



YOUTH VOLUNTEER CENTER “SODRUJESTVO”

Workcamps program 2020

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Comments
RU-SOD 7.4	Small World	31.05 – 27.06	KIDS	4	Volunteers can come for any two weeks of their choice or they can stay for one month
RU-SOD 7.5	Language for Success	20.06 - 29.06	KIDS	4	Motivation letter required. Certificate of good conduct required.
RU-SOD 7.6	We are different, but we are together	30.06 - 14.07	KIDS	4	
RU-SOD 7.21	Trampoline-Live	09.07 – 24.07	KIDS	4	
RU-SOD 7.7	We are different, but we are together	16.07 – 30.07	KIDS	4	
RU-SOD 7.8	Language for Success	31.07 – 13.08	KIDS	4	
RU-SOD 10.2	Ergaki	06.07 – 20.07	ENVI	7	
RU-SOD 10.1	Bournina Island	01.07 - 14.07	ENVI	15	

Long term program (LTV) 2020

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SODVO-1	Chinese assistant	permanent	KIDS	2	Volunteers can stay from 1 to 3 months Certificate of good conduct required.
SODVO-2	Teach and learn	permanent	KIDS	2	
SODVO-4	Assistant to a teacher in a German center	permanent	KIDS	2	

RU-SOD 7.21 Trampoline-Live

Description: Our partner – NGO “Opora” is an institution which works with children of challenging social background who was left without parental care or lives in an orphanage. They organize summer tent camps for children where they have an opportunity to try different workshops such as rope course, boating school, international instructors, obstacles path, School of challenges and Discovery, orienteering, geocaching courses.

Objectives: - preservation and strengthening of health of children, promotion of various sports, broaden their horizons and culture, organization of leisure;
- Creation of conditions for successful socialization of orphans through training and joint activities with the active participation of the international group of volunteers.

The format of interaction with children, volunteers interact with the children during the workshops, interactive presentations about the culture of their country's participation in common events of the camp.

Number of Russian volunteers: 27 people

Type of work: Conducting workshops, interactive presentations about the culture of their country, international evenings.

During the camp, a volunteer will lead/organize:

- Workshops on transfer their own experience (tourism, sports, environmental protection or any other related topic);
- One interactive presentation about the culture of their country, which will be held by volunteer 4 times for four small groups at different time during the camp;
- One international evening dedicated to the country where volunteer come from.

Experience in the areas of protection of the environment, tourism and sport is welcome. It is necessary to contact the Camp leader for the content of workshops on tourism and environmental protection, to send a list of necessary equipment and materials one month prior to the camp. It is necessary to prepare one interactive lesson for the presentation of his country.

Available attributes for the international event is welcome (flag, food, pictures, cards, costumes, etc.).

Accommodation: volunteers will be living in tents, the food will be provided. Sleeping bags are needed.

Language: English, Russian

Requirements: The volunteers are expected to have some experience of working with kids and organizing activities, intercultural experience is very welcome. Motivation letter is required. Certificate of no criminal record is required.

Location: the camp is located in the forest, the nearest cities are Yoshkar-Ola and Cheboksary. The meeting point is Yoshkar-Ola where the volunteers will be met by Russian volunteers and move to the camp site together.

RU-SOD 7.4 Small World

Description: Our partner – NGO “Language for success” the language school existing since 2007. They provide high-quality courses of foreign languages, organise different events about languages and intercultural communication. The camp will take place right in the city, the kids will stay in the office of the language school from 9.00 to 14.00, each working day. Foreign volunteers work together with Russian volunteers as counselors and organize cultural and educational activities for the participants (local school kids – aged 8-16).

Type of Work: 1. Making intercultural and educational workshops (about the volunteers’ native countries, ecology, water resources, human rights, antiracism, etc); 2. Teaching foreign languages to the participants (in the form of playing games, singing songs or improve their language skills through discussions); 3. Organizing some sport activities, strategic games, shows and handicrafts. The work is done 5 hours a day, two days off per week, for the days off sightseeing excursions are planned.

Accommodation: The volunteers will be hosted in host families and youth hostels in Cheboksary. The food will be provided. No sleeping bags are needed.

Language: English, Russian

Requirements: The volunteers are expected to have some experience of working with kids and organizing activities, intercultural experience is very welcome. Motivation letter is required. Certificate of no criminal record is required.

Location: The camp is situated in the city of Cheboksary, volunteers can spend their free time in the city. The volunteers will need to fly (or arrive with any other transport: train, bus etc.) to Moscow and take the train from Moscow to Cheboksary. In Cheboksary the volunteers will be met by the Russian volunteers and move altogether to the workcamp.

