Airport:** Pisa (PSA)

## IG20-14 - SICILIA NATURA: TRADITIONS, ART AND HISTORY 1



IG20-14 - Sicilia Natura: Traditions, art and history 1 – 06/20/2020 – 06/30/2020

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Giuliana, (Palermo) Sicily

Number of volunteers: 4 M 4F

Min/Max age: 18/45 – Work type: MANU, ART

**Remarks: Volunteers have to like being in a natural outdoor environment, interest to socialize with local people of any age, to like walking and hiking in the wood. Also, interest in historical places and history, art. Be curious and creative. Bigger cities are not easy to reach it is better to warn volunteers about the possibility to spend their free time in the nearby villages.**

**Local partner:** The Association EcoParco Sant'Anna promotes actions, initiatives, seminars, family days, activities for schools, open events to spread a culture of environmental sustainability and for enhancing the use of the natural park Sant'Anna located in a small town called Giuliana. Having the idea of triggering an active and responsible participation of the local community, the association promotes initiatives, seminars, activities for families and for schools, public events to enhance art and crafts. Activities they have carried out are LudoNature, excursions, educational trips, family days, thematic workshops on art and natural elements. Moreover, the Association aims to enhance the natural, cultural, social and historical resources of Giuliana, a small medieval mountain village, together with the municipality of the town.

**Work description:** Volunteers will help the association to improve the area of the park: activities can be related to maintenance and manual work, restore and open new path in the park, repair and create map or signs inside the park. Volunteers will contribute to the preparation and implementation of public activities in the park for summer solstice day.

STUDY PART locals will introduce the historical side of the park and of the castle, and the cultural tradition of the village.

**Accommodation and food:** International volunteers will be host in family by local volunteers in group of two. They will share the house and facilities with a local volunteer and his/her family. Lunch will be provided in the park, breakfast and dinner in family. Local and international volunteers will go together to the workplace by car or van provided by the municipality.

**Special Requirements:** Volunteers have to like being in a natural outdoor environment, interest to socialize with local people of any age, to like walking and hiking in the wood. Also, interest in historical places and history, art. Be curious and creative. Bigger cities are not easy to reach it is better to warn volunteers about the possibility to spend their free time in the nearby villages.

**Location and free time:** Giuliana is a small village and services can be reached by walking.

Trekking to Mount Genuardo natural reserve can be organized during the free time, but also trip to small villages nearby (Sambuca di Sicilia, Bisacquino, Chiusa Sclafani, Corleone, Sciacca, ecc) to visit local organic farms and local artisans. Closest beaches are in Sciacca and Menfi (around 45-50 Km far away) connection might not be available though.

**Closest Airport:** Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-15 - SICILIA NATURA: TRADITIONS, ART AND HISTORY 2



IG20-15 - Sicilia Natura: Traditions, art and history 1 – 07/20/2020 – 07/30/2020

**\*PLEASE NOTE that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format**

City: Giuliana, (Palermo) Sicily

Number of volunteers: 4 M 4F

Min/Max age: 18/45 – Work type: MANU, ART

**Remarks: Volunteers have to like being in a natural outdoor environment, interest to socialize with local people of any age, to like walking and hiking in the wood. Also, interest in historical places and history, art. Be curious and creative. Bigger cities are not easy to reach it is better to warn volunteers about the possibility to spend their free time in the nearby villages.**

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**Work description:** Volunteers will help the association to improve the area of the park: activities can be related to maintenance and manual work, restore and open new path in the park, repair and create map or signs inside the park. Volunteers will contribute to the preparation and implementation of public activities in the park for St. Anne celebration on the 26<sup>th</sup>. STUDY PART locals will introduce the historical side of the park and of the castle, and the cultural tradition of the village.

**Accommodation and food:** International volunteers will be host in family by local volunteers in group of two. They will share the house and facilities with a local volunteer and his/her family. Lunch will be provided in the park, breakfast and dinner in family. Local and international volunteers will go together to the workplace by car or van provided by the municipality.

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**Closest Airport:** Palermo (PMO)

## IG20-MTV 01 ITALY FARM STAY



IG20-MTV-01 - 03/20/2020 until 11/15/2020\*

**\*PLEASE NOTE** that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format

City: Pescosolido (Lazio)

Number of volunteers: 1 M 1F (at time)

Min/Max age: 18/35 – Work type: AGRI, MANU,

**Remarks:** preferably 3/4weeks staying. Addressed to volunteers willing to learn more about eco-farming, agriculture, farming lifestyle. People who do not love to walk they will feel isolated and they will not enjoy the experience.

**Motivation letter** a project-related motivation is required to apply.

**Local partner:** Italy Farm Stay is a family run farm located in the small village of Pescosolido, at the foot of the Abruzzi National Park. The area around the farm is one of the most beautiful places in Italy; mountains, waterfalls, hiking trails, lakes, wildlife, and many interesting ruins, churches, and castles are easily accessible and the area is not filled with tourists like other parts of Italy. The farm is close to the town of Sora (about 35,000 inhabitants) where you can eat at local restaurants, stroll along the lively main street, visit the numerous shops, cafés, and pubs, use the internet, or go to the open air market on Thursday mornings. The farm itself is a large property where guests can roam around, eat fresh fruit, spend time with the animals, relax in the shade of an olive tree, or hike around the trails in our beautiful forest.

**Work description:** Volunteer work 4 hours and a half in the morning. In the afternoon they will be free. Help in the morning consist of work in vegetable gardening, general maintenance around the organic farm, pruning, harvesting vegetables, weeding and cleaning. In general terms volunteers will be involved in the everyday work of a traditional Italian farm. The work depends also on weather conditions and it can be determined day by day accordingly. We are looking for volunteers who are highly motivated, independent and with a good work ethics. The work can be quite hard but rewarding. Be aware that a good part of the work tend to be physically demanding. For this reason this camp is suitable only to people who are physically fit and already have an active life such as practicing sport etc. Volunteer will not work on Thursdays.

**Accommodation and food:** Accommodation will be in dorms in the farm. There is one dorm for males and one for females. Bathroom with hot water shower is available. Volunteers will eat with the family and staff of the farm. Volunteers will also help cooking organizing themselves in chores. This will be a unique occasion to learn how to cook amazing Italian traditional food!

**Special requirements:** - willing to learn more about eco-farming, agriculture, farming lifestyle. How to run a Farm. People who do not love to walk they will feel isolated and they will not enjoy the experience.

**Location and free time:** The farm is located on the edge of the National Park of Abruzzo between Rome and Naples. One of the most wild and stunning natural park of Italy where volunteers can do trekking, walks etc. Rome is also reachable and can be visited during the free day. Please note that volunteers will have only one free day every five days of work. Yet all

afternoons will be free for them to relax and explore the surroundings. The farm is well-connected with both Rome and Naples by direct buses. The area around the farm is one of the most beautiful places in Italy; mountains, waterfalls, hiking trails, lakes, wildlife, and many interesting ruins, churches, and castles are easily accessible and the area is not filled with tourists like other parts of Italy. The farm is close to the town of Sora (about 35,000 inhabitants) where you can eat at local restaurants, stroll along the lively main street, visit the numerous shops, cafés or go to the open air market on Thursday mornings. The farm itself is a property where guests and volunteers can roam around, eat fresh fruit, spend time with the animals, relax in the shade of an olive tree, or hike around the trails in our beautiful forest. The area around the farm is one of the most beautiful places in Italy; mountains, waterfalls, hiking. All this can only be enjoyed exclusively by people who love to walk. **People who do not love to walk they will feel isolated and they will not enjoy the experience.**

**Closest airport:** Rome