



Volunteers For Peace 2020 Program Announcement





Volunteers For Peace (VFP) is a US non-profit organization founded in 1982 and located in Burlington, Vermont. Through international voluntary service VFP promotes intercultural education, service learning, and community development. Each year we support local communities by organizing and promoting about 20 short, medium and long-term service projects in the USA and many projects in Haiti and Nicaragua. We have exchanged over 31,000 volunteers worldwide and offer over 3,000 projects in more than 90 countries around the world. Through these projects, nations join together to improve life on our planet. Our volunteers experience a microcosm of our world within the international group, and communities are able to create goals that improve life for their members.

We provide opportunities for volunteers to build cultural understanding and connections around the world while exploring grassroots community development and leadership roles. Volunteers will be encouraged to learn, share and plan effective ways to address local and global challenges together. Through these experiences, our volunteers gain valuable skills and an enhanced global consciousness, which we believe will help them become citizen diplomats, global leaders, and advocates for a more peaceful world! For more information visit our website at www.vfp.org.



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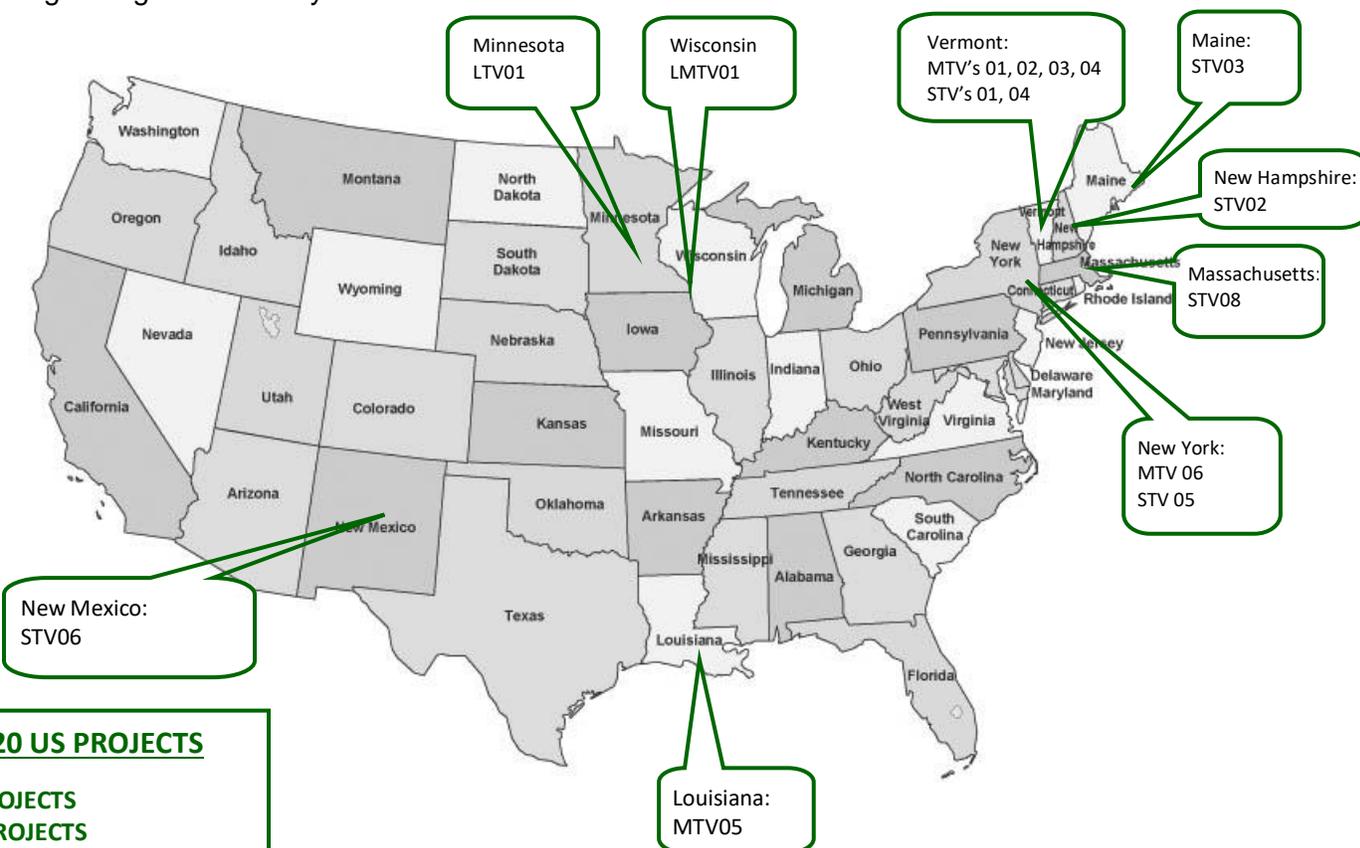
VFP 2020 CAMP NOTES & CONDITIONS

