



# Club of intercultural cooperation **PASSAGE ZEBRA:**

*Program Book*  
**2020**



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## *About Passage Zebra*

NGO “Club “Passage Zebra” is one of the oldest organisation in Russia involved in the promotion of voluntary movement. We were found in 1998 and since then organizes workcamps in Russia and send our volunteers abroad, providing the platform for intercultural interaction, youth exchanges and informal trainings on cross-cultural learning, activities for future and current camp-leaders eco-initatives, etc.

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“A volunteer is someone who works for free, serves in a community or for the benefit of natural environment primarily because they choose to do so”.  
(Wikipedia)



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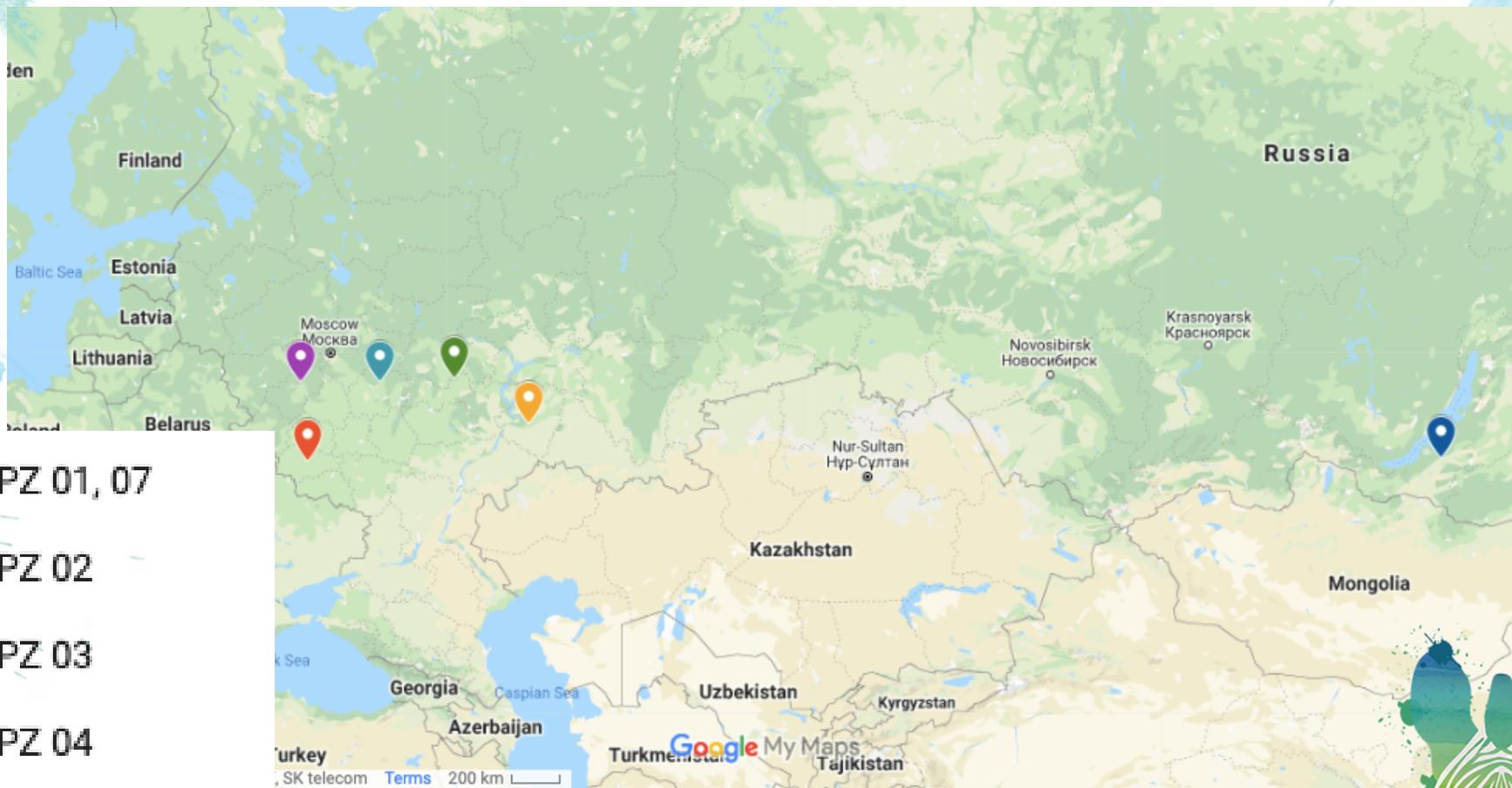


