

List of "World4U" workcamps 2019



Camp Code	Name	Location	Dates	Type	Vols	Age	Remarks
W4U-01	Alice-camp 1	Vologda	June 2 – June 14	KIDS	2	18+	
W4U-02	Alice-camp 2	Vologda	June 16 – June 28	KIDS	2	18+	
W4U-03	Alice-camp 3	Vologda	June 30 – July 12	KIDS	4	18+	
W4U-04	Tolstoy World	Museum-estate "Yasnaya Polyana", Tula region	July 24 – August 07	ENVI/ CULT	9	18+	
W4U-05	Solovki Botanical Garden	Solovetsky Islands, Arkhangelsky region	August 17-September 1	ENVI	12	18+	
W4U-06	Perspective	Myshkin, Yaroslavl region	July 15 –July 26	RENO	6	18+	
W4U-07	Perspective	Myshkin, Yaroslavl region	July 28 – August 7	RENO	6	18+	
W4U-08	Melikhovo	Chekhov, Moscow region	July 9 – July 18	RENO/ CULT	9	18+	
W4U-09	Khmelita	Vyazma, Smolensk region	July, 28 – August, 11	RENO/ CULT	12	18+	

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Camp code: W4U-01

Name of the project: “Alice-camp” - 1

Location: Vologda

Start date: 2019/06/02

End date: 2019/06/14

Type of work: KIDS

Number of vols: 2 international vols

Age: 18-99

Partner: The mission of the project is intercultural and linguistic education of primary and middle school students from different parts of Russia. All the activities will be organized in cooperation with the local Center of education “Alice”

Work: This project is for those who love kids and would like to help them, as all the activities are based in local camp for kids aged 7-13. Kids are supervised by Russian group leaders (fluent English speakers). Volunteers will accompany kids throughout the day (in different excursions, quests, competitions, etc.), give master-classes and organize activities in English related to intercultural learning for kids, so that they could improve their language skills and learn about different countries the volunteers are coming from. If desired, volunteers can attend/participate/give lessons at the language centre (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.). We will be busy 5 – 8 hours a day 5 days a week, but time can be split between morning master classes and evening events.

Accommodation & Food: Participants will live in a flat, with beds, blankets and bed linen, free Internet access. Meals 3 times a day will be provided in a local canteen.

Location & Leisure: During free time participants will be able to learn history and culture of Vologda - one of the oldest and historical towns in Russia.

Language: English

Airport, train/bus station: 7-8 hours by train from Moscow.

Camp code: W4U-02

Name of the project: “Alice-camp” - 2

Location: Vologda

Start date: 2019/06/16

End date: 2019/06/28

Type of work: KIDS

Number of vols: 2 international vols

Age: 18-99

Partner: The mission of the project is intercultural and linguistic education of primary and middle school students from different parts of Russia. All the activities will be organized in cooperation with the local Center of education “Alice”

Work: This project is for those who love kids and would like to help them, as all the activities are based in local camp for kids aged 7-13. Kids are supervised by Russian group leaders (fluent English speakers). Volunteers will accompany kids throughout the day (in different excursions, quests, competitions, etc.), give master-classes and organize activities in English related to intercultural learning for kids, so that they could improve their language skills and learn about different countries the volunteers are coming from. If desired, volunteers can attend/participate/give lessons at the language centre (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.). We will be busy 5 – 8 hours a day 5 days a week, but time can be split between morning master classes and evening events.

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Language: English

Airport, train/bus station: 7-8 hours by train from Moscow.

Camp code: W4U-03

Name of the project: "Alice-camp"

Location: Vologda

Start date: 2019/06/30

End date: 2019/07/12

Age: 18-99

Partner: The mission of the project is intercultural and linguistic education of primary and middle school students from different parts of Russia. All the activities will be organized in cooperation with the local Center of education "Alice"

Work: This project is for those who love kids and would like to help them, as all the activities are based in local camp for kids aged 7-13. Kids are supervised by Russian group leaders (fluent English speakers). Volunteers will accompany kids throughout the day (in different excursions, quests, competitions, etc.), give master-classes and organize activities in English related to intercultural learning for kids, so that they could improve their language skills and learn about different countries the volunteers are coming from. If desired, volunteers can attend/participate/give lessons at the language centre (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.). We will be busy 5 – 8 hours a day 5 days a week, but time can be split between morning master classes and evening events.