- **INSURANCE:** Volunteers must obtain health and accident insurance for the duration of your travel and stay in the US. This insurance must cover you for all medical eventualities. You must bring your insurance card or receipts with you. If you cannot prove that you have insurance on arrival, you will not be allowed to take part in our workcamps. Some travel related insurance carriers are World Nomads, HTH Worldwide, and Global Rescue LLC
- **CONFIRMATION:** Volunteers must email VFP a confirmation of their participation before the camp begins. A Confirmation form is provided along with the information sheet. Please include specific arrival details to the project on the confirmation form along with a confirmation that you have received a visa (if applicable). Participation in a project may be cancelled if we do not receive confirmation.
- **VISA INFORMATION:** Regulations have changed and the US Department of State makes it very clear that an invitation letter will not make a difference in whether you receive a visa or not. You must be sure you meet and understand the requirements to get a visa before you apply to the project. Follow the link for more information on visa requirements from your country.
(<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html#overview>)
- Volunteers should be motivated to work at least 30 hours per week, or as indicated in project description.
- **INFORMATION SHEETS:** These will contain more detailed information, including travel information and what to bring, and will be available now.
- **TECHNOLOGY USAGE:** We hope you will be fully present to the volunteer experience. There will be designated times for volunteers to stay in touch with family and friends. In some project locations there is little or no cell phone service available.
- **VFP MOTIVATION FORM:** VFP or Partner's Motivation form is required for all projects
- **VFP CHILD PROTECTION FORM:** Volunteers working with children may need to complete a Child Protection form before they can begin work. This form will be given to volunteers on the first day of the project.
- **INTERVIEWS:** Phone or Skype interviews required for placements in most MTV projects. Volunteers must include a Skype address on their VEF. Allow at least two weeks for these placements.
- **PARTICIPATION FEES:**
 - a. VFP-MTV05 extra fee to support local organization (Lowernine): All volunteers are asked to contribute a \$55/person project fee, which helps to cover expenses associated with project coordination and supervision, as well as materials, fuel, safety equipment, insurance and tool and vehicle maintenance. If you choose to stay in our volunteer house, there is a \$150/person/week housing fee to help offset the costs of three meals a day, house utilities and maintenance as well as project expenses. This fee drops to \$50/week after 3 weeks, and is eliminated entirely if you stay with us beyond 3 months. The most you would pay is \$1,005 for three months. After that, any additional time with us is free. To confirm the position, they need a 25% deposit of the total volunteer fee. They can pay the rest upon arrival. You can pay the fees at any time by clicking the "pay volunteer fees now" button at lowernine.org/volunteer/ (we can accept cash or check as a last resort).
 - b. All other projects have no extra fee.

VFP VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

VFP hosts, staff and co-leaders work hard to ensure a rewarding and unforgettable experience in the USA. Please read the following expectations below.

- Every volunteer is an important and valuable part of the group. You are expected to be an active member, contribute to the work project, assist with cooking and cleaning, and participate in work and free-time activities. Please bring recipes, photos, music, cultural information, group games and other information and activities to share with other volunteers and the community.
- Work activities will take place for about 6 hours a day, 5 days a week. Some days and projects may have longer or shorter work periods depending on the weather, leadership, motivation, availability of materials and other factors.
- VFP and your local hosts will provide many fun and cultural free-time activities during the project. If volunteers decide to travel to a different location as a group or plan their own free-time activities they will be responsible to cover the expenses. The camp leaders will be able to share how much free-time activities will cost.
- Co-leaders, workcamp hosts and work project leaders are there to help you plan activities, understand your tasks, teach you how to use tools and many other things. If you have concerns or issues please raise them with a leader and work with the leader to engage the group in finding a solution that works for everyone.
- Volunteers are expected to live as a group. You are expected to stay for the entire duration of the project and are not allowed to arrange your own activities and spend days or nights away from the project.
- Smoking use is on the decline in the USA and in most of the communities where you are serving you will not see people smoking. It is prohibited in many buildings and also public spaces. You must be 18 years old to purchase cigarettes in the USA.
- The drinking age in the USA is 21 years old. It is illegal to purchase alcohol for a person younger than 21. Excessive drinking is a major social problem and is an obstacle to overcoming the social and economic problems that afflict the world community today. Please check with the host regarding alcohol consumption where you are staying and if you choose to drink please be responsible and only do so during free-time.
- Any illegal drug use is strictly forbidden.



VFP 2020 US PROJECTS

- 7 STV PROJECTS
- 6 MTV PROJECTS
- 1 LTV PROJECT
- 1 LMTV PROJECT

2020 SHORT TERM PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

VFP-STV01 BICYCLE TRAIL BUILDING, VERMONT 10 AUG to 25 AUG, ENVI/CONS/MANU, AGE 18+, 8 VOLS.

CROSS VERMONT TRAIL ASSOCIATION (CVTA), MONTPELIER, VERMONT Our mission is to assist municipalities, recreation groups, and landowners in the creation and management of a four-season, multi-use trail across the state of Vermont for public recreation, alternative transportation, and awareness of our natural and cultural heritage.

WORK: The work is hard, heavy physical labor, including, building wooden bridges, moving large stones with hand tools, and digging ditches with shovels. You will get muddy, we work in the rain! We will work full days, about 7 hours of labor. We will work a few days then take a day off for fun, and then work a few days and take another day off. Why are we working so hard? We are building a network of bicycle/pedestrian paths that will eventually go 90 miles across the entire state of Vermont. The path will connect small towns, their schools, and the wild natural areas in between with a safe, healthy alternative to driving in cars. These small towns are not wealthy, and cannot afford to build this path themselves (like larger cities can afford to.) So we are building it with volunteers. Many local people are already helping out on their weekends, and we look forward to meeting and working with you as well!