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# Workcamps 2020

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PZ 02	ACROSS THE WORLD: English for child development	11/07/20 – 19/07/20	KIDS	Kursk	4	18-40
PZ 03	ECO=HAPPY: life in ecovillage and eco festival	26/07/20 - 09/08/20	ENVI-CONS-FEST	Milenki, Kaluga region	8	18-99
PZ 04	SAVE THE HISTORY! "Tom Sawyer Fest" movement	01/08/20 - 12/08/20	RENO - CONS - CULT	Samara	10	18-99
PZ 05	English, martial arts and unique Buryat culture	01/08/20 - 14/08/20	KIDS-SPORT	Ulan-Ude, Republic of Buryatia	4	18-40
PZ 06	Festival "Green Guitar": beauty of Mordovia	10/08/20-24/08/20	ENVI-MANU-FEST	Smolnii, Republic of Mordovia	10	18-99
PZ 07	Work&ride: help at the horse farm-2	September, TBA	ANI - CONS-MANU	Orekhovo, Ryazan region	10	18-99

# Map of the projects



 PZ 01, 07

 PZ 02

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## **PZ 01, 07 Work&ride: help at the horse farm**



14/05/20 - 29/05/20,  
14/09/20 - 30/09/20



**ANI-CONS-MANU**



**10 VOLUNTEERS**



**AGE: 18 - 99**



**Language:  
ENGLISH/RUSSIAN**

### **Project and partner:**

Equestrian and tourist complex "Riding on Meshchera" is located in the village of Orekhovo, Ryazan region, away from the bustle of the city. It is surrounded by untouched nature of the Oka reserve, fascinating pine forests, birch groves, fields of flowers and fragrant herbs, rivers with clean water. There is a stable for 8 horses on the territory. All horses are very well-groomed, healthy, kind and affectionate. At any time, they can be approached, stroked, hand-fed sugar or carrots. The project tries to revive the dying village of Orekhovo, giving an opportunity to people who are used to the city life to feel real land, manual labour, enjoy gardens, fields, horses, cows and true nature.

### **Type of work:**

Volunteers will take the following duties: working with horses (cleaning, walking to the pasture, training in case you have an experience); helping with construction tasks (building of a new house and horse corral, finishing the camping site) and general maintenance of the territory (repairing of fences, preparation of poles; cleaning the remains of old manure; gardening, etc). Tasks may vary depending on the current needs, so be open to new challenges! Work is about 5-6 hours a day with days-off.

### **Study theme and leisure:**

Volunteers can learn to ride, learn the habits of horses, understand how horses actually live, to get to know more about rural life and different aspects of living in a Russian village. In the spare time, many activities are planned: horse- riding on scenic routes, visiting the nurseries of bison and cranes of the Oka reserve, visiting the Museum of rural life and the Museum of space, swimming in the river, kayaking and many others!

## ***Accommodation and food:***

Camping site: 2-person and 3-person tents will be provided. You can bring your sleeping bag and mat, but they can be provided as well. There are organic toilets and summer showers (with solar and electric heating). In case of bad weather conditions, a group will be accommodated in the building. Volunteers will be provided with all the basic products, cooking in the groups. There is a shop nearby that can be visited to buy sweet treats for you (and favourite horse) every few days :) Also there is a special fireplace to spend time altogether in the evening and true Russian sauna called "banya"!

## ***Location:***

Ryazan region, Orekhovo village (300 km from Moscow). All participants are going to be met by the local host at the bus stop near Ryazan and taken to the campsite.

## ***Requirements:***

Preliminary knowledge on horse-caring is not required, but interest in the subject will be a big asset!

## ***Additional notes:***

Please keep in mind that entrance to museums and cultural sights is paid by volunteers.



## **PZ 02 ACROSS THE WORLD: English for child development**



11/07/20 - 19/07/20



**KIDS**



**4 VOLUNTEERS**



**AGE: 18 - 40**



**Language: ENGLISH  
Motivation letter!**

### ***Project and partner:***

"Veo-Veo" is the first language studio for children in Kursk, which aimed at the child development through teaching English language with games, songs and art. This summer for the second time one-week program for young learners will be organized, and the participation of international volunteers is necessary, so that children realize they can communicate in foreign language with people from different countries, backgrounds, cultures and traditions. For Kursk it is an excellent example of volunteer activity and cultural exchange, that draws attention to the importance of such projects for kids in the city.

