

JAUNATNE SMAIDAM / YOUTH FOR SMILE



INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMP PROGRAMME

LATVIA 2019

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CODE	NAME	TYPE	DATES	VOLS	FEE (euro)
YS 01	Youth for Smile	SOCI/KIDS	02/06/2019 - 16/06/2019	8	50,00
YS 02	OUTdoor	SOCI/KIDS	16/06/2019 - 30/06/2019	8	50,00
YS 03	OUTdoor	SOCI/KIDS	30/06/2019 - 14/07/2019	8	50,00
YS 04	Latvian sauna culture	CULT / ENVI	14/07/2019 - 28/07/2019	8	50,00
YS 05	Latvian sauna culture	CULT / ENVI	28/07/2019 - 11/08/2019	8	50,00
YS 06	Volunteering for sustainability	ENVI/MANU	11/08/2019 - 25/08/2019	8	50,00
YS 07	Volunteering for sustainability	ENVI/MANU	25/08/2019 - 08/09/2019	8	50,00

Introduction to JAUNATNE SMAIDAM / YOUTH FOR SMILE

The youth association Jaunatne smaidam / Youth for Smile is a non-profit non-governmental youth organization established in 2005.

The mission of the organisation - a strong and value-based children and youth non-governmental organization, which purposefully pursues its goals, tasks and basic principles of action, acts as an impetus for strengthening society's growth and civil society principles.

The aims of the organisation are:

1. To bring together children and young people with a view to promote their involvement in non-formal learning processes in order to develop a comprehensive capacity and ability to actively participate in community processes at local, national and international level;
2. To foster the development of non-formal education, volunteering and peer education as an integral part of it, and to enhance its importance in the development of the local community;
3. Promoting a healthy lifestyle for young people.

The tasks of the organisation are:

1. To develop and promote youth initiatives, creating favourable conditions for their intellectual and creative development;
2. To provide young people with the opportunity to acquire the skills, knowledge and competences necessary for life through non-formal education;
3. Provide young people with an opportunity to make good use of their leisure time;
4. Provide young people with access to relevant information for their development needs.

Our target groups.

Our target group is children and youth in Bauska and Vecumnieki municipalities. Through our activities we actively involve all community.

Source of income.

Our income consists of contributions and subscription fees from the participants of our programmes. Jaunatne smaidam / Youth for smile receive grants for the projects from the foundations like Erasmus+ programs, European Solidarity corps, State youth programme etc.

General information

Through the work camps we want to introduce voluntary work as a part of the development of active citizenship in a local community. All camp leaders will be prepared in a special training programme which includes intercultural learning, team building, conflict management, etc.

Work

Our work camps last about 2 weeks and take place from June to September. The number of international volunteers in the camp is usually 8. We try to avoid having more than 2-3 people of the same nationality in a camp. English is the language of communication in all camps. As a rule, volunteers have to work 5-7 hours a day 5 days a week for the benefit of a local community or non-governmental organisations. Hosts provide food and accommodation as well as social and cultural activities in return.

Conditions for participation

Volunteers should be over 16 years old. There is no maximum age limit. Usually there are no special skills required from volunteers, except camps that deal with kids. Participants should be motivated to do voluntary work, be ready to meet the realities of local life and have enough flexibility to accept it, be tolerant and open for the new experiences.

Camp leaders

As a rule, in the camp there are one or two leaders whose task is to be a coordinator and a link between the participants and the host. Leaders participate in daily life equally with volunteers.

Insurance

We will have insurance for third party risks. Volunteers have to bring their own insurance against illness, accident. Participants from the EU countries should bring the EU health insurance form.

Some practical matters

For the majority of camps volunteers have to bring a sleeping bag, working clothes and gloves, summer clothes and a swimming suit, as well as warm clothes and rain-gear as the weather in Latvia is very changeable and really unpredictable. Our volunteers can be accommodated in youth centre or tents. It is vital to have a mosquito cream. Volunteers are also asked to bring information about their country, photos, music, games, musical instruments, etc.