Accommodation & Food: Participants will live in a flat, with beds, blankets and bed linen, free Internet access. Meals 3 times a day will be provided in a local canteen.

Location & Leisure: During free time participants will be able to learn history and culture of Vologda - one of the oldest and historical towns in Russia.

Language: English

Airport, train/bus station: 7-8 hours by train from Moscow.

Camp code: W4U-04

Name of the project: "Tolstoy world"

Location: Museum-estate "Yasnaya Polyana", Tula region, Russian Federation

Start date: 2019-07-24

End date: 2019-08-07

Type of work: ENVI/CULT

Number of vols: 9 international vols

Age: 18+

Partner: This project is organized in cooperation with the State memorial and natural reserve «Museum-estate of Leo Tolstoy «Yasnaya Polyana» which is one of the largest museum-reserves in the country. This is where the famous writer Leo Tolstoy wrote his masterpieces such as «War and Peace» and «Anna Karenina». The territory is huge; there is a genuine manor house of XVIII-XIX centuries, Leo Tolstoy's grave, parks, gardens, forests, meadows and agricultural land.

Work: Volunteers work from 9 till 15.30 with a break for lunch. They do environmental work for preservation of a large historical garden of the reserve – collect branches, work in yards and greenhouses.

Accommodation & Food: Volunteers will stay in a hotel, 15 minutes walk from the museum. There are showers, bathrooms, beds and tables in each room. Three meals will be provided for the volunteers.

Location & Leisure: On the territory of the estate there are unique historical buildings surrounded by forests, gardens and picturesque landscapes. Walking in this place transports visitors into the world of Russian noble estate of the XIX century.

Museum organizes a cultural program – excursion to the museum of Leo Tolstoy, a biking tour around the estate, tour to the exhibition of folk art, master-classes in ceramics and floral design, etc. There is a hall in the hotel where volunteers will meet up in the evenings to relax and have fun. There are more areas outside where they can also spend free time or visit cities around during free days.

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Tula, can be reached from Moscow by train or bus (approximately 3-4 hours trip).

Summary: Volunteers will help in the museum-estate of Leo Tolstoy. For those who enjoy culture, history, literature and wonderful landscapes.

Camp code: W4U-05

Name of the project: "Solovki Botanical Garden"

Location: Solovetsky Archipelago, Arkhangelsky region, Russian Federation

Start date: 2019-08-17

End date: 2019-09-01

Type of work: ENVI/CULT

Number of vols: 12 international vols

Age: 18+

Partner: This project is organized in cooperation with Solovki State Historical and Architectural Museum-Reserve, which is well-known due to Solovetsky Monastery. Since 15th century Solovetsky Archipelago with its monastery was a religious citadel in the Russian North before being closed by Soviet government in 1920 and turned into a special Soviet prison and labour camp (1926–1939), the Gulag, - for some people the site still reminds of this horrible period in USSR history, a symbol of Stalin's repressions.

Work: The project aims at assisting in preservation of the World Heritage site by doing environmental physical work at the Botanical Garden that is a part of the Solovki heritage. Volunteers themselves will learn about history and uniqueness of the Solovetsky Islands Ensemble and help enrich biodiversity of the Islands' ecosystem. During the project volunteers will work at the Botanical Garden founded by the monks in 1822, namely: digging ditches, plant, weed and fertilize trees, herbs and flowers of cultural and historical significance (more on that will be provided in the information list). Additionally, international volunteers are welcome to organise raising awareness activities on the importance of heritage preservation among locals, tourists and visitors.

Accommodation & Food: Volunteers will live in tents in a well-equipped camping of the garden. Food will be provided; volunteers will cook by themselves as a group: every day we will have a cooking team, which will cook on the fire; products will be provided. Please, bring your sleeping bag!