### ***Type of work:***

The program will consist of 5 working days with 2-3 hours of lessons in the morning and 2-3 hours in the evening with a break for lunch. In the class volunteers are expected to play active games with children, make some crafts, sing, play board games and, most importantly, encourage kids to speak. All students are aged between 5 and 9 years old; they have been studying English for 2-3 years already and got used to speak only English in the classroom. Volunteers are going to be accompanied by a teacher to help with understanding, discipline and organisation. Some open classes for small citizens will also take place in the park close to the office.

### ***Study theme and leisure:***

For volunteers there will be organized a city tour, a visit to the History Museum and art gallery, trip to the local historical village at the weekend, workshops on traditional cuisine and decorative painting, etc. And don't forget about the opportunity to learn some Russian in exchange! ;)

## ***Accommodation and food:***

Volunteers will stay in the rented two-room apartment, which is located just 5 minutes from the Veo-Veo office. Volunteers will cook breakfast for themselves at home (all products are provided), while lunches and dinners will be organised at the cafe.

## ***Location:***

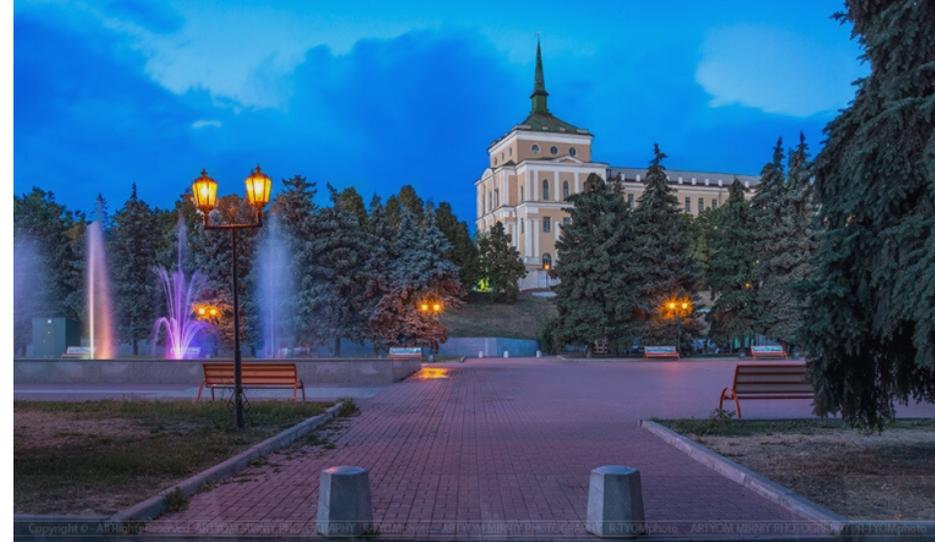
The city of Kursk is one of the spiritual and cultural centers of Central Russia. It is located 530 km from Moscow, so it takes around 5 hours by train to reach the place (which can be called rather close distance on the scale of Russia ☺). All volunteers will be met by the host organization at the train station in Kursk.

## ***Requirements:***

A good command of English is required (min. B2). Please attach a motivation letter to your application.

## ***Additional notes:***

Please, prepare some activities/games/workshops which can present the culture of your country for young learners. All other materials for classes will be provided.



## **PZ 03 ECO=HAPPY: life in ecovillage and eco festival**



**26/07/20 – 09/08/20**



**ENVI-CONS-FEST**



**8 VOLUNTEERS**



**AGE: 18 - 99**



**Language:  
ENGLISH/RUSSIAN**

### ***Project and partner:***

Come and become part of the community that is ready to share with you love of Nature and an eco-friendly lifestyle! Volunteers are invited to help on the territory "Into the Happiness", which is part of the settlement Milenki one of the oldest eco villages in Russia. It is surrounded by beautiful forests and fields and attracts all those interested in living in eco-settlements, calming their mind from the city rush, and acquiring new practical knowledge and skills in environmental technologies. Besides, volunteers will help to prepare festival of EcoTechnologies festival which will take place from August 6th to 9th, 2020. Main topics of the event this year are: ecology, sustainability and personal self-realisation in harmony with the environment.

### ***Type of work:***

A lot of outdoor work on general maintenance of the territory, gardening, building a new community center, preparing site for the festival of Eco-technologies and constructing various art-objects for this event. Volunteers are expected to be resistant to weather changes and physically demanding tasks, so please, be brave and flexible :) You will work along with national volunteers and under the supervision of specialists. Big variety of tasks will give an opportunity for everyone to be helpful.