STUDY THEME: Identify themes you would like to discuss/learn about. It could be on any topic your group considers to be worthy enough to discuss. Compare how this theme is addressed in the various countries your volunteers are from. See if you can compare how these issues are framed by the various media groups around the world and how this affects your perception of them.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Volunteers will camp in tents. Tents are provided. During the work day there is no electricity, no running water, no flushing toilets. At the campsite there is a shared bath house with toilets and showers. (Showers are coin operated, bring money for showers.) No alcohol is allowed at the housing. 11 PM curfew. Food is provided, cooking is communal. We are happy to accommodate dietary needs or preferences, like vegetarian.

LOCATION: The work camp is located in public forest, in northeastern Vermont (east of Montpelier). We will live in a primitive tent camp in the woods.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: During recreation time we will decide as a group what folks would enjoy doing. Options include exploring State Forest - riding bikes, hiking up mountains, swimming in lakes; and also driving to attractions in nearby towns like Montpelier, capitol of Vermont. Bring music, games or other activities to share.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Bring sturdy all leather BOOTS that rise above the ankles and durable work clothes that you don't mind getting dirty - long sleeves and long pants. Weather is unpredictable, so bring clothes to wear when cold and wet (like wool or synthetic fabrics) rain gear, a hat, clothes to wear when hot and humid, a sleeping bag, sleeping pad and flashlight. We provide group camping gear, tools, and so on. Also bring a swimsuit and favorite recipes. It is hot during the day and cold at night so bring clothes for both.

TERMINAL: Bus to Montpelier, Vermont.

VFP-STV 02 BRINGING THE WORLD TO NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 30 July to 15 August, KIDS/ ART/ MANU, AGE 18+, 10 VOLS.

The NEWPORT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE hosts this project jointly with several community nonprofit organizations including the School District, Recreation Department, Richards Free Library and Library Arts Center.

WORK: You will live in a beautiful rural area of woods and lakes. Work will consist of rotating through camps with children and several non-profit organizations where you will be helping with facility maintenance, like organizing the props and costume closet for the local community theater, plus meeting with community organizations like Rotary International (bring a flag to swap if you know a Rotarian in your country). Your flexibility will be much appreciated and you will meet many different elements of our community. Volunteers must speak English. Must enjoy working with children and youth and be able to maintain appropriate adult-student boundaries.

Study Themes:

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ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will stay in the local high school. Beds and linens provided. Because the accommodations are at a school there can be no tobacco or alcohol on site, even if you are of legal age.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: There will be several opportunities to experience the beauty of New Hampshire's lakes and mountains plus one all-day field trip with the students. In addition Volunteers will meet with the local Revitalization Committee, Rotary Club and other elements of the Newport community. Newport is a small community without clubs or a nightlife so plan to spend evenings with your international group and various community hosts.

TERMINAL: New London, NH. Easily reached by bus from Boston.

LANGUAGE: Good English.

SPECIAL REMARKS: VFP MOTIVATION FORM REQUIRED. Volunteers must speak English. No smoking or alcohol at housing. Basic computer skills, including PowerPoint, are helpful. Must enjoy working with teens and be able to maintain appropriate teacher-student boundaries.

VFP-STV03 COASTAL PROTECTION WELLS, MAINE, Aug 26 –Sept 16th, ENVI/MANU/FEST, 21+, 8 VOLS.

WELLS RESERVE and **LAUDHOLM ESTUARINE RESERVE, WELLS, MAINE** The Wells Reserve is a research and education facility situated on 2,250 acres. It is a sanctuary for endangered plants and wildlife. The Reserve consists of forests, coastal marsh, beach and historic farm buildings. The Reserve's full (and rather long) title is "The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve," and its mission is to protect and restore coastal ecosystems, and educate the public about the beauty and importance of these places. The Wells Reserve is a beautiful and historic property with over 7 miles of trails and a wonderful beach. Our staff conducts research and teaches about estuaries (where rivers meet the sea) and also about other issues that relate to creating and caring for a healthy coastal environment. Website: www.wellsreserve.org

WORK: The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is located on the beautiful seacoast of southern Maine. Your work will include improving trails and wildlife habitat at the Reserve as well as grounds and maintenance projects on our historic buildings. This entails getting dirty and working hard. The major project for the camp will be helping prepare for and staff a large weekend Nature Crafts Festival fund-raising event. Work involves set-up and take-down, assisting other volunteers and staff with food, parking, recycling, and many other jobs. For the two days of the festival, you will be working long days.

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ACCOMMODATION

Volunteers will stay in a modern dormitory with comfortable beds, well-equipped kitchen, large dining table and common area. Rooms are generous in size and volunteers will most likely share their room with other members of the Volunteers for Peace group. Volunteers will cook meals as a group. Bring some recipes from home to share, and let us know if you have any dietary needs.

LANGUAGE: English.

LOCATION: On the beautiful seacoast of southern Maine, in the New England region of the United States, Wells is 1/2 hour south of Portland, Maine's largest city. The state of Maine, in the far northeast corner of the country, is known for its rugged coastline, beaches, forests, and natural beauty. Originally part of Massachusetts, Maine became a state in 1820. Walker's Point, in nearby Kennebunkport, is the summer home of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Wells, Maine is a popular tourist destination in the summer, when the small town's population roughly triples in size. There are public beaches within walking distance and bicycles are available. The Reserve's educational programs are available to volunteers. The Reserve has a private beach and many nature trails. The local Shoreline Trolley runs until early September (usually through the Labor Day holiday) and connects Wells with the nearby towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Ogunquit. There will be many opportunities to enjoy beauty and nature, along with informal discussions about topics of interest to the group. Bring music, games or other activities to share.