Location & Leisure: The Solovetsky archipelago comprises of six islands in the western part of the White Sea less than 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. They have been inhabited since the 5th century B.C. and important traces of human presence from as far back as the 5th millennium B.C. can be found there. Since 15th century Solovetsky Archipelago with its monastery was a religious citadel of the Russian North, there are several churches dating back to 16th-19th century.

Requirements: Volunteers are going to live on the campsite of the Botanical Garden. There you'll need some regular clothes for work and rest. But as soon as we decide to have an excursion and visit some monastery or church you will have to follow the rules of the place. Girls should wear long skirts, which should cover their knees. Their heads should be also covered by headscarf or something like this, also your arms should be covered with long sleeves. Boys shouldn't wear T-shirts and shorts in the monastery, their legs and arms should be covered. They don't have to cover their head while visiting church.

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Nearest terminal is Kem, a small town in Karelia. It takes 2 hours to travel from Kem to the island by boat. Volunteers should arrive in Saint-Petersburg. Meeting point will be on the afternoon of 7th of August in Saint-Petersburg, then participants will go together with camp-leaders to Kem by train (it takes 16 hours), then by boat to the island. The 20th of August is the departure day from the island itself. It means volunteers will arrive back to Saint-Petersburg on 21st August, thus please consider departure from Saint-Petersburg to your home country no earlier than on 21st August.

Summary: Volunteers have an opportunity to take part in a volunteering project at a UNESCO World Heritage site, visit magnificent Solovetsky Archipelago, work at the monastery garden, learn about the history of the place, see white whales and so on!

Camp code: W4U-06

Name of the project: "Perspective"

Location: Myshkin, Yaroslavl region, Russian Federation

Start date: 2018-07-15

End date: 2018-07-26

Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 7 international vols

Age: 18+

Partner: The workcamp is run in the cooperation with Department of youth, culture and sport of Yaroslavl Region.

Work: This year volunteers will renovate social objects (museums, houses-boarding schools, schools, etc.) and monuments. Volunteers will work together with Russian participants of the camp. Work 6 hours a day except 1 day in a week. This workcamp is run by the regional government since 2004. During the last several years the Children's home (2009), the House of mercy (2009), Pensioner's apartments, an accomplishment of parks to the 1000 years anniversary of the Yaroslavl city (2010), schools, kindergartens and social rehabilitation centers (2011-2014, 2016- 2018), museum and monument of architecture (2015) have been repaired. This year we will repair social objects (museums, houses-boarding schools, schools e.t.c.) and monuments of architecture. Volunteers will work together with the Russian participants of the camp. Six days of a week are working days (work 6 hours a day).

Accommodation & Food: Lodging, food and excursions are provided by the local host. Volunteers will live in a dormitory, located not far from the work place, toilet and bathroom on the floor. We will have a bus to reach the working place if necessary. Meals 3 times a day will be provided in the canteen. Alcohol is prohibited in our camp.

Location & Leisure Entertainment and competitions will be held for participants in the evenings. You can swim in the river. Days off are the time for excursions, picnics and free time activities. Volunteers may enjoy hiking around the area with a lot of museums and beautiful nature. The trip to Yaroslavl – the centre of region and one of the oldest and most beautiful cities of the "Golden Ring" of Russia will be organized.

Requirements: Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Yaroslavl, 3 hours by train OR 4-5 hours by bus from Moscow

Summary: Volunteers will renovate buildings of social importance in a small town close to Yaroslavl, which is one of the most beautiful cities located in the European part of Russia.

Camp code: W4U-07

Name of the project: "Perspective"

Location: Myshkin, Yaroslavl region, Russian Federation

Start date: 2019-07-28

End date: 2019-08-07

Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 7 international vols

Age: 18+

Partner: The workcamp is run in the cooperation with Department of youth, culture and sport of Yaroslavl Region.