### ***Study theme and leisure:***

During their free time volunteers can enjoy swimming, outdoor games with the team, rope course, etc. Some trips to the museums will be organised, and a tour around the family settlement of Milenki. During the festival various activities are going to be held, so you can participate in educational workshops, workshops on traditional crafts, eco-technologies, disclosure of voice, try delicious green cocktails, sing songs by the fire and many more!

## ***Accommodation and food:***

Accommodation in the summer guest houses, bed linen and blankets are provided. We recommend you to bring a sleeping bag as well, so it will be warmer. There are organic toilets and summer showers with heated water. You can use the washing machine every 5 days. Three vegetarian meals per day plus a tea break are provided; help in the kitchen may be needed! Also please keep in mind that the volunteers will have cleaning duties throughout the entire stay in the camp.

## ***Location:***

Territory "Into the Happiness" of the ecovillage Milenki, Kaluga region, close to the National Park Ugra. Volunteers will be met by the local host at train station Kaluga on the day of arrival and brought back at the end of the camp.

## ***Requirements:***

Open-minded, skilled and active volunteers, who share the values eco-lifestyle are warmly welcomed :)

## ***Additional notes:***

"Into the Happiness" is a preserved area, where alcohol and drugs are prohibited. Smoking is possible only in designated zones. It is also a bit isolated from big cities, so please plan your days in Moscow and other sightseeing trips before or after the camp's dates.



# PZ 04 SAVE THE HISTORY!

## "Tom Sawyer Fest" movement



01/08/20 - 12/08/20



RENO - CONS - CULT



10 VOLUNTEERS



AGE: 18 - 99



Language:  
ENGLISH/RUSSIAN

### **Project and partner:**

Have you ever heard about a boy named Tom Sawyer whose aunt Polly asked him to paint her fence? Being a lazy but very smart kid, Tom started to paint so hard and passionately that everyone around begged him to let them paint it too, and the work was done much faster. That's how the hero of Mark Twain's most book gave his name to the festival of the restoration of cultural and historical habitat "Tom Sawyer Fest". This voluntary movement brings together enthusiastic people in an effort to restore wooden buildings that lack the official status of cultural heritage object, but mean a lot to the citizens and their history. That helps local community to believe that with people can make their city a more beautiful place to live in and save what is really important to them. The festival began in 2015 in Samara, and by 2019 had involved 50 cities and towns in different parts of Russia. Come and join!

### **Type of work:**

Help with the restoration of wooden buildings of the XIX-early XX centuries - cleaning of facades, priming, painting. Various skills could be obtained depending on the area of working: cleaning wood from the old paint, priming, painting, plastering, working with hand and power tools (grinder, angle grinders), painting. No prior knowledge is needed! All works will be supervised by specialists and held mostly in the afternoon and evening time.

### **Study theme and leisure:**

Working hand in hand with Russian volunteers is a great chance to get to know traditions, culture and learn some Russian (or improve your level!). Samara has a lot to offer including museums, cinema, big public beach, river boat walks, etc. Concerts and various excursions will be organized.

## Accommodation and food:

Accommodation in the premises of catholic hostel, sleeping space is separated on male and female parts. There is a big kitchen with all the necessary equipment, bathrooms, etc. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Volunteers will be provided with the products and going to cook together. Please notify us on your diet needs.

## Location:

Samara, Russian Federation. On the date of arrival our group will be met by the local host at the train station or airport and brought to the hostel.

Samara is a beautiful city on the bank of Volga river and 9th biggest city in Russia.

## Requirements:

Volunteers should be ready to work with different tasks and don't mind manual labour.

## Additional notes:

Please keep in mind that you may need to cover entrance fees to museums and other cultural sights.



## **PZ 05 English, martial arts and unique Buryat culture**



**01/08/20 - 14/08/20**



**KIDS-SPORTS**



**4 VOLUNTEERS**



**AGE: 18 - 40**



**Language: ENGLISH  
Motivation letter!**

### ***Project and partner:***

We can bet you do not know much about the mysterious Republic of Buryatia, region of Russia that is situated in South Central Siberia, close to Mogolian border. And you have to know more as Buryatia has a lot to offer! It has an interesting mix of many cultures, its own Buryat language, cuisine and stunning natural sights like famous Lake Baikal, the deepest lake on Earth. Plus to this, choosing to volunteer in this camp you'll have an opportunity to learn more about Korean martial art called Taekwondo, as volunteers are invited to the summer camp for young Taekwondo athletes. Autumn 2020 they will participate in the Taekwondo World Cup in Slovenia, so it is perfect time for kids to repeat English rules and have some speaking practice.

