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**INTERNATIONAL
WORKCAMPS
2019**

CODE	NAME	TYPE	DATES	VOLS	FEE
EST 03	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM I	AGRI	06.05 - 12.05	3	30
EST 04	ALLIKSAARE FARM I	ENVI	06.05 - 31.05	6	50
EST 05	ALLIKSAARE FARM II	ENVI	03.06 - 28.06	6	50
EST 06	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY I	KIDS/ TEACH	09.06 - 22.06	8	30
EST 07	TOLIA YOUTH CAMP	KIDS	10.06 - 23.06	4	30
EST 08	LEPANIIDI FARM I	AGRI	18.06 - 08.07	3	50
EST 09	DOWN TOWN KIDS COUNTRY	KIDS/ TEACH	24.06 - 08.07	6	30
EST 10	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP I	KIDS	25.06 - 09.07	4	30
EST 11	PARNU YOUTH CAMP	KIDS	01.07 - 19.07	3	30
EST 12	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP I	KIDS/ TEACH	01.07 - 20.07	3	30
EST 13	ALLIKSAARE FARM III	ENVI	01.07 - 26.07	6	50
EST 14	KRIUSILLA FARM I	ENVI	01.07 - 14.07	3	50
EST 15	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM II	AGRI	07.07 - 14.07	4	30
EST 16	ZOO I	ENVI	09.07 - 20.07	8	120
EST 17	LEPANIIDI FARM II	AGRI	09.07 - 29.07	3	50
EST 18	PARIISI ENG	KIDS/ TEACH	12.07 - 03.08	3	30
EST 19	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP II	KIDS	13.07 - 28.07	4	30
EST 20	YMCA	KIDS	20.07 - 30.07	4	30
EST 21	DOWN TOWN ENG	KIDS/ TEACH	26.07 - 09.08	8	30
EST 22	ELF MINI	ENVI	29.07 - 01.08	7	50
EST 23	KRIUSILLA FARM II	ENVI	29.07 - 11.08	4	50
EST 24	ALLIKSAARE FARM IV	ENVI	29.07 - 23.08	6	50
EST 25	LEPANIIDI FARM III	AGRI	30.07 - 19.08	3	50
EST 26	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP III	KIDS	30.07 - 06.08	4	30
EST 27	ENGLISH IN THE CITY I	KIDS/ TEACH	31.07 - 10.08	3	30
EST 28	ELF	ENVI	01.08 - 10.08	8	120
EST 29	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP II	KIDS/ TEACH	05.08 - 17.08	3	30
EST 30	ZOO II	ENVI	06.08 - 17.08	8	120
EST 31	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY II	KIDS/ TEACH	09.08 - 23.08	8	30
EST 32	PILISTVERE	MANU	10.08 - 20.08	15	50
EST 33	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP IV	KIDS	11.08 - 19.08	4	30
EST 34	DOWN TOWN MULTI	KIDS/ TEACH	11.08 - 21.08	3	30
EST 35	ENGLISH IN THE CITY II	KIDS/ TEACH	13.08 - 24.08	3	30
EST F1	FAMILY CAMP AT KIIDI FARM	FAM/ ENVI	18.08 - 27.08	24	150
EST 36	KODADE TOURIST FARM	ENVI/ MANU	19.08 - 30.08	12	50
EST 37	VIHASOO	KIDS	20.08 - 28.08	5	30
EST 38	ALLIKSAARE FARM V	ENVI	26.08 - 20.09	6	50
EST 39	LEPANIIDI FARM IV	AGRI	27.08 - 23.09	3	50
EST 40	ALLIKSAARE FARM VI	ENVI	23.09 - 18.10	6	50
EST T1	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 1	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	27.06 - 08.07	45	360
EST T2	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 2	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	07.07 - 18.07	45	360
EST T3	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 3	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	17.07 - 28.07	45	360
EST T4	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 4	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	27.07 - 07.08	45	360
EST T5	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 5	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	06.08 - 17.08	45	360
EST T6	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 6	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	16.08 - 27.08	45	360
EST T7	NARVA	TEEN/ MANU	15.07 - 27.07	12	250
EST T8	DOWN TOWN ENG	TEEN/ STUDY	28.07 - 09.08	15	250
EST T9	KOPU TEENAGE CAMP	TEEN/ MANU	08.08 - 21.08	12	250
EST T10	DOWN TOWN MULTI	TEEN/ STUDY	13.08 - 21.08	6	220

INTRODUCTION TO ESTYES

International Youth Association EstYES is non-profit non-political NGO established in 1991 with the purpose to promote youth and cultural exchanges for better understanding and fair world. It is a pioneer organization in the field of international voluntary service in Estonia.

Our objectives

- to increase international understanding and solidarity between countries and people;
- to promote continuous dialogue between young people all over the world;
- to enable young people by living and working together to learn from each other, discover the variety of cultures, broaden horizons - thus building bridges over differences;
- to promote international voluntary service in Estonia as a tool for local development;
- to use international voluntary service as a powerful method of non-formal education of the population;
- to promote global education as one of the resources for young people in the globalised world.

Our activities

- organize voluntary camps in Estonia and send Estonian volunteers abroad;
- send Estonian volunteers to mid- and long-term voluntary services abroad;
- host volunteers from abroad on mid- and long-term projects in Estonia;
- participate in EVS program as sending, hosting and coordinating organization;
- organize and run youth cultural exchanges of different kinds, study visits/ group stays with various themes for youth foreign groups in Estonia and for Estonians abroad;
- take part in conferences, seminars, trainings abroad and organize those in Estonia.

Every summer EstYES runs over 50 voluntary camps in Estonia hosting around 600 volunteers from abroad. Annually we receive over 40 volunteers from different European countries to the long-term EVS project (up to 12 months) in the field of social services, youth work and education. Every year EstYES gives chance to about 200 young Estonians to take part in various project abroad (voluntary camps, youth exchanges, EVS, training activities, seminars, youth meetings, etc.)

Target groups EstYES works with

EstYES works *mainly* with young people 14 – 30, but not only with them. Actually EstYES voluntary projects are open to people of all ages without limits. Young people with fewer opportunities are the group of special consideration of EstYES.

Our partners

From 1994 we have exchanges with branches of SCI (Service Civil International) and from 1995 - with members of Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations, and their partner organizations. From 1999 we cooperate with ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange). In 1997 EstYES became a member of Alliance and in 2007 a member of Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) by UNESCO. Most of our partner organisations belong to these networks. Over past years EstYES has been intensively developing cooperation with youth and voluntary service organisations in China and South East Asia as well as with Mexico through EU Capacity Building projects.

Sources of income

EstYES income consists of contributions and subscription fees from the participants of our programs. EstYES receives grants for the projects from foundations like ASEF, Erasmus+ Programme, European Youth Foundation, EuropeAid, Europe for Citizens, European Solidarity Corps, etc. EstYES does not receive any support from the state.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO ESTYES INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS

Although there were few attempts to organize workcamps in Estonia in the very beginning of EstYES existence in 1991-1992 the first real workcamps took place in 1994. There were only 2 of them. Today, in 2019 EstYES plans to run over 40 short-term voluntary projects + 10 teenage camps, offering places to ca 550 international volunteers. And we plan to send around 100 Estonian volunteers to workcamps abroad.

Work

Our workcamps last from 1 to 4 weeks and take place from June to September. The number of international volunteers in the camp varies from 3 to 15 on adult projects and can be up to 45 on some teenage projects. We try to avoid having more than 2-3 people of the same nationality in the camp, except for teenage projects where number of participants from the same country can go up to 10. Usually English is a camp language, but there is linguistic camp where common language is French, German and Spanish. As a rule volunteers have to work 5-7 hours a day 5-6 days a week for the benefit of local community. Hosts provide food and accommodation and cultural activities in return.

Conditions for participation

Volunteers should be over 18 years old, except teenage camps where participants are 14-17 years old. For the work with kids the minimum age of volunteers is 20. There is no maximum age limit, except for some educational projects. Usually there are no special skills required from volunteers, except camps dealing with kids. In linguistic camps B2 level of English is required. **Participants should be motivated to do voluntary work, be ready to meet realities of local life and have enough flexibility to accept it, be tolerant and open for the new experience.** In some camps a motivation letter is requested from the volunteer.

Camp leaders

Usually, in the camp there is one leader, whose task is to be a coordinator and a link between the participants and the host. Leader participates in daily life equally with volunteers. EstYES **does invite** camp leaders from abroad.

NB! In some of the camps **the local host takes the leader's role** and there is **no other formal leader**.

Insurance

In Estonian camps **insurance is not provided**, therefore volunteers have to bring **their own insurance** against illness, accident and third party risk. Participants from EU countries should bring EU health insurance form.

Some practical matters

For the majority of camps volunteers have to bring sleeping bag, work clothes and gloves, summer clothes and swimming suit, but also warm clothes and rain-gear as weather in Estonia is very changeable and really unpredictable. It is a very good idea to have a mosquito cream on project taking place in the country side! Volunteers are also asked to bring information about their country, photos, music, games, etc.

On request, EstYES can help to book inexpensive hostel to spend some days in Tallinn before/ after the camp.

Meeting point

EstYES usually collects volunteers at the Bus Terminal in Tallinn the day camp begins. There they meet each other and travel together to the camp site. Tallinn Bus Terminal address is Bussijaam, Lastekodu 46. It takes just 10-12 min by tram nr 4 from the airport to get there.

National buses schedules are available on www.tpilet.ee

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Infosheets

Information about our camps provided for TM is already quite detailed. More details, practical information, travel directions, etc. will be sent to partners 3-4 weeks before beginning of the camp as latest. But if accepted participants need any specific information to organise their travel, they are welcome to turn for the information to EstYES earlier.

EST 03	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM I	TARTU	06.05 - 12.05	AGRI	3 VOLS
EST 15	KAASIKU ORGANIC FARM II	TARTU	07.07 - 14.07	AGRI	4 VOLS

Learning by doing at eco-farms in the beautiful Estonian countryside

Project

For years EstYES has been cooperating with farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Kaasiku Organic Farm is one of such projects. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. Kaasiku Organic Farm is situated in the South of Estonia. It is one of the few functional farms in this area. The major crops grown are apples, strawberries and raspberries, in smaller amounts different salads and radish. In the farm, near to strawberry field also local beekeeper holds its honey bees to collect nectar and pollen from organically grown cultures and from organic hayfield. More on FB-site: <https://www.facebook.com/KaasikuMahetalu/>

Work

The main task for volunteers will be to weed and picking berries by hand, also to harvest vegetables and salads. In addition to weeding and harvesting task, volunteers will clean the vegetables and make them together with other farm's products (frozen berries and juices) ready for consumers in different organic shops around the country. Volunteers will be guided to learn the summer-time apple tree cutting methods. Other apple plantation maintenance practices are also available. Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing sometimes quite physical work under changing weather conditions. Note that volunteers will work all working days and on Saturday mornings as the camp takes place on the peak of the harvesting season.

Accommodation

In the old sauna or in the attic under the roof sleeping on beds or mattresses. Dry organic toilet, shower, sauna is available. Please bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers will share the duties of cooking meals and cleaning. During this work camp volunteers will be eating mainly local food from the farms. Do not forget some traditional/ typical food from your home country for the international evening.