TERMINAL: The closest airports are Boston Massachusetts and Portland Maine. Train available to Wells.

SPECIAL REMARKS: No smoking is allowed at any of the work sites or on the property of the Reserve.

VFP-STV04 GREENING THE PARK, VERMONT, RENO/CONS, 13 JULY - 31 JULY, Age 18+, 10 VOLS.
MONTPELIER PARKS DEPARTMENT, MONTPELIER, VERMONT

Visit website for more information- <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/parks/index.cfm>

WORK: Volunteers will be working on a variety of projects, including trail improvement work (shoveling, raking, using a wheelbarrow, etc.), some habitat management (removal of destructive plants) along with occasional general park maintenance. The group will also assist in preparing for and running a weekend park festival. Since volunteers will be working during the festival, we will take a couple days off in the middle of the week to give volunteers get some free time. Much of work will involve some level of hard physical labor. The group will be immersed in a small town in an international group that will work with park staff and other volunteers.

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ACCOMMODATION: Accommodations will be at the local Trinity church with that will have facilities for cooking. Sleeping will be in two big room on rustic "cots." Showers will be available at a different location. Be sure to bring your mattress pad and sleeping bag! Be sure to tell the other volunteers and the co-leader if you have any special diet needs.

LOCATION: Montpelier is the capitol of Vermont with a population of 8500, making it the smallest capitol in the U.S.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: During free time volunteers will have access to local parks and recreation areas. The summer weather is usually good for visiting some wild and beautiful swimming areas. This workcamp is known for hard work and adventurous play since the staff here enjoys hiking, canoeing and other activities and is willing to lead the group in those types of activities.] There will be time for interaction with the local community so please bring information about your country, hobbies, and life to share.

TERMINAL: Bus to Montpelier, Vermont.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Be ready for hard, physical work and rugged conditions, but plenty of rewarding experiences, adventurous fun and incredible memories. Bring proper clothing and footwear for working outdoors in the sun or rain.

VFP-STV05 ARCHEOLOGY AND CULTURE, NEW YORK 6 June – 20 June to ARCH/MANU/CULT, AGE 18+ 8 VOLS.

ALLEGANY VALLEY PROJECT, ALLEGANY, NEW YORK is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for all people regardless of age and previous abilities to participate in archaeological discovery. Visit <http://alleghenyvalleyproject.blogspot.com/> for more information.

WORK: No experience is necessary as new volunteers are teamed up with experienced volunteers for hands on learning. Volunteer opportunities range from field excavations to laboratory processing of artifacts. This year we will be investigating the Bockmier pre-contact site, dated between 1200-1250 AD. This appears to be an ancestral Iroquois village but also contains components from other time periods. This is an archaeological field school where volunteers will learn site layout, excavation techniques, soil sampling, plan and profile mapping and processing artifacts (projectile points, pottery, tools etc.).

The workday is from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The work is done in a friendly and supportive environment. Please understand that this is hard physical labor and includes digging with a trowel or shovel, screening soil and carrying buckets of dirt. Each person will work at their own pace according to their physical condition.

The temperature can be quite hot or cool and rainy. BRING work gloves, work shoes and clothing, including a warm coat or sweatshirt, sun hat, rain coat, long sleeve shirts and pants as there will be mosquitoes. The work site can be dirty and muddy so multiple sets of work clothes are a good idea. Sunscreen and bug spray will be provided

STUDY THEMES:

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ACCOMMODATION: American and international volunteers will stay in apartments, which are a short drive away from the dig site. Separate rooms will be available for female and male volunteers. BRING sleeping bag or your own bedding. All food and meals will be provided for volunteers. We will cook meals together or eat out at local restaurants. Vegetarian options will be available. Be sure to tell the other volunteers and the co-leader if you have any special diet needs.

LOCATION: The town of Allegany is located in a rural part of New York State. The area is a mixture of small towns, forests and farms. The dig site is in a field that is currently used as an organic vegetable farm in a beautiful setting beside the Allegheny River.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will attend the very special Seneca Nation Pow Wow, an amazing Native American festival where a wide range of activities will be held. This is an opportunity to take an in depth look at Native American culture. Ample time is provided for trips to local parks, a Native American museum and local points of interest. There will be many opportunities to enjoy beauty and nature and there will be formal and informal discussions about topics of interest to the group. Bring music, games or other activities to share.

TERMINAL: New York City or Buffalo, New York

VFP-STV06 OCATE CLIFFS RETREAT CENTER BUILDING, July 12 - July 26, CONS, DISA, MANU, AGE 18+, 12 VOLS.

DIVERGENT LABS is an autistic-run organization with a mission to advance the economic status, spiritual growth, human rights, and representation in the public sphere of disabled and disenfranchised people. Ocate Cliffs is a retreat center and autistic workspace, which is a laboratory for growth and empowerment.

