INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPs
GREECE 2012
INTRODUCTION OF ELIX

Mission
ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization promoting, since 1987, voluntary service and education. The main goal of ELIX is the personal development of individuals as citizens of the world, through active participation. Environmental protection, cultural heritage conservation, culture promotion and social service are the main thematic fields of ELIX’s voluntary projects.

Aims
ELIX aims in bringing together people from different cultural, social and ethnic backgrounds, willing to live, learn and work together as a team, through their participation in voluntary projects of environmental, cultural, social interest. ELIX projects promote intercultural exchanges and offer young people the opportunity to participate actively in the everyday life of a hosting community.

Activities
ELIX organizes two weeks workcamps mainly in the summer; participants offer voluntary work to the hosting community, learn traditional restoration craft and techniques organise and participate in cultural and fun activities, share ideas and speak about their cultures. ELIX workcamps give to communities and small villages of Greece the opportunity to meet and host young people from all over the world and, with their contribution, to implement important projects for the local community.

ELIX organises training seminars for youth workers and camp leaders and a lot of activities addressed to volunteers, throughout the year, such as weekend and one-day excursions, environmental, cultural and fun activities, regular volunteers’ meetings.

ELIX realises at present two hosting projects within the frame of the European Voluntary Service of the Youth in Action Program and each year sends a large number of EVS volunteers abroad.

Sources of Income
ELIX income comes mainly from volunteers participation fees, National and Local Bodies, such as the Greek General Secretariat for Youth, Ministry of Culture, private institutions or foundations, donations, the Youth in Action programmes and other European projects (Leonardo Da Vinci, GRUNDTVIG, etc).

SINCE 1987, WHEN ELIX WAS FOUNDED,

320 workcamps were organized all over Greece
5.310 volunteers from all over the world participated in workcamps in Greece
115 communities in Greece benefited from volunteer work
2205 Greek volunteers participated in voluntary projects abroad
548 camp leaders from ELIX coordinated the projects
INFORMATION ON WORKCAMPS

general
The Workcamp last 14 days and are mainly realised in the summer months. Each Workcamp hosts 9-15 volunteers together with 1 or 2 campleaders. Each workcamp site has a coordinator who is responsible and in constant communication with the group leaders and the hosts. ELIX accepts volunteers from the age of 18. Exceptions for younger volunteers can be negotiated.

work
Each host decides on the priorities and takes up the guidance concerning the work. The host in cooperation with ELIX defines and organizes work long before the beginning of the workcamp, but sleazy factors might occur; ELIX is not responsible for any last moment changes by the host concerning work and always tries to inform the group of volunteers thoroughly and in time. Participants work 5-6 hours per day, 5 days per week, on a voluntary basis, along with their camp-leaders and, if needed, a skilled technician.

volunteers
Volunteers must be committed to their choice to offer voluntary work; consequently, they are expected to be responsible and receptive. Volunteers have to be flexible, motivated and be ready to give up comfort. No special skills are required.

accommodation
ELIX, in cooperation with the hosts organises rooms for the board and lodging of the volunteers. Volunteers are usually hosted in schools, youth centres, hospices and guesthouses with the basic facilities (showers, toilets). Each day two volunteers from the group are assigned to cook for the group and clean their "home".

language
The communication language of ELIX workcamps is English. Participants are expected to be able to communicate with the rest of the groups volunteers and the camp-leaders.

health
During each workcamp, volunteers are insured against accidents for the outlined days of the camp. First aid kit is always provided on site. European Volunteers have to bring their European Health Card. We recommend especially to Non EU volunteers to take out travel insurance.

free time
Free time activities depend on the possibilities for recreation existing in each area, as well as the interest and needs of each group. Free time expenses are not covered by ELIX.

expenses
ELIX and each host are covering the expenses for board and lodging of the volunteers, volunteers have to cover their travel expenses, as well as their expenses during free time.
extra fee

Since the financial support to voluntary projects from the local authorities decreases dramatically, we ask from our volunteers to contribute towards to the cost of the programme and its implementation. The extra fee like in other years will be 30€ for Alliance members & partners, 100€ for Greek volunteers and volunteers coming out of the Alliance network and is indicated at the end of each project description. The sending organisations are obliged to inform their volunteers on the extra fee and ELIX is obliged to indicate the extra fee in the project descriptions and infosheets. Volunteers should pay the extra fee with a bank transfer to ELIX before the beginning of the workcamp otherwise in cash upon arrival.

special projects

ELIX is taking part in the accessing workcamp campaign and will host volunteers in ELIX05, ELIX06. (A4A)

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PARTNER
It is the third consecutive year that ELIX is working with the South Aegean Prefecture, in actions to protect & conserve the environment and Ancient pedestrian footpath opening in the Cyclades

WORK
The island of Andros has a long history in pedestrian route, through its developed network of footpaths that goes back to the antiquity. Many of these footpaths are already marked and signalled. They offer local and tourist ramblers the possibility to get to know the island, walking through picturesque courses, where vehicles cannot approach.
Volunteers will clean the footpaths from the vegetation and they will renovate and signal, wherever needed.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD
Volunteers will be accommodated in a community building of the Municipality of Andros. A sleeping bag, a sheet and a carry mat, are necessary. There are toilets, showers and a kitchen. Each day, two volunteers will be responsible for the preparation of the meals of the group for the day, as well as for house-cleaning and keeping the place and toilets tidy. Supplies will be provided from the local supermarket.