Location

The farm is located in Tartu parish near to Vooremaa hilly landscape and it borders with Amme River which feeds The Great Emajõgi - the most water abundant river in South Estonia ("Mother River" in Estonian). One fifth of the area is covered by wetlands. In the east 20 km from the farm is the western coast of Europe's 4th largest lake, Peipsi. Natural and ethnic landscape of Peipsimaa area is as diverse and nuanced as Estonian history. Here you'll find aristocratic mansions, lighthouses, traditional market culture and colorful cottages marking the onion route (the area is known for its onion cultivators). The farm is located 16 km north of Tartu, capital of the County, which is known also as the student capital of Estonia and therefor also the city of good thoughts. Tartu locates about 180 km to south-east from Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia. More info Estonia www.visitestonia.com, South-Estonia www.southeastonia.info, Tartu www.visittartu.com/en/

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn; bus or train to Tartu.

Special requirements

The camp is open for young people who is interested in organic farming and is ready to get real experience of it. Please be prepared to the simple conditions of Estonian country side. Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing sometimes quite physical work under changing weather conditions. English is the camp language.

Leisure time

Camp takes place in the area of traditional Estonian landscape. There are many possibilities for leisure, especially for those who love nature: acquaintance with nature of the area, hiking, swimming, etc. There will be a possibility to participate in farmers' fairs. Excursions to the historical places of the County of Tartu and Peipsi Lake area are planned. Some free time activities will be organized for participants such as a day trip with excursions in the area.

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 04	ALLIKSAARE FARM I	HIUMAA	06.05 – 31.05	ENVI	6 vols
EST 05	ALLIKSAARE FARM II	HIUMAA	03.06 – 28.06	ENVI	6 vols
EST 13	ALLIKSAARE FARM III	HIUMAA	01.07 – 26.07	ENVI	6 vols
EST 24	ALLIKSAARE FARM IV	HIUMAA	29.07 – 23.08	ENVI	6 vols
EST 38	ALLIKSAARE FARM V	HIUMAA	26.08 – 21.09	ENVI	6 vols
EST 40	ALLIKSAARE FARM VI	HIUMAA	23.09 – 18.10	ENVI	6 vols

Project

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Work

Alliksaare Farm main direction is horses and cattle farming. At the moment there are around 100 cows and over 50 horses on the farm. Generally, the work will be to take care and maintain the pastures located by the sea (clearing around the pastures, building or removing fences, repairing fences). Another work is cleaning the coast nearby the farm from rubbish brought by storms. There can be some work for preparing food for cows for winter time. In Farm you can work with horses, take care of them and together with owner train horses. Moreover, if you have some experience and interest you can ride horses. The work will be mainly outdoors. The working time will be around 6-8 hours a day. Work will be done under the supervision of the local host as well as independently.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions are very simple in caravans, however beds are provided. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available on site. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking. Ingredients for food will be provided.

Location

Alliksaare farm is located in Nurste Kula, Emmaste parish, Hiiumaa island. Hiiumaa is situated in the western part of Estonia, approximately 130km from Tallinn. More information available on the following websites: www.emmaste.ee, www.hiiumaa.ee, www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport, bus nr 2 or tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops at Tallinn Bus Station (Bussijaam). From there buses go to Hiiumaa two times per day taking you straight there (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in the countryside of Estonia. Be ready for independent work and stay without permanent supervision. Please consider that the work is mainly farm work which can be hard sometimes. It is very good if you have some technical skills. Having driving licence is an advantage. It would be good if you have some experience in horse riding and/or cows milking. Camp is not suitable for people with allergy, especially lactose allergy since the host offers a lot of milk products. **Smoking and drinking alcohol is not permitted on the farm.**

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural picturesque sights on the island as well as good possibilities for swimming in the sea or hiking in the forest. It is possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa island on the week-end, which is planned by the host. Hiiumaa offers a lot of various cultural events in summer time and volunteers will have the possibility to join some of them. This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of rural living.

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 06	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY I	TALLINN	09.06 - 22.06	KIDS/ TEACH	8 vols
EST 31	DOWN TOWN KIDS CITY II	TALLINN	09.08 - 23.08	KIDS/ TEACH	8 vols

Teaching kids English in fun and interactive way staying in the heart of magical Tallinn

Project

This project is organized for local children by the language school “In Down Town” and non-profit educational association “Alternative Language Programs Satellite” within its annual activities on multicultural issues for kids. The project’s aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to children and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method and organizing alternative English language practice. The project gets the kids of 10 to 13 years old familiar with customs and traditions of the countries from all over the world and encourages them to develop their cross-cultural thinking and tolerance. This year camps’ topic is Indigenous Languages. Within the theme, camp participants guided by international volunteers are going to discuss issues important for personal and social development.

Work

Activating kids in the city camp and providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by team of volunteers are playing the games and music popular in the countries the volunteers represent; training kids to perform pieces of amateur drama; preparing festivals, intellectual and sport games as well as discussions and excursions round the places of interest; actions for peace and nature protection; leading and supporting kids in their work on the team projects within themes related to the general topic. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility.** You will stay with kids 10.00 – 17.00 and spend another hour to prepare next day activities and feedback. In the course of camp there is one day off and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn together with kids. Before the camp activities start there will be 2 days training about camp methodology and preparation. Most of kids are Russian-speaking children of minority group of Tallinn. The total number of kids is 30-40. Volunteers will work in pairs facilitating and leading a smaller group of 10-12 kids.

Accommodation

On mattresses in the class rooms of The Language School “In Down -Town”, in the centre of Tallinn. Toilets and showers are available. Volunteers will have their breakfasts and dinners at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city centre.

If you need a place to stay before or after the camp, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn. **But it will not be possible to stay at the camp accommodation after or before the dates of your camp.**

Location

Camp takes place in learning centre situated in the centre of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng
The meeting place will be in the school “In Down Town” **at 14:00 on camp arrival date at Jõe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a letter of your motivation** along with the application form. Experience in work with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is 20-30.** Please note, before making final decision about your participation in the camp, project coordinator will do Skype interview with you.

Leisure time

There are many possibilities for leisure time activities as the camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, pubs, etc.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

Would you like to spend two weeks of your summer helping to organize a youth work camp for local youngsters and through that get to know Estonian culture and meet new friends? If yes, then this is the project for you! For many years Voka Youth Centre together with neighbour municipalities organizes a youth work camp, where youngsters aged 12-18 are working 4 hours a day (landscaping, cleaning, building, etc) and after that have diverse fun activities together. We look for volunteers who will help us to organize and run this camp. The camp is organized together with municipality of Jõhvi <https://www.johvi.ee/web/eng/eng>

Work

We ask volunteers to help us to run this work camp for youngsters: organize free-time activities, team-building games, culture nights for participants, etc. Volunteers alongside with local leaders will be responsible for the whole cultural and social program of the camp. Also, volunteers are asked to join young people helping doing the work of the camp. Work is mainly outdoors. This job requires high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants. Some days may be quite long for late-night orientations, landscape game in the forest, campfire etc. But it will all be FUN! It will be great if you could introduce your country and culture to local young people.

Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in Voka Youth Center. Beds, bed sheets, blankets and pillows are provided. Toilets are available, and there is x-box, band room, many games and a cinema room for watching movies (see some pictures on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VokaAvatudNoortekeskus/>). Shower is available in the nearby sports centre. There volunteers have a possibility to play basketball, table tennis and use the gym. And there is a good chance to try traditional Estonian sauna. Some meals will be prepared and served, some meals participants have to make themselves – there is a kitchen in the youth centre and all ingredients for cooking will be provided. Please let us know if you have any allergies or special food requirements.

Location

The workcamp will mainly take part in Voka, which is a small village in Toila parish, Ida-Viru County. Ida-Viru County is one of 15 counties of Estonia. It is the most north-eastern part of the country. Ida-Virumaa is also called „Adventure Land“, as here we have more adventurous activities to do than in any other county in Estonia. Voka is about 170 km away from the capital, Tallinn. It is a picturesque place located just a few hundred meters away from the beautiful coast of the Baltic Sea.

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. From the Tallinn bus station at Lastekodu Str 46 bus to Jõhvi takes about 2,5 hours, there camp hosts will pick participants up. **NB! We expect the participants to arrive as early as possible on the camp arrival day.**

Special requirements

We are waiting for volunteers who are passionate about organizing activities for youngsters. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. A good level of English is required. **The minimum age of volunteers is 18.** Previous experience in work with children and teenagers is an advantage. Please provide a short motivation letter along with the application form. Camp language is Estonian and English.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for active leisure time around our county, Ida-Virumaa. Voka itself is located next to the sea and we have a lot of beautiful parks and forests around us, which makes Voka a great place for nature lovers. Here we have opportunities like disc golf, riding a boat on the lake, hiking and so on. Near Voka, in Toila, we have a fantastic Spa hotel and quite famous park called Oru park. For more information about our whole county, we suggest you to visit www.idaviru.ee.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. This fee has to be **paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 08	LEPANIIDI FARM I	HIIMUMAA	18.06 - 08.07	AGRI	3 vols
EST 17	LEPANIIDI FARM II	HIIMUMAA	09.07 - 29.07	AGRI	3 vols
EST 25	LEPANIIDI FARM III	HIIMUMAA	30.07 - 19.08	AGRI	3 vols
EST 39	LEPANIIDI FARM IV	HIIMUMAA	27.08 - 23.09	AGRI	3 vols

Helping local organic farmers on the romantic island of Hiiumaa !

Project

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Work

Lepaniidi Farm has currently 20 goats, 8 of them are for milk and goat cheese production. Volunteers will be helping grazing, feeding, milking the goats, processing the milk, but also picking berries and vegetables. So, in the mornings and evenings there will be milking the goats, at days - picking the berries and fruits (raspberries and blackberries) and making a jam. Some days there will be work in vegetable garden, removing weeds, picking beetroots, etc. During the autumn shift volunteers will be mainly picking up and sorting vegetables (potatoes, carrots, beetroots), milking goats and making cheese. Participants will have a great chance to get familiar with various farm jobs and even to learn how to make goat cheese! The working day will be 5-7 hours, 5-6 days a week. Work will be supervised by local hosts with whom volunteers will stay sharing work and leisure as a family.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions at the farm will be simple - in old granary, however on beds. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available; there is also traditional Estonian sauna in the farm. There is a kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking, which volunteers may use freely – just like at home. Usually volunteers will have breakfasts and lunch together with farmers cooked and served by the hosts, while dinners will be prepared on their own.

Location

Hiiumaa Island, Kaina parish, Ristivalja village, Lepaniidi farm. Hiiumaa Island is in the west of Estonia, 140 km from Tallinn. More information on www.hiiumaa.ee or www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport bus nr 2 and tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops by the Tallinn Bus Station. From there two times per day buses take you straight to Hiiumaa (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

Motivation letter is required. You have to be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in the country side of Estonia and be willing to do farm work, which can be hard sometimes. Not suitable for lactose allergic participants since host offers a lot of dairy products.

NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed in this camp!