Work: This year volunteers will renovate social objects (museums, houses-boarding schools, schools, etc.) and monuments. Volunteers will work together with Russian participants of the camp. Work 6 hours a day except 1 day in a week. This workcamp is run by the regional government since 2004. During the last several years the Children's home (2009), the House of mercy (2009), Pensioner's apartments, an accomplishment of parks to the 1000 years anniversary of the Yaroslavl city (2010), schools, kindergartens and social rehabilitation centers (2011-2014, 2016- 2018), museum and monument of architecture (2015) have been repaired. This year we will repair social objects (museums, houses-boarding schools, schools e.t.c.) and monuments of architecture. Volunteers will work together with the Russian participants of the camp. Six days of a week are working days (work 6 hours a day).

Accommodation & Food: Lodging, food and excursions are provided by the local host. Volunteers will live in a dormitory, located not far from the work place, toilet and bathroom on the floor. We will have a bus to reach the working place if necessary. Meals 3 times a day will be provided in the canteen. Alcohol is prohibited in our camp.

Location & Leisure Entertainment and competitions will be held for participants in the evenings. You can swim in the river. Days off are the time for excursions, picnics and free time activities. Volunteers may enjoy hiking around the area with a lot of museums and beautiful nature. The trip to Yaroslavl – the centre of region and one of the oldest and most beautiful cities of the "Golden Ring" of Russia will be organized.

Requirements: Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Yaroslavl, 3 hours by train OR 4-5 hours by bus from Moscow

Summary: Volunteers will renovate buildings of social importance in a small town close to Yaroslavl, which is one of the most beautiful cities located in the European part of Russia.

Camp code: W4U-08

Name of the project: "Melikhovo"

Location: Chekhov, Moscow region, Russian Federation

Start date: 2019-07-09

End date: 2019-07-18

Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 9 international vols

Age: 18+

Partner: The workcamp is run in the cooperation with MUSEUM-RESERVE OF A. P. CHEKHOV 'MELIKHOVO'. It is a writer's house museum in the former country estate of the Russian playwright and writer Anton Chekhov. Chekhov lived in the estate from March 1892 until August 1899, and it is where he wrote some of his most famous plays and stories, including The Seagull and Uncle Vanya.

Work: This year will be the first for international volunteers in Museum reserve 'MELIKHOVO'. Volunteers will make some renovation work on the territory. Also volunteers will make ecological work in Chekhov's garden - plant trees, gather branches, rake grass, harvest animal feed

Accommodation & Food: Volunteers will stay in a local hotel with beds and common showers. Participants will cook for themselves. Locals are open to share Russian traditional recipes with the volunteers.

Location & Leisure: Participants will have opportunities to visit all objects in Chekhov Museum and its branches. Museum is ready to organise excursions and events for the volunteers. During summer the weather is warm, so it is also a possibility to swim and make picnics. In weekend it could be possible to visit an old Russian town Chekhov.

Requirements: Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Chekhov, 1,5 hour by train from Moscow

Summary: Volunteers will renovate buildings of social importance in a small town close to Yaroslavl, which is one of the most beautiful cities located in the European part of Russia.

Camp code: W4U-9

Name of the project: "Khmelita"

Location: Vyazma, Smolensk region

Start date: 2019-07-28

End date: 2019-08-11

Type of work: RENO

Number of vols: 12 international vols

Age: 18+

Partner: The workcamp is run in the cooperation with Griboedov State Historical-Cultural and Natural Museum-Reserve "Khmelita". It is the oldest surviving nobility estates Smolensk land. Khmelita represents a huge memorial, historical and architectural value. Aleksandr Griboedov is very famous Russian writer, poet, composer and diplomat. In XIX century he usually visited his relatives in Khmelita.

Work: Volunteers will help to clean the park and green areas of Museum's homestead and its branches.

Accommodation & Food: Participants will leave in the hotel on the territory of Khmelita. Ingredients for food will be provided. Volunteers will cook for themselves in groups of 2.

Location & Leisure: Khmelita has a big territory with barocco-styled House, church, park with ponds and Griboedov's museum. Volunteers will have an opportunity to visit all cultural objects of Khmelita and its branches. Also several excursions will be organized.

Requirements: Interest in Russian culture

Language: English, Russian

Airport, train/bus station: Vyazma, 3 hours by train from Moscow

Summary: Volunteers will clean the park in Griboedov State Historical-Cultural and Natural Museum-Reserve.