### ***Type of work:***

Main activity of volunteers is to conduct English lessons for young athletes. All children are aged between 9 and 14 years old, there will be around 200 students (in sum for two sequential arrivals). They already know some basics, but have to improve their knowledge and, most importantly, stop being afraid of having conversations in English during international competitions. Children will have a lot of sport trainings, so meanwhile volunteers will get involved in the preparation of leisure activities and evening events, together with local campleaders.

### ***Study theme and leisure:***

You can learn the basics and philosophy of Taekwondo, and surely get acquainted with the history and culture of Buryatia. Trips to Ulan Ude and to Baikal lake will be organized, so you'll see one of the true "pearls" of Russia with your own eyes!

## ***Accommodation and food:***

In the camp there are several buildings for accommodation of kids and the staff, canteen and swimming pool. International volunteers may be placed with local camp-leaders. Bed linen will be provided. All meals will be served in the canteen. Unfortunately, there is no opportunity to have a full vegetarian menu, but in case of special dietary needs you may choose only veggie dishes/side dishes.

## ***Location:***

Summer camp is located in the village Verkhniy Sayantui, around 40 minutes by car from the city of Ulan-Ude. All the participants will be met by the local host in the city and brought to the campsite.

## ***Requirements:***

Good command of English is required (min. B2 level). Please attach a motivation letter to your application.

## ***Additional notes:***

We ask you to prepare the content of English classes, games and exercises, bringing all the materials with you or letting us know what you need in advance. Also it would be great if you can bring your national costume/games/songs and dances for the cultural evenings. Please note there is no Wi-Fi in the camp, but you may use mobile network or ask for the hotspot.

We also recommend to buy flight tickets to Ulan-Ude in advance.



## PZ 06 Festival "Green Guitar": beauty of Mordovia



10/08/20 - 24/08/20



ENVI-MANU-FEST



10 VOLUNTEERS



AGE: 18 - 99



Language:  
ENGLISH/RUSSIAN

### **Project and partner:**

Fresh air, dense forests and green fields, unique Mordovian culture, musical festival and poetry of famous Russian writer Alexander Pushkin... Is there any better way to get to know the real country than to spend couple weeks on this project? You will live in a real wooden house surrounded by pines and birches, take Russian sauna called "banya", eat traditional buckwheat "grechka" and work hand in hand with local volunteers! National park "Smolniiy" invites international volunteers to help with the preparation of a guest area on its territory and organization of a small non-profit music festival "Greenguitar". In return, you'll have an opportunity to enjoy many cultural activities and events in the Republic of Mordovia.

### **Type of work:**

Project consists of two parts. First one will be dedicated to general maintenance and construction of the guest area (cleaning paths and roads from fallen trees, preparation of winter feeding for animals, clearing the territory of garbage, etc). In the second part volunteers will work directly with preparation of the festival site (construction, decoration, welcoming guests). Festival itself starts on August 22nd, so participants will have a chance to rest a bit more and enjoy its program (or even participate as performers!). Work is around 6 hours per day with the weekends.

### **Study theme and leisure:**

You can enjoy various activities like swimming (there is a lake on the territory), playing games and, of course, enjoying the festival events. There is an evening of international cuisine will be organised, so don't forget to bring some recipes from home. On the weekends trips to Boldino, the museum-reserve of the great Russian poet A. Pushkin, and Saransk (with visits to Erzya museum, National Mordovian museum, Ushakov cathedral) are planned.

## Accommodation and food:

Accommodation in two big houses with beds. There is NO need to bring your own sleeping bag, but you can bring an additional blanket. Volunteers will have an opportunity to use "banya" - traditional Russian sauna; you can also take shower there. Breakfast will be prepared by volunteers (tea/coffee, muesli, oatmeals, jam, butter). Lunches and dinners are cooked in the field kitchen by chefs, with the help of two volunteers. Remember that the choice of products will be limited, since the project is carried out in a forest area. Vegetarian menu is possible.

## Location:

National park "Smolnii", Republic of Mordovia. Local host will meet volunteers in the city of Saransk at 9 a.m. on August 10th and bring the group to the campsite (as well as back to the train station/airport on the last day of the project at 10 a.m.).

## Requirements:

Be ready for manual labour and a lot of physical activities outdoors. Preparing festival sites has never been an easy task ;)

## Additional notes:

If you sing or play any musical instruments, please let us know in advance! You're highly encouraged to take part in the festival not only as a volunteer but also as an artist.





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— discover Russia!*