Website: www.divergentlabs.org

WORK

Volunteers will work on one or more construction projects at the retreat center, which might include trail construction and other outdoor projects; building a shed, tent pad or deck; and paint and other interior finishing work. We will work a morning and afternoon shift each day, leaving the evening free for personal time or activities. We will also take a recreation trip on one or two days. Training and tools provided for all the projects.

We may be accompanied by a small number of our residential staff.

The people involved cover a wide range of abilities and communication styles, and you should expect LGBT and questioning people, those with other less common identities and those with traumatic histories.

Study Theme

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ACCOMMODATION

Sleeping is on the floor in the unfinished staff house. There are not separate rooms because the walls are not finished. There is no gender segregation. If you want more privacy you can bring or arrange (in advance) to borrow a tent.

Amenities: Water is available outside only. Toilets are operational. Clothes washing is done by hand in a bucket. Cooking is done on a propane stove. There is no electricity as of this writing, but we're working on it, and it may be available by summer. There is an outdoor solar shower. Altitude: At 9,000 feet (2800 m) elevation, be prepared for a lot of rest the first day or two.

Food: Volunteers will cook meals together. Vegetarian food provided.

Warnings! There are wildcats and bears in the area so this site needs to be kept free of meat odors. Also fire danger can be very high so we do not allow anything making a spark or flame. (One exception is smoking, but only in the designated safe area.)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

On the mesa top there are hiking trails and lots of views of the New Mexico mountains and plains. We'll also rely on you to come up with evening games and discussion topics. On our travel days we will go choose between a wilderness hike, Eagle Nest Lake, or the alpaca ranch in Mora.

Location: Ocate Cliffs is 8 miles from the village of Ocate, NM, in the very remote Sangre de Cristos mountain range.

TERMINAL: Albuquerque, New Mexico

VFP-STV08 WAKE UP THE EARTH, April 18 to May 6, FEST, KIDS, ART, AGE 21+, 6 VOLS + 1 Coleader

Spontaneous Celebrations is a festival and community arts organization in Boston, Massachusetts committed to art, activism, community, and the environment. Our organization runs two large festivals a year. Spontaneous Celebrations has developed a spirited, successful, and unique approach to community building.

Website: www.spontaneouscelebrations.org<<http://www.spontaneouscelebrations.org>>

WORK Description: Wake Up the Earth is our biggest festival which takes place on the first Saturday of May every year. The original festival was to celebrate the stopping of a highway being built through our section of Boston. Since then, the festival has raised awareness about the environment, labor issues and other political issues. The volunteers will join the festival committee to organize, publicize and engage the community in the event. They will help prepare signs, banners, costumes, decorations, kids' activities, etc. Volunteers will help during the event with logistics, set-up, and general support. After the event, the volunteers will be involved with breakdown, clean up and final analysis of the event.

Study Themes: Activism and Community Organizing

ACCOMMODATION Volunteers live in pairs or threes with a local family close to Spontaneous Celebrations, Accommodations will be communal and space will be shared. Breakfast will be eaten at the host families' homes or at Spontaneous Celebrations. Volunteers will take turns cooking for the group at Spontaneous Celebrations and some meals will be provided from community members or restaurants. There is access to laundry nearby or in the homes. Be sure to tell the other volunteers and the co-leader if you have any special diet needs. Vegetarian options available.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES There will be opportunities to explore the city during free time and engage with the community. Leisure activities will be based on volunteer interest. The houses and Spontaneous Celebrations are close to the subway to go downtown. Many community members will be involved in this event and will be helping before and after the event.

*****Bring music, games, recipes or other activities to share.*****

Location: Jamaica Plain is a neighborhood in Boston, Massachusetts. Jamaica Plain, or "JP" as the locals call it, is a classic "streetcar suburb" that has evolved into one of Boston's most diverse and dynamic neighborhoods. The ethnically diverse area is home to many Latinos, young families, artists, activists and a growing gay and lesbian community. Boston is a popular city in the northeast known for its history, universities, sports teams, and easy access to New York City.

Km from New York City: 306 km

Km from San Francisco: 4339 km

TERMINAL: Boston

2020 MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

VFP-MTV01 COMMUNITY REENTRY and SOCIAL JUSTICE, BURLINGTON, PERMANENT SOCI/MANU, Female volunteers only, AGE 21+ 4 Vols, Only 1 volunteer serves at a time, Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

Hartford Dismas House provides transitional housing and opportunities to men and women getting out of prison so that they can successfully transition back into the community

WORK: Volunteers will assist in a variety of tasks including but not limited to: administrative support in the office, helping with fundraising activities, supporting the residential community by helping with planning and participating in house activities and Residential Advisor duties (See below). The type of work and number of hours varies but is usually 4 – 6 hours a day. Volunteers live on site and participate in all house activities including evening meals and all outside activities.

STUDY THEME: Criminal Justice

ACCOMMODATION: Shared room in large Victorian house, meals & laundry provided.

LOCATION: Hartford, Vermont. is a beautiful small town in Windsor County, population 10,000. The small city is located right on the shore of the White River and Connecticut River. Group activities and sightseeing is offered.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Recreation includes house activities and many festivals and events in area. Volunteers will participate in house outings including baseball games, hikes, camping, etc. Time off for travel may be approved.