Leisure time

There are lot of natural picturesque sights in the area. Sea coast is 7km away and there is a possibility to take the bicycles to go swimming. It is possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa Island on weekend. Hiiumaa offers a lot of events on weekends in summer. Hosts plan to arrange some tours around the island. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy nature and interested in traditional ways of rural living.

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **50 Euros** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Teaching kids English in fun and interactive way staying in picturesque countryside

Project

This project is organized for kids by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" within its annual activities on multicultural issues. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method which includes project work, games, handicrafts, meetings, discussions, direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English language practice. The project gets 10 to 13 years old kids from Estonia, providing them the first experience of the intercultural learning. This year camps' topic is Indigenous Languages. Within the theme, camp participants guided by international volunteers are going to discuss issues important for personal and social development. **NB!** This shift will be run in the village of Vaibla near Viljandi in the South of Estonia.

Work

Activating teenage participants providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. The volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by the team of volunteers are playing games and music popular in the countries the volunteers represent; drama and sports; preparing festivals and disco parties, intellectual and social games, common discussions, handicrafts; leading and supporting teens in their work on the team projects within the discussed themes of the camp etc.; preparing and leading teams' presentations on the countries the camp volunteers are from. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity, and finally party in the evening. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants.** Most of local kids are Russian-speaking youngsters from the minority groups of Estonia. The total number of participants is around 35.

Accommodation

Volunteers will stay in the shared rooms for 2-4 persons of the same camp house as kids. Toilets and showers are of common use. You do NOT need a sleeping bag, but please bring your own towels. All meals are provided in the camp canteen. But if you have a special diet, please bring your own food with you, as during camp it will not be possible to visit shop. Village is situated pretty far from the city. More info about the camp site www.veldemani.ee

If you need a place to stay before or after the camp, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn. Please note: **it will not be possible to stay at the camp accommodation after the end of the camp.**

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Viljandi; specially arranged transport to Vaibla village. You are expected to **arrive to Tallinn, Jõe str 3 by 14:00 as latest on the arrival date of the camp.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a letter of your motivation** along with the application form. Experience in work with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. which can be used during your country presentation. It will be great if you can bring any traditional food for intercultural evenings. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is from 20 to 30 maximum.** Please note that before making final decision about your participation in the camp, the project coordinator will have Skype interview with you.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for active leisure time in this countryside camp: swimming, sunbathing, hiking, sport, etc. Excursion to Viljandi, a culture town well known for its valued Culture Academy, Ugala Drama Theatre and international Folk Music Festival, will be organized. More on www.viljandi.ee

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 10	Taevaskoja Youth Camp I	POLVA	25.06 - 09.07	KIDS	4 vols
EST 19	Taevaskoja Youth Camp II	POLVA	13.07 - 28.07	KIDS	4 vols
EST 26	Taevaskoja Youth Camp III	POLVA	30.07 - 06.08	KIDS	4 vols
EST 33	Taevaskoja Youth Camp IV	POLVA	11.08 - 19.08	KIDS	4 vols

Project

Taevaskoja Youth Camp is adventurous hiking camp that has been active for 24 years. The aim of Taevaskoja camp is to support children's development through non-formal education. During the youth camp kids participate in different workshops about health, safety, culture and enjoy climbing and hiking activities. Taevaskoja is located in South-Estonia, about 230 km from Tallinn. The camp site is very close to the one of the most popular natural touristic place – Suur Taevaskoda (The Large Heaven's Hall), surrounded by beautiful forest and close to the one of the longest rivers in Estonia. Such location brings children closer to unspoiled nature and gives them an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Estonian national heritage richly presented in the area. The camp aims also to develop children's knowledges about different cultures and support the growth of tolerance. To do that Taevaskoja Youth Camp invites international volunteers to join the camp as animators. Children come to Taevaskoja camp from all over Estonia. Most of them have basic knowledge of English and are very happy to have a chance to practice it. More information on www.taevaskoja.ee/taevaskoja-noortelaager/ Camp has several periods with different age groups of kids.

Work

Each day of the camp will have a program completed by local coordinators and the volunteers will be helping to realize it. We expect that volunteers would lead workshops connected with their **culture (traditional dances, games, everyday life, food etc)**. The main activities will be intercultural learning through finding differences and similarities between Estonia and countries, where volunteers come from (history, traditions, language, singing, dancing, etc). It will be done through games, drama, sport, discussions. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. After placement volunteers will be contacted by organizers to get involved in the preparation of the program before arrival to Estonia. Volunteer will work in partnership with professional local youth workers – 9 staff members.

Accommodation

In the same house with kids, separate room for volunteers and staff members (2-3 people in the same room). Volunteers will eat together with children and staff in the canteen. Showers, toilets and Wi-Fi are available.

Location

Taevaskoja is a tiny village in South-Estonia with 90 habitants. However during summer period it is one of the most visited natural sightseeing places. Distance from Tallinn is 230 km. <http://www.taevaskoja.ee/taevaskoja-loodus>
<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/suur-ja-vaike-taevaskoda-sandstone-outcrops>

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn or Riga (capital of Latvia). From these cities it is easy to travel to Tartu by bus. From Tartu you can come to Taevaskoja by bus or train. If needed we can pick you up in Tartu by car.

Special requirements

You have to love kids and be really **motivated to work** with them. **The work demands 24-hours commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes.** Weekend is not free! Experience in work with children is an advantage. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. All exciting ideas of activities for kids, games etc are welcome. Good ability to communicate in English is necessary and knowledge of Russian may be useful. **The age of participants is 20-30.**

Leisure time

Plenty of possibilities: hiking, swimming, sunbathing, sports, games, excursions to the places of interest in the area.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

This project is organized by Parnu Youth Centre which was formed in 2008. It follows NGO Parnu Freeschool's youth work principles, ethics and standards. The aim of this project is to offer fun and educative summer camps with different subjects for the youngsters aged 7- 21. In every camp there are activities which help youngsters to develop as a citizen, improve their social skills and key competencies in fun and entertaining way. It is also important to offer fun and educative free time activities for the youngsters who come from families with difficult economic background. In every camp we use learning-by-doing method which includes teamwork activities, games, handicraft, meetings, discussions, seminars, excursions and direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English and/or Russian languages practice. In every camp there are about 50 youngsters divided in two groups. In one group there will be youngsters who speak Estonian and in the other group there will be mostly youngsters who speak Russian as their mother tongue. We look for volunteers for the cultural and adventure camp (5 days), creativity camp (5 days) and healthy camp (5 days). Between the camps there will be days off. Volunteers joining these camps have an excellent opportunity to practice work with youngsters of different backgrounds as well as teaching English and/or Russian languages.

Work and programme

Volunteers together with youth workers are responsible for the day activities in the camps. The general camp program (themes, actions, social activities, games, excursions etc.) is worked out by the youth workers before camps start. Still volunteers can work out some activities for youngsters during the camp days together with youth workers. The content of these activities depends of the camp's topics. In addition to volunteers there are 1-2 youth workers in both groups in every camp. The volunteers' tasks are:

- assisting youth workers in communicating and supervising youngsters;
- helping youth workers to prepare the day activities;
- carrying out planned activities;
- taking part in excursions, games, meetings, discussions, seminars and handicraft workshops;
- providing youngsters with communication, activating their vocabulary, encouraging them to speak English and/or Russian.

The work can be pretty intense, requiring high level of commitment, lots of communication and responsibility for the camp program and young participants. The camp days last from 12:00 until 19:00. Volunteers will stay with youngsters in this time period and then they spend some time to prepare the next day activities together with youth workers.

The camps activities will mostly take place in the Youth Centre of Parnu, but there are days and camps where we are going to visit different places such as Parnu Central Library, Parnu Museum, Parnu Adventure Park, sports games outside the youth centre in the park or at the beach and so on. In total there are 5 working days in 3 camps from Monday to Friday. It is possible that in the adventure and in the healthy camps there is one night sleeping in tents in the forest (tent and sleeping bags will be provided).

Actual day schedule depends on a day and on a particular camp theme:

Accommodation

Volunteers will sleep in the Parnu Youth Centre meeting room on the camp beds. There is no need to bring own mattresses, pillows, blankets, etc. as we have them in the centre. Please bring own towels. Toilets and showers are of common use. Collective lunches will be organized in Parnu Youth Centre. Breakfasts and dinners can easily made in the youth centre kitchen where there are stove, freezer, microwave and cooking wares. Very near to the youth centre there are grocery store and pubs where the volunteers can also have their meals. Money will be given to volunteers to buy food for cooking.

Location

Most of the camp activities will take place in Parnu Youth Centre www.vabaajakeskus.ee/ ; www.facebook.com/vabaajakeskus/ ; www.instagram.com/parnu_noorte_vabaajakeskus/. The youth centre is just 15-minute walk from the city centre (stores, cinema, leisure time activities, pubs, clubs, parks, riverside etc), 5-minute walk from Parnu river and 30-minute walk from the beautiful Parnu Beach. More about Parnu: <http://www.parnu.ee/index.php/en/>. More about Estonia: <https://www.visitestonia.com/en>

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Parnu. **NB! You are expected to arrive to Parnu by 10:00 am latest on the arrival date.**

Special requirements

We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games etc typical for your country which can be used during your country presentation. It will be great if you can bring any traditional food for intercultural evenings. We expect volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. Please share your hobbies, special skills and interest with youngsters. Generally, you have to be **highly motivated to work with youngsters**. Please provide a **letter of motivation** along with the application form. Experience in work with youngsters is an advantage. **We need you to be trustworthy, active and capable** to participate in the activities of the camp. **Your criminal record must be clean. A good level of English and/or Russian is required. The age limit of volunteers is 20-30. NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely prohibited in the camp and in the youth centre!**

Leisure time

There is plenty to do in Parnu: concerts, festivals, open-air shows etc. Summer period is especially rich for cultural events of all kinds. Parnu is known as the summer capital of Estonia. There are several sport halls, swimming pools, saunas and spas, fitness clubs, beautiful Parnu Beach – sunbathing, swimming and many other opportunities for outdoor sports and leisure time activities.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 12	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP I	TALLINN	01.07 - 20.07	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols
EST 29	ABC LANGUAGE CAMP II	TALLINN	05.08 - 17.08	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols

Project

This project partner is ABC Language School situated in the Tallinn city center. The age of young people attending this school varies from 4 to 16. Every year in summer the school runs English language camps for kids which last for a week and are aimed at providing additional studies and real language practice to local young people. International volunteers are warmly invited to join the project and contribute to this alternative learning process. Participation in this camp provides excellent opportunity to practice work with kids and English language teaching as well as to stay in the Estonian capital enjoying numerous attractions it offers to the guests in summer.

Work

The general camp program is worked out by the supervisor of the camp. Volunteers together with a local project coordinator are responsible for the day activities in the camp. The volunteers' task is to provide children with live communication, activate their vocabulary and encourage them to speak English, to perform language activities and games (the vocabulary depends on the topic of the day and level of children knowledge), carrying out the planned activities, taking part in excursions (which are free for volunteers), assisting the teacher. The total number of camp participants is about 20 kids aged 7-16. The volunteers will work in a smaller group of 10 children in each. In addition to the volunteers there are 1-2 main teachers and 2-3 local group leaders. Most of the local children are Russian speaking youngsters. Camp activities will take place in a school situated in the centre of Tallinn. There are 5 working days 10-16.00; on Saturdays 10-13.00. Sunday is the day off.