Notes: Volunteers can come for any two weeks of their choice

RU-SOD 7.4;7.5;7.8 Language for Success; RU-SOD 7.6; 7.7 We Are Different, but We Are Together

Description: These camps for Russian kids take place every year on the bank of the lake Shap in the middle of the pine forest. International volunteers work together with local volunteers as counselors and organize cultural and educational activities for the participants (local school kids – aged 7-16).

Type of Work: 1. Making intercultural and educational workshops (about the volunteers' native countries, ecology, water resources, human rights, antiracism, etc); 2. Teaching foreign languages to the participants (in the form of playing games, singing songs or improve their language skills through discussions); 3. Organizing some sport activities, strategic games, shows and handicrafts.

Accommodation: In the resort for children, in brick and wooden houses; counselors live together in male, female, mixed rooms. Showers are available all the time.

Language: The working language of the project is English, but we welcome all other languages: French, German, Spanish, Italian, Esperanto etc. Knowledge of Russian would be useful.

Requirements: The volunteers are expected to have some experience of working with kids and organizing activities, intercultural experience is very welcome. We especially welcome those who can swim as this season is normally hot here and we swim a lot with the kids. Motivation letter is required. Certificate of no criminal record is required.

Location: The workcamp is situated in Russia, Cheboksary. The volunteers will need to fly (or arrive with any other transport: train, bus etc.) to Moscow and take a train from Moscow to Cheboksary. In Cheboksary the volunteers will be met by the local volunteers and move altogether to the workcamp.

RU-SOD 10.2 Ergaki

Description

Ergaki Nature Park - a specially protected natural area (SPNA) of regional significance, located within the Western Sayan. The territory of the park includes natural complexes and objects of significant environmental and aesthetic value and intended for use in environmental, educational, recreational purposes. Ergaki Nature Park is a traditionally formed tourist center in the south of the Krasnoyarsk Territory.

Work

Volunteers live and work in the park, located at an altitude of about 1300-1800 meters above sea level. Therefore, good physical form, endurance, the absence of cardiovascular, neurological diseases, bronchial asthma, cerebrovascular disorders are necessary.

The work includes the construction of the trail, the use of shovels, axes and other tools, the passage of mountain taiga hiking trails at a distance of 3 to 10 km per day, work with paints and varnishes, hiking for 1 to 5 days with accommodation in tents and cooking food at the stake. During the days off the volunteers will be offered sightseeing tour of natural attractions.

Requirements

It would be good to have skills in working with hand tools (ax, shovel, hammer, crowbar), experience in hiking trips.

Accommodation & food

The main accommodation is organized at the infrastructure facilities of the park (guest house). 24 hour power supply. Overnight in tents is provided during the excursion program in the park.

Location: Abakan, Krasnoyarsk Region

RU-SOD 10.1 Bournina Island

Description. The idea of the event is as following: international exchange; educational activities; interest in other cultures; tolerance to different nationalities, religions, races; Learning foreign languages; training young people to be leaders, to have an active life position.

Irkutsk is a multinational region within the Russian Federation. Volunteers will have the opportunity to visit the unique architecture and ethnographic museum “Angarsk village”, visit the world-famous Bratsk hydroelectric station, visit the world heritage - Lake Baikal.

Work

Volunteers will work on the improvement of the area of scientific research on forestry (cleaning branches, cutting down shabby trunks, planting seedlings, simple repair of laboratory facilities). Volunteers will also take part in the daily life of the camp (various cultural, sports and linguistic, gaming activities).

Free time

In free time, various activities will be held: fishing, swimming in the Angara, sailing yachts, visiting night clubs, excursions to ethnographic museums and important objects of the city, taiga walks, picking up mushrooms and berries.

On some of the days, a rock concert by local cover bands, artistes' artists, a concert of children's musical ensembles and theater groups will be held on the island. If the volunteer is good at singing or dancing, or has any special talents, he/she is welcomed to take part in the concert.

A free day is provided once a week when the volunteers can go to the city, see the sights or stay in the camp and relax in nature.

Location

The camp is located in Russia, in the Irkutsk region on the beautiful island of Bornin, located on the Angara River - the only river flowing out of Lake Baikal.

The meeting point is at the station “Padunskie porogi” and at the airport Bratsk. Every international volunteer will be met by local volunteers. They will move to the camp together.

Food and accomodation

The products of local farms will be used for cooking: beef, lamb, pork, milk, butter, cheese, sour cream, yogurt, fish, seasonal vegetables and fruits, as well as vegetables grown at the workcamp.

Meals are provided in the summer kitchen of the camp, outdoors, it is prepared by volunteers.

On the island there is a two-story log house. Rooms of three types: male, female, mixed. Sleeping bags are not needed. Please bring your own towels. Due to the fact that there is no Wi-Fi, the Internet is not available. In the city you can purchase a SIM card from a Russian telephone operator with unlimited Internet.

Languages

The working language is English, Russian will be very useful for communication with the locals. You will also have the opportunity to teach other volunteers your own language.