TERMINAL: White River Junction VT where they will be met by a Dismas House Staff Member. www.greyhound.com

www.dartmouthcoach.com

SPECIAL REMARKS: Female volunteers only. Volunteers must be 21+, speak fluent English and have basic computer skills. Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay. VFP Motivation Form and email interview required. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers emergency and liability insurance only. Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

VFP-MTV02 COMMUNITY REENTRY and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WINOOSKI, PERMANENT SOCI/MANU, Male volunteers only, AGE 21+ 4 Vols, Only 1 volunteer serves at a time, Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

Winooski Dismas House provides housing and opportunities to men and women getting out of prison so that they can successfully transition back into the community. <http://www.dismasofvermont.org/>

WORK: Volunteers will be working as a Resident Advisor as well as on administrative tasks in small office. Volunteers are also expected to support the residential community by participating in group activities.

STUDY THEME: Criminal Justice

ACCOMMODATION: Shared room in a house, meals & laundry provided. Access to Wi-Fi is also available.

LOCATION: Winooski, Vermont. Winooski borders Burlington and has a population of ~8,000. There are colleges and universities nearby, the lake and mountains and much to do. Volunteers For Peace is located in Burlington and we welcome the volunteers in our office as well. Dismas has a house in Burlington and Rutland Vermont as well.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Recreation includes house activities and many festivals and events in area. Volunteers will participate in house outings including baseball games, hikes, camping. Time off for travel may be approved.

TERMINAL: Burlington, Vermont is easily accessible by bus or plane from Montreal, Boston or New York City.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Volunteers must be 21+, Male volunteers only, speak fluent English and have basic computer skills. Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay. **VFP Motivation Form and email interview required. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers emergency and liability insurance only.** Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

VFP-MTV03 COMMUNITY REENTRY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, RUTLAND, PERMANENT SOCI/MANU

Male or Female, AGE 21+ 4 Vols, Only 1 volunteer serves at a time, Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

Rutland DISMAS HOUSE provides transitional drug, alcohol and violence free housing opportunity to men and women getting out of prison so they can successfully reconcile with the community before living independently.

<http://www.dismasofvermont.org/>

WORK: A good deal of participation in various components of fundraising activities, representing Dismas at speaking engagements on college campuses and at civic organizations, working with clothing and food donations and support of the residential community by participating in house group activities. The average daily work commitment expected is up to 5 -6 hours per day, however, the hours are varied and non-traditional, and may include some weekends and evenings. As a resident of the house, volunteers will live as an equal to and with the same expectations as the former prisoner residents: The volunteer is **not** at Dismas to act in a counseling or other related capacity.

STUDY THEME: Reintegration into society from prison.

ACCOMODATION: Modestly furnished shared room in a large Victorian house; sheets, towels, meals, laundry facilities, internet access provided.

LOCATION: Rutland is a beautiful small city in the Green Mountains with nearby lakes and streams, population 17,500. Dismas also has houses in Burlington, Winooski and Hartford, Vermont.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Recreation includes gym and rock climbing memberships with other residents, as well as house group activities (bowling, hiking, camping, fishing, etc.) which are offered. Snow skiing is nearby. Time off for travel may be approved.

TERMINAL: Air to Burlington, Vermont; Albany, New York; Manchester, New Hampshire; Boston, Massachusetts. Train from New York City to Rutland, Vermont.

SPECIAL REMARKS: **Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay;** presence at the evening meal Monday through Friday is required, as is presence at the weekly house meeting one evening during the week; no smoking inside the house; no intimate relationships between residents permitted. Volunteers must be 24+, able to speak and understand a better than basic level of English, and have basic computer skills. A 90-day/3 month commitment is required, but volunteers may choose to stay for up to 3 additional months following the initial 3 month period if invited to do so.

VFP MOTIVATION FORM AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW REQUIRED. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers liability insurance only – Volunteers are responsible for their own health/accident/travel insurance. Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

VFP-MTV04 COMMUNITY REENTRY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, HARTFORD, PERMANENT SOCI/MANU Males only, AGE 21+ 4 Vols, Only 1 volunteer serves at a time, Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

Hartford DISMAS HOUSE provides transitional drug, alcohol and violence free housing opportunity to men and women getting out of prison so they can successfully reconcile with the community before living independently.

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WORK: Volunteers will assist in a variety of tasks including but not limited to: administrative support in the office, helping with fundraising activities, supporting the residential community by helping with planning and participating in house activities and

Residential Advisor duties (See below). The type of work and number of hours varies but is usually 4 – 6 hours a day. Volunteers live on site and participate in all house activities including evening meals and all outside activities.

Resident Advisor position requires a confident individual who will be on duty evenings and every other weekend. Their primary function will be to contact staff if there is an emergency, lock doors at night, assist residents when needed and participate in house functions.

Office Assistant will be working with staff on all of the day to day operations of a small non-profit organization. Tasks include: clerical work; student recruiting activities; fund raising activities; general administrative duties; as well as participating in all of the residential group activities. The average work day might consist of approximately 4-6 hours of office work.

STUDY THEME: Reintegration into society from prison.

ACCOMMODATION: Modestly furnished shared room in a large Victorian house; sheets, towels, meals, laundry facilities, internet access provided.

LOCATION: Hartford is a beautiful small city in the Green Mountains with nearby lakes and streams, population 10,000. Dismas also has houses in Burlington, Winooski and Hartford, Vermont.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: We are in close walking distance to great fishing and swimming locations. Volunteer's ample time off to travel on their own but are always included in house outings and activities. Previous volunteers have been to Montreal, Boston, New York, to rodeos and climbed mountains as well as toured Vermont's famous Ben & Jerry's!