Accommodation

We provide apartment in Tallinn for 2-3 people with kitchen, toilet and shower. Lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city center, breakfasts and dinners should be cooked by volunteers in the apartment. Ingredients for cooking or money to buy it will be provided by the project host.

Location

Camp will take place in the centre of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with children. **Please provide a motivation letter** along with application form. **Experience in work with kids or youth is an advantage.** Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for children are essential. **A very good level of English is required. Age of volunteers is 20 to 30.**

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste. Summer period is especially reach with cultural events of all kinds. At the same time at Language School will take place Estonian Language Camp with Estonian Volunteers. They are ready to spend time after Camp with English Camp volunteers and show the city, participate in different activities in Tallinn, etc.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

EST 14	KRIUSILLA FARM I	ANIJA	01.07 - 14.07	AGRI	4 vols
EST 23	KRIUSILLA FARM II	ANIJA	29.07 - 11.08	AGRI	4 vols

How honey is made? Come to find out and taste!

Project

For many years EstYES has been cooperating with eco-farms around Estonia for solidarity and respect for their work and to support local people involved in agricultural sector, who keep traditional and develop eco-farming in Estonia despite of all difficulties. Kriusilla Farm is one of them. This is the organic farm dealing with traditional bees-keeping and promoting sustainable lifestyle. So this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share eco-values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. This camp follows positive experience of the camps of seven previous years.

Work

Kriusilla is a small farm dealing mainly with beekeeping and forestry. Volunteers will be doing some forestry work (cleaning and weeding forestry, planting trees, building wood construction) but also collecting honey, cleaning and improving bee houses, possibly helping to build new ones. There can be also some light odd jobs in the house, building and gardening. The working day will be 5-7 hours depending on weather conditions.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions on the farm will be simple, but beds are provided. Please bring your sleeping bags. Toilets and showers are available. There is kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking. Volunteers will be served food cooked by the hosts.

Location

The farm is located in Anija Community of Harjumaa County. Distance from Tallinn is about 40 km. More information on www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, train to Kehra.

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the rural life and be ready to do farm work, which can be hard sometimes. **NB!** Obviously, the volunteers **should not be afraid of or be allergic to bees**. There are 3 children in the family of Kriusilla Farm, and participants are welcome to spend some time with them sharing their culture and languages.

Leisure time

There are a lot of leisure time possibilities in the area for people enjoying nature and interested in sustainable way of living. There are many interesting locally important natural sites in the area. There is Jagala River 4 km away, picturesque lakes about 20 km away and the sea 40 km away. Short trips in the area are planned by hosts. It is easy and quite possible to go to Tallinn on your own in the free time. Besides there will be some local festivities in the villages nearby (www.voose.ee; www.viikingitekyla.ee ; www.korvemaa.ee/en ; <https://anijamois.ee/>).

Participants of the first shift of the camp will be taken to concert of Estonian Folk Song and Dance Festival <https://2019.laulupidu.ee/en/song-celebration/> which is the highlight of all cultural events of this year.

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp**. If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 16	ZOO I	TALLINN	09.07 – 20.07	ENVI	8 vols
EST 30	ZOO II	TALLINN	06.08 - 17.08	ENVI	8 vols

Planting trees and flowers in the wonderful Zoo of Tallinn

Project

Tallinn Zoo www.loomaaed.ee was founded in 1939 and during 80 years of existence it has managed to assemble the most fascinating zoo collection in Northern Europe. Zoo participates in a numerous conservation projects, playing a leading role in the reintroduction project of the European mink and the Black vulture. Tallinn Zoo introduces the public to a variety of animals and conveys information about wildlife through interpretative signs and boards, interactive devices, printed handouts and media representations. From autumn through spring, classes for young animal lovers - schoolchildren of different age are regularly conducted in the Zoo. For over 12 years ESTYES has been supporting Zoo running various voluntary service activities and projects there. The workcamp, you are going to take part in, is one of them.

The camp is organised in cooperation with the Pohja Tallinn Open Youth Centre <http://ptnk.ee/et/> which kindly provides accommodation to participants.

Work

The work mainly consists of doing various gardening jobs in the green areas on the large Zoo territory: clearing and tiding up, mowing grass, cutting bushes, planting flowers. Most of the work will be outdoors. In case of rainy weather alternative work indoors will be found. The work is planned for 5-6 hours a day. Please note that the work does not include direct contact with the animals. In addition, there might be some simple administrative work like helping to run a survey of Zoo visitors.

Accommodation:

You will stay in the North Tallinn Open Youth Centre of Tallinn. It takes about 10 min by tram to get from there to the city centre and around 30 min by bus to get to the Zoo. Public transport passes will be provided. Volunteers will have one big sleeping room, common room, equipped kitchen, shower and toilets. There is also shower in the Zoo which can be used after work. You will sleep on mattresses on the floor. Please bring your sleeping bags! Volunteers have to cook their own meals for breakfasts and dinners. Lunches will be organised in a café of the Zoo.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, the largest city with 450 000 inhabitants and times more tourists during summer season. It is proud for its well-preserved Old Town included to the UNESCO World Heritage List. You can get a lot of information on <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng> . Zoo lies to the west from the city centre, about 15 min by public transport.

Terminal

Airport, bus or train station, harbour in Tallinn.

Special requirements

No special skills required, but you have to be ready for some physical work. This camp is not suitable for volunteers allergic to hay or plants. Tools will be provided, just take your working clothes & gloves.

Leisure time

Besides, that volunteers will get well acquainted with the Zoo and its inhabitants, there are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the capital, where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing & museums, countless festivals and concerts, live music, pubs, etc. This camp provides an excellent opportunity to experience vivid life of Tallinn in summer.

Participation fee

As EstYES does not have funds to support your participation in this camp neither from the state nor from the private sponsors, you are asked to contribute **120 Euro towards cost of board and lodging, local transport and the program.** The fee has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.

Teaching kids English in fun and interactive way staying in picturesque countryside

Project

Do you want to spend two weeks working with kids in the **village of Paris in Estonia**? Then this camp is for you! The camp is organized for kids and teenagers by the Association of Teachers of English in Estonia. The main aim of the camp is to provide intensive experience of learning and practicing of English language for kids and teenagers outside school curriculum using facilities of children camp Pariisi. The camp program includes games and activities, performances in the open air, hikes, excursions and visits, talks and discussions in the working groups. The language of the camp is **English** – although the name *Pariisi* might provoke another expectation!

Work

Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as English language environment. It will be done through the games, drama, sport activities, excursions, discussions, etc. Volunteers along with local coordinators will be responsible for the whole program of the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours some days, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program.**

Age of kids is 10-15. There will be 3 shifts during 3 weeks: two first dedicated to English and Computers, the last one – English and Arts. And it is going to be around 50 teenage participants in every shift.

Accommodation

Camp has two buildings with 2-3 bedded rooms. Volunteers will stay in their own room. Beds are provided, but please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets, showers and sauna are available. There is a hall for performances, open air stage, swimming pool, sport facilities for ball games, table tennis, bicycles, etc. Volunteers and participants will have their meals in the local canteen. See some photos on www.pariisi.ee

Location

Camp takes place in Pariisi village, about 100km from Tallinn the capital of Estonia. Nearest towns are Rakvere (20km) and Tapa (15km). The picturesque area around the camp with many hills, streams, rivers and lakes is very suitable for hikes and bicycle tours. Famous Lahemaa National Park is about 20 km from the camp. More information on www.visitestonia.com, www.lahemaa.ee, www.rakvere.ee

Terminal

Airport, bus or train station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Rakvere.

Special requirements

The minimum age of volunteers is 19. A very good level of spoken English is required. Please provide your **Motivation Letter**. You should be really motivated to work with kids and teenagers. Previous experience is an asset. All ideas of activities for youngsters, games etc. are welcomed. It is highly desirable that you could share some of your skills and knowledge with children - e.g. teach them dancing or playing music, make a performance or do some handicrafts.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities: swimming, hiking, sports, horse riding, etc. Excursions to Lahemaa National Park and Rakvere are possible.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **The fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

Would you like to have a short-term active and meaningful vacation for 8 days in Jamaja village on the Island of Saaremaa? Then this camp is for you! The camp is organized for around 20 teenagers by the Saaremaa branch of YWCA-YMCA. The main aim of the camp to teach youngsters how “not to repeat the same mistakes”, that is to provide intensive experience of learning and practicing communication, sport, orientation, nature, history and other exciting stuff. The camp program includes many games and activities, excursions to different places of interest at Saare Parish, conversations and discussions, working groups.

Work

The main task for volunteers is to deal with teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as English language environment. It will be done through games, drama, sport activities, excursions, discussions, etc. It will be great if you could introduce your country and culture to young people. Volunteers alongside with local leaders will be responsible for the whole program of the children camp. The job can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants. Some days may be quite long for late-night orientations, landscape game in the forest, campfire.

Accommodation

Volunteers will share one room on the second floor of the same camp house as kids. Bathrooms are of the common use. You don't need sleeping bags, but please bring your own towels. Meals will be served for all participants at the dining room.

Location

The camp site is located in the Jamaja village on Sorve peninsula in southern part of the Island of Saaremaa. This is the most south-west part of the country known for its outstanding beauty. Some info (in Estonian) can be found on <http://www.torgu.ee/index.php?sisu=turism&teema=vaatamis> and in English here http://www.visitestonia.com/en/tip-of-sorve?site_preference=normal

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for active leisure time in this camp: swimming, sunbathing, hiking, sport, etc. Excursion to Churches in Kihelkonna, Mustjala, Kaarma, Jämaja, magic meteorite crater Kaali Lake and Episcopal castle in Kuressaare. More information on <http://www.saaremaa.ee/>

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. From the Tallinn bus station (Tallinn Lastekodu Str 46) bus to Kuressaare. Journey takes about 4h 20 minutes. **NB!** You are expected to arrive to Tallinn in the morning or afternoon but 14.00 as latest on the arrival date.

Special requirements

We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. A good level of English is required. The minimum age of volunteers is 19. Previous experience in work with children and teenagers is an advantage. Camp language is Estonian and English.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution

Teaching kids English in fun and interactive way staying in the heart of magical Tallinn

Project

This project is organized for teenagers by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" within its annual activities on multicultural issues for teens. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English language practice. The project gets 14 to 17 years old teens familiar with national traditions of the countries from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative as well as tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. This year camps' topic is Indigenous Languages. With this theme camp participants guided by international volunteers will discuss issues important for personal and social development.

Work

Activating teenage participants in the city camp and providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by team of volunteers are playing games and music popular in the countries that volunteers represent, drama, sports, preparing festivals, common discussions, excursions, actions for peace and nature protection, leading and supporting teens in their work on the team projects.; preparing and leading the teen teams' presentations on the countries the camp participants and volunteers are from. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants.** You will stay with teens 10.00 – 17.00 and spend another hour to prepare next day activities and get feedback. In the course of camp there is one day off and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn together with teens. Before activities start there will be 2 days training in the Language School "In Down-Town" about camp methodology and preparation. Most of local teens in the camp are Russian-speaking youngsters from minority group of Tallinn. Besides local teens 15 teenage participants from abroad are expected to join this camp. The total number of participants is about 40. Volunteers will work in pair facilitating and leading a smaller group of 10 - 12 teens during the day.