LOCATION & LEISURE
Andros is the northern island of the Cyclades complex, a little smaller than Naxos. The trip to the island from the port of Rafina lasts about 2 hours and from Athens around 1h 30 hours. Visitors arrive at the port of Gavrio and need 36 km in order to reach the capital, Chora. Chora was built on a peninsula and ends up in a small island, on which there is still a medieval fortress. At the western part of Andros are the big sandy beaches of the island, easily accessible and developed. There are many rivers and torrents and plenty of springs. Andros has something for everyone, from ancient sites and historical monuments to lush nature paths and golden sandy beaches. In their free time, participants will have the opportunity to get in touch with the everyday life of the island; they may attend events organised by the authorities during the period of their stay (concerts, performances, etc.) and communicate with locals and tourists. Volunteers will discuss their free time activities with their camp leaders; together they are going to organise excursions and visits around the area. Swimming can be organised depending on the workcamp site during weekends.

TERMINAL: Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"

EXTRA FEE: 30€
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WORK
The municipality of Naxos has an extended network of footpaths, spreading in a wide area, that have been signalled and chart – mapped by the Cyclades prefecture and the Municipality. Local and tourists ramblers often wander in this footpaths’ network for the extra reason that, due to the landscape, it is not possible, in most cases, to create routes for vehicles. Volunteers will work under the guidance of locals in order to clean, conserve, renew the signals and, generally, to highlight some of the most important footpaths of old times, which used to be the main routes of communication among the villages and ports of the island.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD
Volunteers will be accommodated in Chora (the capital of the island) Primary School. There are toilets, showers (no hot water) and a kitchen. Sleeping bag and carry mat are necessary. Two of the group, everyday in shifts, will be responsible for maintaining the group's accommodation place clean, as well as for the preparation of all the meals of the day for the rest of the group, with supplies that they will provide themselves from stores around the area.

LOCATION & LEISURE
The camp will take place in the beautiful island of Naxos, the largest island in the Cyclades island group in the Aegean. It was the centre of archaic Cycladic culture. The largest town and capital of the island is Hora or Naxos City. Naxos is a popular tourist destination, with several easily accessible ruins and a number of beautiful beaches, Naxos has an astonishing alternation of landscape with combination of mountainous and flat landscape in harmonious coexistence. It has immense sandy beaches and fields with rich agricultural production. In their free time, participants will have the opportunity to get in touch with the everyday life of the island; they may attend events organised by the authorities during the period of their stay (concerts, performances, etc.) and communicate with locals and tourists. Volunteers will discuss their free time activities with their camp leaders; together they are going to organise excursions and visits around the area.

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WORK
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ACCOMMODATION & FOOD
Accommodation will be provided in local traditional dorms in the area of church St. Cyril - Methodius in the area of Mega Gialos. The location is amazing. On the hillside of the southern Syros, an area with a lot of green and a spectacular view of the Aegean Sea. The facilities can accommodate up to 50 people and include comfortable common rooms, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms and toilets as well as facilities for placing tents in the summer if necessary are also available. Alcohol consumption is typically prohibited in the accommodation.

LOCATION & LEISURE
The camp will take place in the beautiful island of Syros, administrative centre of the Cyclades prefecture. Close to Piraeus, Syros is connected by ferry with many Cycladic islands. Syros, like other Cycladic islands, was inhabited from the early prehistoric times. After the overthrow of the Byzantium by the Francs in 1204, Syros came under Venetian domination. The island became part of the Ducat of the Aegean as an independent feudal regime and remained as such for almost three and a half centuries. In their free time, participants will have the opportunity to get in touch with the everyday life of the island; they may attend events organised by the authorities during the period of their stay (concerts, performances, etc.) and communicate with locals and tourists. Volunteers will discuss their free time activities with their camp leaders; together they are going to organise excursions and visits around the area.

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Stay with us, more to come after the end of April 2012!!!
Global Youth Service Day on April 20-22, 2012
The largest service event in the world

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning.

Established by YSA in 1988 in the United States and in 2000 globally, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries. On GYSD, children and youth address the world’s most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments.

On Global Youth Service Day, youth around the world will address pressing issues facing their communities, such as disasters, illiteracy, poverty, violence, HIV/AIDS, juvenile delinquency, climate change, and more. YSA is joined by an active consortium of more than 200 international partners, which organize thousands of projects each year.

ELIX has been selected to serve as Country Partner in GREECE and will coordinate GYSD projects, promoting the idea that children and youth are assets and resources to their communities.

As a Country Partner ELIX will work to:
- Recruit and coordinate youth organizations to participate in GYSD nationwide;
- Organize service/volunteer projects that create a measurable impact in communities, and
- secure necessary local support to implement new/current projects and activities;
- Promote electronic GYSD materials and resources available at GYSD.org; and
- Conduct press outreach to gain exposure for your activities and global celebrations

ELIX will mobilize children and youth to participate in the 23rd Annual Global Youth Service Day (GYSD), Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2012 in Greece.

Global Youth Service Day is not just a single day of service; rather it is a time to highlight and recognize the service that occurs year-round.

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