TERMINAL: You must send your arrival details to vfp@vfp.org so we can arrange to meet you.

Depending on departure point, volunteers can fly directly to Burlington, Vermont or to Boston, Massachusetts as well as Manchester, New Hampshire. From there volunteers can take a Greyhound or Dartmouth Coach bus to White River Junction VT where they will be met by a Dismas House Staff Member. www.greyhound.com www.dartmouthcoach.com

SPECIAL REMARKS: Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay; presence at the evening meal Monday through Friday is required, as is presence at the weekly house meeting one evening during the week; no smoking inside the house; no intimate relationships between residents permitted. Volunteers must be 24+, able to speak and understand a better than basic level of English, and have basic computer skills. A 90-day/3 month commitment is required, but volunteers may choose to stay for up to 3 additional months following the initial 3 month period if invited to do so.

VFP MOTIVATION FORM AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW REQUIRED. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers liability insurance only – Volunteers are responsible for their own health/accident/travel insurance. Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

VFP-MTV05 HOUSE BUILDING RESTORATION, NEW ORLEANS CONS/RENO PERMANENT AGE 18+ 30VoIs

Minimum 1 Month; Maximum 3 Months

LOWERNINE.ORG, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA is a non-political, secular, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-term recovery of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, Louisiana in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the levee breaches of 2005. The organization completes residential building projects so that pre-Katrina residents of the neighborhood can return to their homes. <http://lowernine.org>

WORK: Unskilled and experienced carpenters, roofers, plumbers, painters and other tradesmen needed for rebuilding homes in the flood-damaged Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Unskilled volunteers will be trained by skilled staff. All aspects of home rebuilding will be addressed, from roofing to finish carpentry. 5-day week of full work days from 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM. Volunteers provide free labor to neighborhood residents, so they can return home after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Isaac. Work can be difficult and it is hot in New Orleans!

STUDY THEME: Carpentry, construction, community building.

ACCOMMODATION: Housing is in dormitory style bunkrooms, and volunteers are responsible for all cleaning and cooking. No smoking in the house. No drugs allowed. No alcohol allowed in the house or on the property. Vegetarian meals available.

LOCATION: New Orleans, LA, 2 miles east of the French Quarter.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will have ample opportunity to partake of the abundant cultural offerings of the most unique city in America on weekends and after work hours.

TERMINAL: Louis Armstrong International Airport; Amtrak and Bus station downtown.

SPECIAL REMARKS: VFP Motivation Form required. Volunteers must have intermediate spoken and comprehension of English in order to ensure workplace safety. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project, LowerNine general liability insurance will cover volunteers only while they are working. In case of a natural disaster volunteers will be required to make their own arrangements to evacuate the city. Multiple volunteers serve at all times in this location.

EXTRA FEE: All volunteers are asked to contribute a \$55/person project fee, which helps to cover expenses associated with project coordination and supervision, as well as materials, fuel, safety equipment, insurance and tool and vehicle maintenance. If you choose to stay in our volunteer house, there is a \$150/person/week housing fee to help offset the costs of three meals a day, house utilities and maintenance as well as project expenses. This fee drops to \$50/week after 3 weeks, and is eliminated entirely if you stay with us beyond 3 months. The most you would pay is \$1,005 for three months. After that, any additional time with us is free. To confirm the position, they need a 25% deposit of the total volunteer fee. They can pay the rest upon arrival. You can pay the fees at any time by clicking the "pay volunteer fees now" button at lowernine.org/volunteer/ (we can accept cash or check as a last resort).

VFP-MTV06 EXPLORE NEW YORK, DISA/CULT 15 Vols AGE 21+ SPROUT, NEW YORK, NEW YORK is dedicated to helping individuals with developmental disabilities to grow through challenging and safe travel experiences.
<http://www.gosprout.org/>

Dates for this upcoming season:

- **June 1 – June 30: 5 leaders**
- **July 1-July 31: 6 leaders**
- **August 1-31: 8 leaders**
- **Sept 1-Sept 30: 6 leaders**
- **Oct 1-Oct 31: 4 leaders**

WORK: Volunteers will co-lead small groups of adults with special needs on short vacations to various destinations. Responsibilities include ensuring safety, providing emotional and physical support, enhancing fun, budgeting, driving and activity planning 24 hours a day while on trips. Volunteers must be willing to assist with all Adult Daily Living skills (brushing teeth, separating dirty clothes, showering etc.). This is very challenging work, yet also very rewarding and fun. Experience working with this population is an asset but not required. Training will be provided. Between trips, some light office work or assistance is required.

STUDY THEME: Traveling with disability.

ACCOMMODATION: While on trips you will stay in hotels. In between trips, you will stay at a youth hostel. Volunteers will be responsible for their own meals, transportation and activities when not on a trip.

LOCATION: Manhattan, New York City & various destinations.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: In between trips, you will have minimal time to explore NYC

TERMINAL: New York City, New York.

LANGUAGE: Fluent English REQUIRED

SPECIAL REMARKS: Responsible, motivated vols age 21+ with driver's license strongly preferred. Start dates are set for orientation but end dates can be flexible if required. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project. Sprout insurance only covers volunteers when they are on group trips. No alcohol during trips. Fluent English. VFP Motivation form and phone/Skype interview is required.