Accommodation

On mattresses in the class rooms of the Language School "In Down-Town", in the centre of Tallinn. Toilets and showers are available. You will have breakfasts and dinners at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city centre. Please note: **it is not possible to stay at this accommodation before or after the camp.** If you need a place to stay, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn.

Location

Camp takes place in learning centre situated in the centre of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng
The meeting place will be in the school "In Down Town" **at 14:00 on camp arrival date at Jõe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a letter of your motivation** along with the application. Experience in work with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. which can be used during your country presentation. It will be great if you can bring any traditional food for intercultural evenings. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is 20-30.** Before making final decision about your participation in the camp, the project coordinator will have Skype interview with you.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as the camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, pubs, etc.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. This **fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.**

Helping Estonian Nature Fund to preserve habitat for endangered amphibians

Project

The aim of this camp organised in cooperation with the Estonian Fund of Nature (ELF) is fine-tuning of habitat for endangered amphibian Natterjack Toad in Manija Island in South-West Estonia.

ELF's conservation work camps project, which is carried out from 1998, has two main goals. One is to carry out conservation work in nature parks and protected areas and second is to bring people closer to nature, to promote environment-friendly and sustainable lifestyle. International conservation work camps are important part of ELF's conservation holidays project. In international work camps ELF always involves local people to work alongside participants from other countries. The benefits in understanding, education and shared cultures can be great and the experience remembered by all. Also, this kind of conservation works helps to raise awareness of local people about values of local nature and importance of centuries old traditional land management.

Manija island is a small rocky islet in the Bay of Parnu, is **one of the smallest inhabited islets in Europe**. Manija is only 4.5 km in length and 0.5 km in width. Manija island has its **unique traditional culture, which is included in the UNESCO list of world heritages**. The entire island is covered by **Manija landscape protection area**, established in 1991, and is one of its kind because human activities is not be restricted there but vice versa encouraged by supporting local cattle-breeding so that **local cultural heritage landscapes would recover and endure**. The island's nature is special thanks to the **growth of rare plants, coastal meadows filled with the singing of coastal birds, and the loud sound of natterjack toads**. The four erratic boulders on the island are also spectacular objects of the ancient nature.

Work

Amphibians are one of the most threatened group of species globally, as 1/3 of all known frogs, toads and newts face extinction. Estonia has lost one toad and several other species are declining in a pace not natural. This project aims on fine tuning of natterjack toad habitats. The work will take place on a coastal meadow of Manija. Practically it consists of cutting and collecting of reed or brushwood around a small pool where natterjacks spawn, or making hay on coastal meadows. Natterjacks are typical for opened landscape and pools they spend in need to be exposed to sun. A perfect coastal meadow has low grass and should be without of tall plants, reed, trees and bushes.

Typical working hours per day 6 hours per day (for example: 9 -12 & 13-16).

Accommodation

Simple shared accommodation in beds in Riida Guest House. You may take a tent, if you wish to have more privacy. In that case you will also need your sleeping bag and a mattress. All food is included except lunch on day for traveling. The food will be cooked for us by locals.

Location and other information

About Manija <https://www.visitestonia.com/en/manija-landscape-protection-area-and-island-centre>

ELF conservation holidays - <http://talgud.ee>

Natterjack Toad - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natterjack_toad

Estonian nature - <http://www.estonica.org/en/Nature/>

Terminal

Airport, bus station in Tallinn; bus to Parnu. Pick-up time is on 29.07 midday/ afternoon depending on your arrival time to Estonia and Parnu Bus Station. The journey from Tallinn takes about two hours and costs about 6 Euros. The drop off will be on 01.08 midday in Parnu.

Special requirements

You have to bring working clothes, warm clothes as nights can be rather chilly, wet weather clothing, closed boots or/and wellingtons, sleeping bag, swimwear, towel, insect spray. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

Leisure time

There will be some time off which will be spent on traveling/ exploring the Manija Island Centre/ Museum, nearby towns on mainland and places of interest. In the evenings of the working days - sauna, campfires, hiking, etc. will be organized.

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **50 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, administration and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers either by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp** or to host upon arrival to the camp.

EST 27	ENGLISH IN THE CITY I	TALLINN	31.07 - 10.08	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols
EST 35	ENGLISH IN THE CITY II	TALLINN	13.08 - 24.08	KIDS/ TEACH	3 vols

Project

The project partner is Tallinn based hobby school Optimum Semper which was established in 2011 with the view to provide additional high-quality education to local children using alternative teaching methods designed and developed by the school teachers. Special emphasis is put on studies of languages, art, handicraft, acting and nature. The focus of the school is intercultural learning and integration of youngsters into rapidly changing globalizing world. The age of young people attending this school is 4 to 16+. Every year in summer the school runs short English language camp aimed at providing additional studies and real practice to local young people. To help this, international volunteers are warmly invited to join the project and contribute to the alternative learning process. Participation in this camp gives excellent opportunity to practice work with kids and English language teaching as well as to stay in the Estonian capital in summer enjoying numerous attractions it offers to the guests.

Work

The general camp program (themes, actions, social activities, fun games, excursions) is worked out by the supervisor of the camp. Volunteers together with a local project coordinator are responsible for the day activities in the camp. The volunteers' task is to provide children with live communication, activate their vocabulary and encourage them to speak English, to perform language activities and games (the vocabulary depends on the topic of the day and level of children knowledge), carrying out the planned activities, taking part in excursions (which are free for volunteers), assisting the teacher. The topics will vary from day to day. Volunteers together with a local project coordinator are responsible for the day activities in the camp. The work can be hard, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants. Volunteers will stay with children from 09.30 until 15.30 and they have to spend some hours for preparing the next day activities. The total number of camp participants is about 20 kids aged 9-13. The volunteers will work in a smaller group of 10 children in each. In addition to the volunteers there are 1-2 main teachers. Most of the local children are Russian speaking. Camp activities take place in the school situated in the centre of Tallinn. The preliminary schedule is

09.30-10.00	Icebreaking games
10.00.-11.00	Lesson of English in subgroups
11.00-12.40	Workshop, Intellectual and creative games in teams
12.50-13.20	Lunch
13.20-15.30	Excursion or activities around the city

Accommodation

On mattresses in the class room of the "Optimum Semper" school in the centre of Tallinn. Toilet is available, sauna and laundry are nearby to the accommodation place. Please bring a sleeping bag. Lunches will be provided for whole camp in the city center, dinners will be arranged for volunteers by the school. Breakfast is easy to make in the school premises as it has some simple cooking facilities.

Location

Camp will take place in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. More information on www.tallinn.ee

Special requirements

You have to be **active** and **motivated** to work with children. **Please provide a motivation letter** along with application form. **Experience in work with youth is an advantage.** Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for children are essential. **A good level of English is required**, knowledge of Russian is an advantage. The **min age** is **20**.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste. Summer period is especially reach with cultural events of all kinds.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

Project

The aim of this camp organized in cooperation with the Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) is **Ohepalu Mire Restoration**. ELF's conservation work camps project, which is carried out from 1998, has two main goals. One is to carry out conservation work in nature parks and protected areas and second is to bring people closer to nature, to promote environment-friendly and sustainable lifestyle. International conservation work camps are important part of ELF's conservation holidays project. In international work camps ELF always involves local people to work alongside participants from other countries. The benefits in understanding, education and shared cultures can be great and the experience remembered by all. Also, this kind of conservation works helps to raise awareness of local people about values of local nature and importance of centuries old traditional land management.

Wetlands can be seen as the most valuable types of landscape, taking into account the environmental services given by the landscape to the society, such as carbon cycle, climate regulation etc. Estonia is almost entirely surrounded by wetlands and its mainland is covered with mires and their remnants - peat bogs (totaling 22.3% of the mainland). Due to agricultural drainage that started already on the 19th and picked up in the 20th century, the surface area of mires has severely decreased and now covers only 5.5 % of mainland. During the last 10 years, ELF has compiled recovery plans for several mires. In 2014, an application was submitted to the European Commission's LIFE Program based on these activities, aiming to help restore approximately 6000 hectares of mires. Main reason of the wetland degradation at the project sites is drainage: it directs and enchants water flow out of the wetlands. Closing off the drainage network is necessary for any kind of wetland restoration. To restore the habitats hydrology, the most used method will be continuous infilling of ditches with peat from adjacent areas. In addition, supporting dams may be used, especially in areas with steeper slopes and stronger/larger water flows. Peat dams will be used where possible as on-site, natural material is available and those dams can be quickly built by excavator. Manual work will be applied only in the places that are not accessible by the excavator. For example, wooden dams will be built by hand if peat of sufficient volume or quality is not available on site. Volunteers are involved into dam building activities in remote areas and in the case of small ditches.

Work

The mire conservation camp in Ohepalu mire will be about helping the mire to recover their water regime, to restore the parts of bogs that have been damaged by drainage. The work will be building peat dams for the ditches, which were made to drain the wetlands. The work consists mostly of cutting out peat blocks with shovels and after closing the water in the ditches, carrying the peat blocks to the ditch and forming dams to stop the water. Typical working day is 6 hours per day, for example: 9 -12 & 13-16.

Accommodation

Simple shared accommodation in Vohnja Elementary School on your mattresses. Volunteers need their own sleeping bag and sleeping mattress. All food is included except lunch on days for traveling. Breakfast is made for us, we will cook our own lunch and dinners (ingredients are provided) most of the time.

Location and other information

Estonian nature - <http://www.estonica.org/en/Nature/>

ELF about wetlands: <http://elfond.ee/what-we-do/wetlands>

ELF about mire restoration: <https://soo.elfond.ee/en/tegevused/taastamistood>

ELF conservation holidays - <http://talgud.ee>

Terminal

Airport, bus station in Tallinn; bus to Rakvere. Pick-up time is on 01.08. afternoon or evening, depending on your arrival time to Estonia. The journey from Tallinn takes about one and half hour and costs about 6-8 Euros. The drop off will be on 10.08 morning/ midday in Rakvere. From there you can take the public bus back to Tallinn or elsewhere.

Special requirements

You have to bring working clothes, warm clothes as nights can be rather chilly, wet weather clothing, summer clothes as days might be hot as well, wellingtons, sleeping bag and sleeping mattress, swimwear, towel, insect spray. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

Leisure time

There will be 2 days off which will be spent on exploring of the nearby towns and places of interest, like Rakvere, the main city of the region <https://www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/north-estonia/rakvere>
In the evenings of the working days - sauna, campfires, hiking, etc. will be organized.

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **120 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, admin costs and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers by bank transfer before beginning of the camp** or to the host on arrival to the camp.

EST 32 PILISTVERE VILJANDI 10.08 - 20.08 MANU 15 int + 12 loc

Make new friends helping local people in the heart of Estonia!