Emergency contacts

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YS 01	Youth for Smile	Bārbele	02/06/2019 - 16/06/2019	SOCI/KIDS	8	(16+)
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WORK

Volunteers will organise creative workshops and outdoor activities for children and youth in Bārbele village. At the first days of work camp participants will have a preparation training for outdoor activities with children, such as orientation, sport tourism, low and high ropes, non-formal education methods for team building and conflict management. Volunteers will organise activities for children from the age of 7 up to 15.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Living conditions are very basic. Volunteers will be accommodated in the building of the youth house – in the attic under the roof. Sleeping will be on the mattresses. There will be only one common room for sleeping. Sometimes it could be necessary to stay in tents if the work requires. Toilets and washing facilities will be provided. Cooking will be done by volunteers themselves in the kitchen or on a campfire. Volunteers should bring their sleeping bags. Do not forget some traditional or typical food from your home country for the international evening.

LOCATION

Work camp will be organized in Bārbele village, Vecumnieki municipality. The Vecumnieki municipality borders with Iecava, Bauska, Nereta, Ķegums, Baldone and Jaunjelgava municipalities and the Republic of Lithuania. The municipal territory consists of Kurmene, Valle, Bārbele, Skaistkalne, Stelpe and Vecumnieki parishes. The administrative centre of the municipality is Vecumnieki located 50 km from Rīga and 30 km from Bauska. More information - <https://www.tourism.bauska.lv/en/>. More about Latvia - <https://www.latvia.travel/en>.

TERMINAL

Arrival terminals are Riga international airport or Riga international bus station. By request JAUNATNE SMAIDAM can organize a pick-up service on the arrival place – costs 30,00 euro one way. Exception for volunteers arriving after 22.00 o'clock – pick up service for free. If it is necessary JAUNATNE SMAIDAM can help with finding the accommodation before and after the project.

LEISURE TIME

During a work camp we will have possibilities to visit different cultural and historical places. Volunteers will have possibilities to organise intercultural events, etc.

PARTICIPATION FEE

For this camp we are asking participants to contribute 50,00 euro to cover general costs of camp. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you can not make bank transfer please contact your sending organisation for solution.

YS 02	OUTdoor	Bauska municipality	16/06/2019 - 30/06/2019	SOCI / KIDS	8	(16+)
YS03	OUTdoor	Bauska municipality	30/06/2019 - 14/07/2019	SOCI / KIDS	8	(16+)

WORK

Volunteers will organise creative workshops and outdoor activities for youth in Bauska municipality. Through project activities we want to promote youth personal growth and motivation to actively engage in public activities. At the first days of work camp participants will have a preparation training for outdoor activities with youth, such as orientation, sport tourism, low and high ropes, non-formal education methods for team building and conflict management. As well they will plan 3 two-day events for youth. Volunteers will organise activities for youth from the age of 13 up to 17.

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LOCATION

Work camp will be organized in Bārbele village, Vecumnieki municipality but project activities will run in different places of Bauska municipality. More information on region - <https://www.tourism.bauska.lv/en/>. More about Latvia - <https://www.latvia.travel/en>.

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WORK

The project "LATVIA SAUNA CULTURE" is a part of Jaunatne smaidam / Youth for Smile initiative to promote Latvian culture and create added value for organisation sustainability. Our biggest treasures are culture and nature, and both are still alive. As sauna is a part of our culture, we will build a kind of a sauna, prepare sauna brooms from different plants, collect herbs for sauna water. Volunteers will have a possibility to learn about the Latvian sauna culture, use of different nature materials in sauna procedures and, of course, to try Latvian sauna which is connected with culture and nature. Within this work camp we want to raise money for our youth organisation initiatives in community work.

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WORK

Work camp is part of Jaunatne smaidam / Youth for Smile new initiative growing up from project we started in 2010 - Outdoor education centre. We are inviting international volunteers to work on environmental sustainability. Within the camp, volunteers will help restore natural meadows by removing them from bushes. Will purify the river from overgrowth. Volunteers will learn about the principles of permaculture and apply them to the farm.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Living conditions are very basic. Volunteers will be accommodated in the building of the farm – in the attic under the roof. Sleeping will be on the mattresses. There will be only one common room for sleeping. Sometimes it could be necessary to stay in tents if the work requires. Toilets and washing facilities will be provided. Cooking will be done by volunteers themselves in the kitchen or on a campfire. Volunteers should bring their sleeping bags. Do not forget some traditional or typical food from your home country for the international evening.

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