LTV projects

SODVO-1 Chinese assistant

The idea of the project is the following: • intercultural exchange • educating kids interested in other cultures, tolerant to other nationalities, religions, races • learning foreign languages (chinese) • educating kids to share the values of international voluntary movement and ethical principles: to be willing to help the local community acting out of self-initiative, to solve conflicts without violence, to respect human rights, to promote solidarity between human beings at all levels

Description

The volunteer will work as a teacher of Chinese or assist in teaching in the language school. Of course volunteers will be involved in all the after school activities. As our kids are interested in other countries, because most of them have never been abroad before, the volunteer should be ready to tell them about his/her culture, history, national food, songs and dances. Moreover the volunteer will take part in the cultural events and local festivals. His/her help will be also required in the local rehabilitation centre where there are kids from socially dysfunctional families where parents abuse alcohol and neglect their children. Also we have annual children camps where we need volunteers to organize different intercultural activities for the kids and promote informal education.

Accommodation and food

Accommodation is provided in a rented flat which is located in the center of the city. Money for food (100 euros per month) is provided from by the local host.

Location & leisure

Cheboksary is a small city but it's very beautiful. It is located on the right bank of the river Volga. The city is very green, we have a lot of parks and forests where you can have a walk and ride a bike. There are museums and bars, gyms and other facilities.

Requirements

The visa to Russia is needed, the volunteer will have to do it using the invitation letter from our organization. The invitation is issued by the immigration center and the process takes 1 month. So the volunteer should apply for the project 2 months before the desirable starting date. We also require the certificate of no criminal record.

Meeting point

Cheboksary train station

camp address

prospect Lenina 12B-212, Cheboksary, Chuvash Republic, Russia

SODVO-2 Teach and learn

Description

The project itself is job-shadowing. The hosting organization is a local language school which provides the opportunity for young people who aim to become teachers in the future to try real teaching and improve teaching skills. The aim of the project is to contribute to the education and development of the local children who are highly interested in learning different languages. The teaching is done in a non-formal way such as games, role-plays, singing songs and watching videos. Moreover, the volunteer will organize weekly discussion clubs for teenagers and students. Also, as it is a language project, the volunteers will have the lessons of Russian.

Work

The volunteer will work 3-4 hours per day at the language school. The work will be done 5 days per week. The work is done both independently and in a team. The volunteers will work in the afternoon and they will have lessons of the Russian language in the morning. But the schedule is flexible and it is discussed upon arrival. Each lesson of Russian for 1 hour costs 8 EU. We provide free accommodation and the volunteer is paid according to the amount of working hours he/she had during the week. The amount of sum covers the volunteer's food and local transport expenses.

Accommodation and food

The food is cooked by the volunteer. The accommodation will be in a rented flat in the center of the city or in a host family.

Location

The project is located in Cheboksary. It's the capital of the Chuvash Republic. There are a lot of things to do in the city. There will be local volunteers who will introduce you to the city.

SODVO-4 Assistant to a teacher in a German center

The center for German language and culture in Ufa, Russia was founded in 2011. The main activity of this center is to teach the German language. It deals only with the German language. The target groups are the kids, school children, students and adults. For each age, a special teaching program is provided. In addition, the center organizes various activities, both educational and cultural: the festival of German films, festival of German songs, film club, the club of spoken German, Christmas, puppet theater in German, and many other activities.

Description

The volunteer will work as a German teacher or assist in teaching in the local Center for German language and culture. Of course, volunteers will be involved in all the after-school activities. As our kids are interested in other countries, because most of them have never been abroad before, the volunteer should be ready to tell them about

his/her culture, history, national food, songs and dances. Moreover the volunteer will take part in the cultural events and local festivals. His/her help will be also required in the local Waldorfschule and in the kindergarten.

Accommodation and food

The volunteer will live in a family. Sleeping arrangements may be private or shared, and in most cases you will be required to share a bathroom and toilet facilities. Food is provided

Location & leisure

The project will take place in Ufa. It is the capital city of the Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia. Population: 1,062,319 (2010 Census). Ufa is situated in eastern Europe near its land boundary with Asia, at the confluence of the Belaya and Ufa Rivers, on low hills to the west of the southern Urals. It is located 1355 km to the east from Moscow. Ufa is linked by railways to the rest of Russia, having a railway station on a historic branch of the Transsib.

Requirements

To speak Russian is desirable but not required; volunteers will have the possibility of attending lessons. We also require a motivation letter. It would be great if the volunteer can bring some cultural material which can be showed to the kids. It can also be the presentation of the volunteer's country. And of course the volunteer should be highly motivated to work as a teacher or teacher assistant. The volunteer will be paid pocket money. A certificate of no criminal record is required.

Meeting point

train station Ufa

Camp address

Ufa