Project

Pilistvere is very small village in the center of Estonia. Although small it is full of life in summer: several activities make local people busy, and all visitors are warmly welcome to participate! Village is known for the rich history, beautiful landscape mixed pure nature: forests, springs, rivers and small riverlakes. The aim of the project is support life in a countryside through diversity of culture and experience. Also we hope to encourage understanding between different cultures and pass strong message about voluntary service around. Local community - young people and adults - of this rural area will be involved to the project for work, leisure and (inter)cultural activities.

Work

Work will include landscaping, clearing and tidying up green areas and objects of local importance in the village such as taking care of old historical cemetery, work around the local pastorate, etc. It is also possible to participate in local youngster's social-enterprise summer cafeteria. The working day will be 5-7 hours, 6 days. Work will be done under supervision of local technical leaders. Work is mainly physical and outdoors. Local young people will be joining international volunteers for work and leisure time.

Accommodation

Work and accommodation will take place in Pilistvere Pastorate which also acts as camp and seminar centre. Volunteers will sleep in beds but please bring your sleeping bag or bed-sheets. Toilets and showers are available, as well as kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking. Volunteers will have to make breakfast on their own while the rest of the meals will be cooked and served by the local staff. We ask you to bring some snacks for the international evening if possible.

Location

Pilistvere, a village of Viljandi County, lies in central-Estonia, half way from Tallinn to Tartu, where the main road turns to Viljandi. Distance from Tallinn is 140km, from Tartu - 70km, from Viljandi - 40 km. More information: www.viljandimaa.ee , www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, bus to Poltsamaa, where locals will pick up the volunteers.

Special requirements

Volunteers should be interested in rural life, be ready to participate in the discussions about rural development and to interact local young people. It will be appreciated if volunteers can tell about national voluntary practices and youth work for the benefit of the local development in their own countries. As the work can be quite physical sometimes, the volunteers should be in a good physical shape. Camp is organized by Estonian Lutheran Church Pilistvere congregation, so religious acceptance is appreciated. At the same time, this is NOT a religious camp by any mean.

Leisure time

Swimming in lakes and rivers, hiking to marshes, playing ball games with local youth, partying, joining local festivities and, of course, enjoying vivid international atmosphere of this large camp. It is planned to visit some Estonian towns and participate in local festivals. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy rural life and want to learn more about history and culture of Estonia staying right in the heart of it!

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

PS! If you are official participant in EstYes camp in Pilistvere join Facebook: Pilistvere EstYes 2019.

Teaching children languages in fun and interactive way staying in the heart of magical Tallinn

Project

This project is organized for teenagers by the language school “In Down Town” and non-profit educational association “Alternative Language Programs Satellite” within its annual activities on multicultural issues for teens. The project’s aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative language practice. The project gets 14 to 17 years old teens familiar with national traditions of the countries from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative as well as tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. This shift targets particularly those youngsters, who **do not speak English** but other languages. Thus, camp has 3 working languages: **French, German and Spanish**. This year camps’ topic is Indigenous Languages. Within the theme, participants guided by international volunteers are going to discuss issues important for personal development.

Work

Activating teenage participants in the city camp and providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it through informal methods of teaching and working in small group techniques. Among the activities to be held by team of volunteers are playing games and music popular in the countries that volunteers represent, drama, sports, preparing festivals, common discussions, excursions, actions for peace and nature protection, leading and supporting teens in their work on the team projects.; preparing and leading the teen teams’ presentations on the countries the camp participants and volunteers are from. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program and the young participants.** You will stay with teens 10.00 – 17.00 and spend another hour to prepare next day activities. In the course of camp there is at least one day of travel outside Tallinn together with teens. Before activities start there will be 2 days training in the Language School “In Down-Town” camp methodology and preparation. Most of local teens in the camp are Russian-speaking youngsters from minority group of Tallinn. Besides local teens 6 teenage participants from abroad are expected to join this camp. The total number of participants is 12-15.

Accommodation

On mattresses in the class rooms of the Language School “In Down- Town”, in centre of Tallinn. Toilets and showers are available. You will have breakfasts and dinners at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city centre. Please note: **it is not possible to stay at this accommodation before or after the camp.** If you need a place to stay, we can help you to book a youth hostel in Tallinn.

Location

Camp takes place in learning centre situated in the centre of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng
The meeting place will be in the school “In Down Town” **at 14:00 on camp arrival date at Jõe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

You have to be really **motivated** to work with teens. Please **provide a motivation letter** along with application form. Experience in work with youth is an advantage. **Your ideas** and actual **preparation** to do the activities for teens are essential. We ask you to bring some materials like postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. typical for your country or region which can be used during your country presentation. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country with ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. Good level of **French or German or Spanish** is required.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Come and work for nature and sustainable living in Matsalu National Park

Project

Kodade cottage and Matsalu Creative Space are social enterprise initiatives which aim to sustain cultural heritage and to provide a rich variety of nature tourism services and active tourism services in the setting of unique wild nature. We also aim to provide work opportunities for people living in rural area. We have created a unique environment for creative camps, study camps and various types of events. We value sustainable living and align our activities with Matsalu National Park value system. Matsalu National Park has been created to protect migratory birds and is one of the most important protection areas of nesting and stop-over of coastal birds in Europe. In addition to bird protection Matsalu protects specific semi-natural habitats (coastal meadows and broods; woody meadows; reed bed and small islands) as well as the cultural heritage of the Väinameri sea <https://kaitsealad.ee/eng/matsalu-national-park>

Work

We offer a wide range of activities to our volunteers – mostly in the field of maintenance and development of the visitor site and the territory but also related to nature conservation in the surrounding area.

The range of activities that the volunteers can undertake: tidying up the area surrounding the camping houses, cutting down the bushes, works with soil and creating flowerbeds around the Matsalu Creative Space; creating resting places and playground areas for kids, repainting the 6 camping houses, rearranging the attic. It is also possible to build traditional stonewalls, cut down junipers, pick herbs, create nest boxes for birds or create local nature produce. The working time each day could be approximately 6-7 full hours which can vary depending on the daily leisure activities and weather conditions. Most of these activities will take place outdoors, but we will take weather conditions into account. The work will be supervised by the farm hosts with the help of the camp leader.

Accommodation

The accommodation is good - at Kodade holiday cottage (<http://www.kodade.ee/en/kodade-puhkemaja/maja-kirjeldus>) or at small camping houses (<http://www.kodade.ee/en/loov-ja-kulastuskeskus/kojakesed>). We also provide bed linen and towels. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking and the use of sauna. Food will be provided from local farms nearby. Volunteers will be served food cooked by locals for lunches during the week days otherwise it has to be cooked by the volunteers.

Location

Kodade Creative Space is located in Salevere Kula, Hanila parish, Pärnumaa county. Salevere is situated in the western part of Estonia, approximately 140km from Tallinn. More information available on the following websites www.hanila.ee; www.kodade.ee

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport, bus nr 2 going to the city centre stops at the Tallinn Bus Station. From bus station buses to Kuressaare go several times per day, taking you straight to Virtsu Sadam where volunteers will be picked up by camp host. Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded, creative and ready to adapt to simple conditions of the common life in the countryside of Estonia. Please consider that the work is mainly physical, can be hard or sometimes repetitive.

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural picturesque sights on the area as well as possibilities for swimming in the sea or hiking in the forest. It is possible to choose whether to visit other parts of Laane-ja Parnumaa - Haapsalu ja Parnu (www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/west-estonia/haapsalu; www.visitparnu.com/en/ www.facebook.com/visithaapsalu/ or Saaremaa (www.visitsaaremaa.ee/en/) which is planned by the host. The volunteers can visit more than one place for a modest extra fee. Matsalu itself offers a lot of various cultural events in summer. Furthermore, there is a possibility to go on extra tours – such as nature walk, bicycle tour or boat tour on Kasari River. Nearby there are two stables who provide horseback riding (www.massuratsaklubi.ee and www.rannarantso.ee). This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of rural living, who are curious and willing to use their creativity in the process of creating new environments of living.

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

The group of youth workers from Tallinn's youth centre "Youth Club Active" runs children's camp in Vihasoo for 25 years. The aim of Vihasoo camp is to give children possibility of active and meaningful summer vacations. The base of Vihasoo lies 70km from Tallinn. The camp is located on the territory of Lahemaa National Park. The wonderful nature, proximity to the sea (about 100m), good facilities – all this makes Vihasoo ideal place for leisure. Such location brings children closer to unspoiled nature and gives them an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Estonian national heritage richly presented in the area. Each summer period of the camp has its own theme. The topic for this shift is «Young and Bold», and the purpose of this period is to discover different countries and cultures through artistic expression which could be dancing or singing, national style party, music or art of any kind – anything volunteer is good at. The idea is to have intercultural diversity to be presented to kids. We want to give children opportunity to discover differences in cultures, that they can learn it and reflect after. To achieve this aim Vihasoo camp invites international volunteers to join it as animators. Most of children are Russian-speaking from minority community of Estonia. The area of the camp is 1,8 ha and it can host about 80 children on one shift. The age is 12-16. More information on www.vihasoo.ee

Work

Each day of the camp will have a program completed by local coordinators and volunteers will be helping to realize it. The main activities will be intercultural learning through finding differences and similarities between Estonia and countries, where volunteers come from (history, traditions, language, singing, dancing, etc). It will be done through art, games, drama, sport, discussions. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. Volunteers would lead workshops connected with their **cultural expression** during 5 days of the camp, which may culminate with small performance on the last day of the project. The duration of each workshop is 2 hours. You do not have to be professional, the most important that it is enjoyable and fun! Besides, each volunteer has to run one cultural night to present own country and culture to others. After placement volunteers will be contacted by organizers to get involved and guided in the preparation of the program before arrival to Estonia. Volunteer will work in partnership with professional local educators and youth workers - 25 staff members.

Accommodation

In the separate house with other staff members in 4-6-bedded rooms. Volunteers will eat together with children and staff in the canteen. Showers, dry toilets and Wi-Fi are available.

Location

Vihasoo is tiny village in the picturesque Lahemaa National Park 70km from Tallinn. Surrounded by forest, near to the sea, it is the ideal place for summer vacations. The nearest town (7km) is Vosu, spa town with about 1000 inhabitants.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, specially arranged car to Vihasoo. We will organise transfer for the volunteers on 20.08 - one day children arrive to the camp that is to get to know each other and prepare things.

Special requirements

You have to love kids and be really **motivated to work** with them. **The work demands 24-hours commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes.** Weekend is not free! Experience in work with children is an advantage. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. Moreover, volunteer should be strong enough in some art to be able to lead a workshop for kids. All exciting ideas of activities for kids, games etc are welcome. English and Russian are the camp languages.