VFP-LTV01 Camphill Village, Sauk Centre Minnesota, SOCI 3-5 Vols, AGE 21+ 1 – 3 volunteers serve at a time, Minimum 1 year

Camphill Village Minnesota (CVM) is a life-sharing, residential community of fifty people, including adults with disabilities. Our lives, work and celebrations are woven into the rhythms of nature found in the rolling hills, sparkling waterways, and prairie grasslands of Central Minnesota. Our community is deeply rooted in the belief that every individual, regardless of limitations, is an independent, spiritual being. Each person is part of the fabric of Community experience and is worthy of recognition, respect and honor. Website: <http://www.camphillmn.org>

WORK: Volunteers will assist in a variety of tasks including but not limited to: Assisting adults with developmental disabilities in their daily living activities in the home and managing crews in workplaces such as gardening, farming, cooking, food preserving, cleaning, woodworking, weaving, baking, or arts. The type of work and number of hours varies but is usually 5 – 10 hours per day. At least 5 hours per day will be spent in the workplace and another 3-5 hours per day in the home. Volunteers live on site and participate in all house activities including meals and all outside activities.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers (Coworkers) will live together family style in homes within the community. Each person has their own bedroom. All meals, hot showers, toiletries, linens & towels are provided. There is a fleet of vehicles that each person with a driver's license is welcome to use.

LOCATION:. Sauk Centre is a small town in the heart of Minnesota. CVM is less than an hour from St. Cloud and Alexandria and about 2 hours from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: There is a rich social life within the community. During down time coworkers can be found doing yoga, group workouts, playing pool, canoeing, hiking the land, playing music/ singing, or going to the nearest town to see a movie at the theatre. Community members are able to go to larger cities on their days off. For year long Coworkers 3 weeks of vacation is offered.

TERMINAL:. You must send your arrival details to lindsey@camphillmn.org so we can arrange to meet you. Depending on departure point, volunteers can fly directly to Minneapolis, Minnesota airport (MSP).

LANGUAGE: English

SPECIAL REMARKS: Volunteers are reminded that CVM is a shared living environment therefore it is recommended not to bring valuable items, unless absolutely necessary. Volunteers should ensure that they carry full insurance to cover both themselves (medical) and their possessions, as this is not provided.

VFP-MTV/LTV01 Community Homestead, Osceola, Wisconsin, SOCI 3-4 Vols, AGE 18+ Minimum 3 months

Location: Nestled into the bluffs of the St Croix River Valley, we are on the border of Wisconsin/Minnesota. An hour from the twin cities of Minneapolis/St Paul, two hours from the Great Lake of Superior, we are surrounded by rolling farmland and waterfalls, biking and hiking trails, and the friendly outreach of our picturesque small town, Osceola, just 4 miles away.

About: Centered upon an organic dairy farm and large garden, Community Homestead is a sustainable non-profit living and working with people with developmental challenges. We believe that everyone has value and importance, and can contribute

to a purposeful life no matter their abilities. In teams of people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, we run the farm, bakery, kitchens, gardens and craft groups, look after each other and create a happy home and social life. We live in extended family households within walking distance of the farm and find our high energy, friendly lifestyle fulfilling and welcoming for us all.

Website: <http://www.communityhomestead.org>

https://www.facebook.com/communityhomestead/?tn-str=k*F

WORK: Volunteers are welcomed and live as part of a household where they help with the running of the home they also enjoy. During the work week they join a team on the land, bakery, food preserving kitchen, construction/woodworking, or crafts, facilitating, learning, and helping the team reach their goal. Weekends and evenings are filled with social and vocational opportunities. The type of volunteer work is matched to the individual's tastes and strengths to optimize the most fulfilling experience for all. The hours vary and follow a farm-life structure with some early mornings and late nights in the growing season and a creative, co operative, and flexible attitude to social opportunities and travel to best suit everyone. Coworker position requires a motivated person who enjoys being part of a team. Practical idealism, an appreciation of the outdoors, and a wish to make a real difference in the world helps! Previous agricultural experience or experience of people with disabilities is not necessary, but an open mind and a wish to learn definitely is.

Accommodation

Volunteers live together family- style in homes lead by long term volunteers in the community. Each person has their own bedroom. All meals, and use of amenities (computer, wifi, toiletries, house phone, workshops) is included. We can insure drivers over 21 with a clean driving record to use our vehicles.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

We live in the middle of a conservation area with hiking and biking trails, waterfalls and a pristine river to canoe and kayak. Our friendly small town offers shopping, coffee shops, parks, community theater, swimming pool, gym, basic amenities, and local festivals. Museums, concerts, theaters and events can be accessed an hour away in Minneapolis/St Paul. While there is no public transport, people over 21 with a clear driving record can often drive our vehicles and those who can't are offered rides and use of bikes for shorter distances. We make it possible for volunteers to camp, visit Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, (4-7 hours away) and Lake Superior depending on their interest and enjoy connecting them to opportunities see more of the USA in and outside the tourist areas. Year-long volunteers can expect to have about 3 weeks of vacation offered through the year.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

You must coordinate your arrival so we can pick you up from the airport Christine.elmquist@communityhomestead.org. Fly into Minneapolis/St Paul international Airport (MSP)