Leisure time

Hiking, swimming, sunbathing, sports, games, excursions to the places of interest in the Lahemaa National Park.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

EST F1 Family Camp at Kiidi Farm 18.08 - 27.08 ENVI/ FAMILY 12 adults + 12 kids

Project

For a decade EstYES promotes camps where parents and children can participate together. The idea is to create a kind of temporary community where adults and children can share the ideas of voluntary activity for the benefit of rural area. The schedule of the camp allows adults to act as volunteers like in any other voluntary camp working 4-5 hours a day for practical tasks. Meanwhile children "work" as well, in the sense that they take part in the activities helping parents and sharing easy tasks with them. Local organisers supported by parents care about the children during the working activities, providing snacks, proposing games and activities, etc. In the daily free time and during days off group excursions and other activities will be organised by the local hosts. Parents can join the camp in pair or alone with their children. Some English is necessary for parents in order to communicate among them and with the campleader. The camp follows very positive 12 years experience. Here is the link to the video of last year Family Camp https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jd_Bsm1pYI&t=9s

Venue

It is a very long tradition for EstYES to organize international workcamps in co-operation with Kiidi Farm located in the Voru County in the South of Estonia. With the support of the state and local authorities the eco- and farm sustainable tourism has been developed in this area. Besides promoting the environmental tourism, this initiative supports rural development, which is an important issue for Estonia. Estonian Association of Farm Tourism has launched several projects, and Kiidi Farm, where the camp takes place, is one of them. It is run by the large Piho family with 8 kids of different age. More information on Kiidi Farm is on site www.kiidi.ee

Location

The charm of Haanja Uplands in South Estonia lies in its lovely hilly landscape, winding roads and numerous lakes. Most of its ancient villages, special dialect, handicraft, and customs have been preserved until today. The whole area, called Vorumaa, is an area of outstanding beauty. It is famous for its diverse and very well-preserved nature. Untouched forests with wildlife, deep valleys, hills, 170 small lakes with extremely clean water, numerous rivers with caves in the steep banks - you can find everything there. Kiidi Farm is situated 15 km south of Voru, capital of the County, which has a population of 15 000 people and lies about 250 km south-east of Tallinn, very close to the Latvian and Russian borders. The closest village to Kiidi Farm is Rouge (3km) with a population of less than 1000 people. More information about Estonia www.visitestonia.com; South-Estonia www.visitvoru.ee

Work

Various works in the forest: cutting unwanted trees and bushes, burning old tree brunches and brushwood, preparing firewood for heating the farm; also some odd jobs around the farm buildings as well as general household work. Most of the work will be outdoors. There can be also some light maintaining works indoors if weather is too rainy. The work will be usually 4-5 hours a day, the rest of the time will be spent to get acquainted with the area, its natural and historical sites as well as with local people. Local people will join the camp for work and leisure.

Accomodation:

In the farmhouse in 2-4-bedded rooms depending on the size of family. WC, shower, hot water, sauna is available. Hosts will prepare meals themselves, however, participants will be asked to help out in the kitchen.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus or train station in Tallinn; bus to Voru; transfer to Kiidi Farm. Bus from Tallinn to Voru takes about 4 hours, schedules are available on www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

The camp is open for families with their children, generally aged 3 to 13, however the kids' age is flexible. Parents can come in pairs or alone. English is the camp language.

Leisure time

There are many possibilities for leisure time, especially for those who love nature: acquaintance with nature of the area, hiking, swimming, etc. Excursions to the numerous places of interest of the County of Voru are planned as well. Volunteers will have a very good chance to get in close contact with the local people, experience local traditions and learn some customs – for instance like hot Estonian sauna!

Participation fee

As EstYES does not receive funds to support your participation in this camp neither from the state nor from private sponsors, you are asked to contribute towards cost of board and lodging, local transport, leisure time program, etc. The fee has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp, and it is **150 Euro for every adult and 100 Euro for every child over 3 years old. This fee has to be paid upon arrival to the camp to the host.**

EST T1 MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 1 NOVA 27.06 - 08.07 TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY 45 int + 20 loc

EST T2	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 2	NOVA	07.07 - 18.07	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	45 int + 20 loc
EST T3	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 3	NOVA	17.07 - 28.07	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	45 int + 20 loc
EST T4	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 4	NOVA	27.07 - 07.08	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	45 int + 20 loc
EST T5	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 5	NOVA	06.08 - 17.08	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	45 int + 20 loc
EST T6	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 6	NOVA	16.08 - 27.08	TEEN/ ENVI/ STUDY	45 int + 20 loc

Project

This camp is organized for teenagers by youth sport club Lukas-Basket which has been running national youth camps for 20 years and International ones for the past 8 years. International teenage camps will be hosted on seaside in the West of Estonia in Laanemaa County in the municipality of Nova. Beautiful nature, numerous historical places, 200 years long tradition of health resort, unique cultural events are the treasures of the County. Nova with warm sea, white sand, mushroom and berry crops, picturesque lakes, cobble stone road and many places of interest is ideal place for leisure. The aim of Nova camp is to give young people possibility to have active, healthy and meaningful summer vacations with different sport adventures, to enjoy unspoiled nature and to learn how to live in harmony with it, also to explore and realize their own capacities and limits. The program will include water activities, sport and ball games, eco-hikes, bicycle trips to places of interest, horse riding, fishing, rowing, sailing with Viking boats, acquaintance with local culture and many other exciting things. ***Mens sana in corpore sano (Healthy Spirit in Healthy Body)*** – this is the message of the camp! Besides all this, camp gives possibility for intensive contacts between local youth and their peers from abroad, showing youngsters the diversity of world cultures, broadening their horizons and encouraging active communication through games and creative activities. Finally, there will be **some voluntary work for nature protection and to support local community.**

The area of the camp is about 3 hectares and it can host over 70 youngsters on one shift. The age of local participants is 10-18. Local teenagers are mainly Russian-speaking of minority communities of Estonia. Videos from past camps are available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV4WZ61Zxyl> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwTAJF6plGs&feature=youtu.be>

Program

There are diverse activities in the camp program: windsurfing, canoeing, sailing with Viking boats, running scooters, paintball in the forest, sport games - football, rugby, volleyball, athletics, self-defense training, different competitions, guided eco-hikes, forest cross, sport orientation in the forest on and on sea (navigation), fishing, bicycle trips to explore the area, table tennis, petanque, frisbee, disc-golf, trampolines, visit to the horse farm with horse riding, excursion to Keila waterfall and historical places of interest in the area, active games and adventure trail at Roosta Adventure Park, picnics on the seaside, evening of Estonian national dances and food, making castles from sand and stones on the beach, Estonian sauna party, night cinema in open air theatre, etc. In addition, there will be creative workshops on decoupage, soap-making, wooden handicrafts and even Estonian folk dances. Bikes are available for the whole duration of the shift free of charge.

Work

There will be some voluntary work such as painting of community buildings, making wooden toys and games for local orphanage, repairing benches and tables, cleaning local beach and old seaport from garbage, planting trees, cleaning old cemetery, little renovation works in the local school, clearing pavement, helping seniors living in the community with some household duties, berry and herbs picking to give the crop to the orphanage and seniors home, duty in a kitchen and around the camp once in a shift, etc. The work will be organised in cooperation with local forestry department, municipality of Nova and local school. **Please note that the work described above is planned for the whole summer and it may change from one shift to another depending on local needs, the season and actual weather conditions.**

Accommodation

In tourist tents set by the local school, nearby to the seaside (500m away). It is also possible to get accommodation in small wooden houses for modest extra charge - 30 Euro for the whole period. However it should be booked in advance. **Please bring your sleeping bag and mat.** Showers, toilets are provided in the school and there will be additional bio-toilets set on camping site. You will also try traditional Estonian sauna.

Catering

Three times a day. There are water machines with cold water in the school complex. Catering takes place in the school's mess hall or into the lager tent outside near the mess. Meals are cooked by professional cooks. However participants will be asked to help cleaning.

Medical Aid

Camp staff members have medical certificates and are able to provide first aid. And there is a car on call 24/7 which goes to the nearest hospital, which is 40km away, in more serious case of any emergency.

Location

Nova is one of 11 municipalities of Laanemaa with about 400 inhabitants, located on the seaside 90 km west from capital of Estonia Tallinn and 40 km north from Haapsalu, famous spa town with many historic and cultural sites. More information on www.novavald.ee/index.php/1 The camp is located on Nova basic School's territory (www.nova.edu.ee)

Surroundings and camp's infrastructure

Schoolhouse

Sports hall

Table tennis

Wooden houses

Information centre

Refreshments stall with water coolers

Gym equipment for fitness exercises on school's territory

Football field

Basketball court on the school's territory

Volleyball court on the beach

4 lakes within 4 km from the camp side

2 sand beaches in the distance from 0,5-7 km

Forest Management Centre wooden tents with table and grill for picnic near the beach

Grocery store 0,5 km away

Hiking paths marked by Forest Department

Terminal and arrivals/ departure

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; specially arranged bus to Nova. Although pick up on arrival to Tallinn is possible at additional fee, it is not really needed since the meeting point (sport club gym) is located just 1km from the airport <https://goo.gl/maps/VSCkMqtorvw> and can be easily reached by tram from the airport (3 stops).

On arrival day there is an excursion in Tallinn, dinner, accommodation in Tallinn with lodging for the night at the gym of the sport club. Showers and WC are in the facility of the gym. On the next day there is a breakfast at 8 am and departure to camp site. On the last day of the camp there is a breakfast and departure at 11:30 am from the camp with the arrival to Tallinn airport by 13:30. If your departure is scheduled to an earlier hour a special transfer from the camp to the airport can be booked at additional fee. In case of earlier arrival or later departure accommodation in hostel can be booked upon request.

Special requirements

Participants have to be sporty (e.g. be ready to run up to 3 km, bike up to 30 km), independent enough, curious and interested in active life style. **Please inform us beforehand about allergies, dietary requirements you have or others prescriptions from your doctor.** Please bring sleeping bag and mat, wind and waterproof clothes, goods shoes, warm and summer clothes. It's desirable to take thermal underwear. It is advisable to take tick vaccination before coming. **Generally, age of participants is 14-18**, however exceptions are possible. **NB! Smoking, drinking alcohol, using drugs is absolutely prohibited in the camp! This policy will be followed strictly! Thus if you cannot quit smoking for a while perhaps it is better not to come.** Camp common language is English. Local languages are Estonian and Russian.

Participation fee

Unlike the "normal" camp there will be not so much of work here. Nevertheless, participants will be provided with board, lodging, local transportation and all equipment necessary to realize camp program. Besides, program involves a lot of extra costs for excursions, trips out, visits, sport activities, equipment, materials and general administration and leadership. Since neither EstYES nor its local camp partner, does not receive financial support for this camp from municipality or private sources, to realize this camp we have to charge participation fee of **360 Euro, which covers all costs including transfer from Tallinn to and from the camp, and which has to be paid by bank transfer before the camp or by participants upon arrival to the camp.** The bank details will be provided after the acceptance of the participant to the camp.

Project

The project is organized by non-formal learning centre VitaTiim. Its mission is to create an inspiring international environment for Ida-Virumaa County youth, to promote life-long learning and personal development in the global world. And the most important task is to make young people believe in their own abilities. This project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures and languages to the youth, learn and share different ways and techniques of creative expression and contribute to the development of local community. International work camp participants will join local youth to work together for the benefit of the local community and to have leisure activities and intercultural learning experience together. The camp gives possibility for intensive contact between local youth and their peers from abroad, showing youngsters the diversity of world cultures, broadening their horizons and encouraging active communication through games and creative activities.

Work

Each day of the camp will consist of voluntary work for the benefit of the local community and intercultural learning activities. Before lunch participants will do light voluntary work in the different institutions in Narva: non-formal learning centre VitaTiim, kindergardens, youth centre „Merci“, etc. The work is painting of walls and paths, repairing benches and tables, doing little renovation jobs, cleaning local area, gardening, planting trees, etc. Some work will be outdoors. Participants will be split to smaller groups for work. Also, you will help organising activities for local kids and youth.

Program

After lunch camp participants together with local youngsters will take part in Language Cafes run by EVS volunteers. Moreover, they will have opportunity to organize Language Cafe in their mother tongue or other language they speak fluently. Participants will take part in different creative workshops. All participants will be encouraged to contribute to the program and organize some art or creative workshops, run music or sport activity for other participants and local youth. Every day there will be one country presentation with its culture, traditions, languages, music, songs, cuisine organized by the participants themselves. There will be one day off in the camp and at least one day of travel outside Narva. Camp program also includes sightseeing in Narva, visits to Narva Castle, Narva Town Hall, Narva College of Tartu University. Optionally, participants will be able to visit SPA-centre in Narva-Jõesuu and animal farm. In hot weather it will be possible to spend day on the sea side. Here are videos from last year camp:

<https://youtu.be/-SZJ5XBWSWA> , <https://youtu.be/jDkoss091wY>

Accommodation

Participants will stay in the non-formal centre VitaTiim and will sleep on mattresses. Please bring sleeping bag. Group leader will stay with participants. Participants will get meal three times per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) according their dietary requirements. NGO VitaTiim is located in the centre of the Narva town. Very close to the place there are shops, park, castle, etc.

Location

The camp will take place in the town of Narva, the third largest city in Estonia and the easternmost point of the European Union. It lies 212 kilometers from Tallinn (the capital of Estonia) and 130 kilometers from St. Petersburg in Russia. The city stands on the left bank of the River Narva, 14 kilometers before it flows into the Gulf of Finland. At the estuary of the River Narva lies a small resort town Narva-Jõesuu which is famous for its pine woodlands and nice sandy beaches. Trips to Narva-Jõesuu will be trips organized for the camp participants. More information about Narva on http://www.narva.ee/en/for_tourists/page:469 and <http://tourism.narva.ee/?mid=252>
More about Estonia: <http://www.visitestonia.com/en>

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. Bus or train to Narva.

Special requirements

The camp language is English. **The age of participants is 14 – 17.** As you will be requested to make your country presentation, we ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, maps, symbols of your country or region, music or popular national games, etc. typical for your country or region. You will be encouraged to share your hobbies, special skills and interest with other camp participants and local youngsters.

NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol are absolutely and strictly prohibited in this camp!

Leisure time

There's plenty to do in Narva, concerts, annual festivals and open-air shows that take place both in the inner yard of the Narva Castle and elsewhere in the town. There are several sport halls, swimming pool, fitness clubs and many other opportunities for outdoor sports and leisure time activities.

Participation fee

Due to lack of financial support for the project from local community the participation fee of **250 Euro** is requested from volunteers to cover the costs of board, diverse leisure time activities as well as administrative and pedagogical costs. This fee is different from sending organization's fee paid at home, and **it has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you prefer latter please ask our bank details.

Project

International language camp is organized for teenagers by the language school "In Down Town" and non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" (ALPS) within its annual activities on multicultural issues. The project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication by means of alternative English language practice which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad. The project gets 14 to 16 years old teens familiar with national traditions of the countries from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative, tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. At the same time camp gives foreign participants a great chance to meet youngsters of Estonia and experience local life staying in the host families of some of 20 local participants who will join this camp. This year camps' topic is Indigenous Languages. Within this theme, camp participants guided by international volunteers are going to discuss issues important for personal and social development.

Program

Camp program includes sightseeing in Estonian capital, visits to museums, meetings with organizations, social and sport games, performances in the open air, actions for peace and nature protection, discussions at the round table, team projects, presentations of the countries camp which participants and volunteers represent, etc. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Teenagers will stay in the camp activities zone from 10.00 to 17.00. There will be one day off in the camp and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn. The day off is spent in the host family. Camp activities will take place in a learning centre situated in the centre of the city. To activate teenagers and run the program there will be 8 international volunteers and members of the local school staff.

Accommodation

In the apartments of the host families in Tallinn and suburbs. Travel cards will be provided, pick up service at arrival is provided upon request. Participants will stay in a separate or shared room. You do NOT need a sleeping bag. Participants will have breakfasts and dinners in their host families, lunches – all together in the city.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, country's largest city with 450 000 inhabitants and nearly as many tourists during summer. You can get a lot of information on Tallinn on www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. Pick up by families at the point of arrival is possible upon request.

Special requirements

We will welcome any ideas to improve the program and your active participation in it. **English** is the camp language. **The age of participants is 14 – 16.**

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, etc.

Participation fee

Unlike the traditional voluntary camp there will be mostly informal educational activities and alternative language practice. Camp program implementation involves costs for board, lodging, domestic transport, materials, excursions, visits, cultural activities and general administration. Since neither EstYES nor its partner ALPS receives any financial support for this camp from state or municipality, to make the camp happened we have to charge **participation fee of 250 Euro**, which is different fee from your sending organization's fee paid at home. **It has to be paid by participants upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer prior to the start of the camp.**

EST T8

KOPU

VILJANDI

08.08 - 21.08

MANU

12 int + 12 locals

Project

Kopu village is a centre of Municipality of Kopu, one of the small in Estonia with total population of around 600 people. International workcamps have been taken place there since 2001. During past summers volunteers helped to build sport facilities for local school, cleaned up the school park, and did some renovation jobs at the old graveyard. Besides practical help, the volunteers made a significant impact on community life bringing new dynamics, intercultural exchange and international contacts to local youth. Being inspired by the years of international volunteering experience Kopu Municipality authorities continue hosting international camps and invite international volunteers this summer again. This year international camp is combined with the national teenage work- and leisure camp taking place in Kopu at the same time.

Work

Kopu Primary School occupies old German manor house surrounded by the large park. There will be various jobs in the area – the most important task is preparation works in herbal garden next to the park, also clearing and tidying up of the park as well as other objects such as public playgrounds, local graveyard, surrounding of newly opened visiting centre etc. One of the works is preparing woods for the school heating in winter period. In cooperation with Tipu Nature School volunteers will have the opportunity to help out there for one day – that gives you the chance to see a bit of Soomaa National Park that is situated just next to Kopu Municipality. Work will be mainly outdoors. Volunteers will be working alongside with local youngsters of the national camp. Working time is 4 hours a day from 9am until lunch. After lunch there will be diverse activities together with local youth and free time for the group own activities. The age of local young people is 14-26.

Accommodation:

In the Kopu school sports facility. Volunteers will sleep in beds. Mattresses, pillows, blankets will be provided but please bring your towels. Toilets and showers are available. Meals will be prepared by kitchen staff and are served in the school canteen twice a day, dinner will be brought to the sporting centre. You can bring your sleeping bag, because there will be a two-day trip to Soomaa.

Location

Kopu village lies about 20 km to the west from Viljandi, an administrative centre of the county with population of 20 000 people. Distance from Tallinn is 180 km. The area is very beautiful - hilly with many small lakes and rivers and a lot of forest with wild nature. Here begins Soomaa National Park – a very popular place for hikes and canoe trips. More information on www.visitestonia.com, www.viljandi.ee, www.soomaa.ee, kopukool.ee. Facebook sites Kopu community <https://et-ee.facebook.com/K%C3%B5pu-kogukond-121938627870667/> , Kopu School <https://et-ee.facebook.com/KopuPohikool>

Terminal

Airport, harbor, bus station in Tallinn; bus to Viljandi; from there the municipality will organise the transportation to Kopu.

Special requirements

No special skills are needed. Tools for the work will be provided. Please bring your own towel, sleeping bag, working clothes and gloves. English and Estonian are the camp languages. It is important that the volunteers follow the rules and schedules of the national camp (e.g. they have to be back at accommodation by 21:00, from 23:00 is a repose time, etc). **The age of participants is 14-17.**

Leisure time

Sport activities at accommodation site, sportgames with locals, swimming, barbeque, hiking and canoeing in Soomaa National Park, going to the adventure park. In addition to the official programme, trip to Viljandi, the capital of county, visit to Tartu (second largest city in Estonia and the University centre) or to Parnu (lively spa town on the sea side) can be done by volunteers in their free time. There will also be a national dinner evening so think of one national dish you would like to make to your co-campers and bring special things you need with you as there can be ingredients that aren't available in local store.

Participation fee

Due to lack of financial support for the project from local community the participation fee of **250 Euro** is requested from volunteers to cover the costs of board, diverse leisure time activities as well as administrative and pedagogical costs. This fee is different from sending organisation's fee paid at home, and **it has to be paid by volunteers by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot do it please consult your sending organisation for another solution.

Project

An international language camp is organized by the language school "In Down Town", non-profit association "Alternative Language programs Satellite" (ALPS) and youth exchange association EstYES. The camp is aimed to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the teenagers aged 14 -17 and provide them with good practices in multicultural communication by means of alternative language practice, meetings, visits and direct contact with young people from abroad. At the same time this camp gives foreign participants a good chance to meet youngsters of Estonia and experience the local life staying in the host families of local participants who will join this camp. This camp is organized particularly for those youngsters, who does not speak English but other languages, so the languages of the camp are **French, German and Spanish**. This year camps' topic is Indigenous Languages. Within the theme, camp participants guided by international volunteers are going to discuss issues important for personal and social development.

Program

Camp program includes sightseeing in Estonian capital, meetings with organizations, social games, performances in the open air, actions for peace and nature protection, discussions at the round table, presentations of the countries camp participants and volunteers represent, team projects, etc. Each day of the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Teenagers will stay in the camp activities zone from 10.00 to 17.00. There is at least one day of travel outside Tallinn. Camp activities will take place in a learning centre/ school situated in the centre of the city. To activate teenagers and run the program there will be 3 international volunteers and members of the local school staff.

Accommodation

In the apartments of the host families in Tallinn and its suburbs. Travel cards and pick up service will be provided. Participants will stay in a separate or shared room. You do NOT need a sleeping bag. Participants will have breakfasts and dinners in their host families, lunches – all together in the city.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia with population of 450 000 people. See information on www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbour in Tallinn. Pick up by families at the point of arrival is possible upon request.

The meeting place will be in the school "In Down-Town" **at 14:00 on your arrival date at Jõe str 3, Tallinn.**

Special requirements

We will welcome any ideas to improve the program and your active participation in it. Some knowledge of spoken **French or German or Spanish** is required in this camp. **The age of participants is 14 - 16.** We ask you to bring some materials like postcards or posters and maps, any symbols of your country, music or popular national games, etc. which are typical for your country or region.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, etc.

Participation fee

Unlike the traditional voluntary camp there will be informal educational activities and alternative language practice. Camp program implementation involves costs for board, lodging, local transport, materials, excursions, visits, cultural activities and general administration. Since neither EstYES nor its camp partner ALPS receives any financial support for this camp from state or municipality, to make the camp happened we have to charge participation fee of **220 Euro**, which is different from your sending organization's fee paid at home. **It has to be paid by participants upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.**