



UNION FORUM summer voluntary camps 2020

UNION FORUM is non-political, nongovernmental, non-profit youth organization founded in 1991 in Lviv, Ukraine running International Volunteer Exchange Program (inbound and outbound) since 1991 without gaps. We also so seminars and trainings aimed at youth personal development, democratic values, volunteering, European programs, leadership skills development and other, since 2007 actively promote Youth in Action (2007-2013) and now ERASMUS + in Ukraine as EVS sending organisation.

The mission of Union Forum since it was founded is to provide opportunities for young people to get to know a culture first hand and make friendships that plant the seeds of future peace and understanding, to provide development opportunities to Ukrainian youth making an important investment in Ukraine future, it human capital- our youth. And to engraft democracy values in civil society.

UNION FORUM SLOGAN is “COME&GO, LEARN&GROW”

General conditions

Age limit: 18-27.

Camp language: English.

Camp duration: up to two weeks in summer (July-August).

Number of volunteers per camp: 8-10 volunteers including 1-2 camp leaders. There will be a maximum of 2 volunteers per country in order to have an intercultural group.

Application start: Union Forum starts placing volunteers as soon our program is ready- from March 1.

Work

The volunteers will work up to 32 hours a week, having the weekends off. There can be exceptions: on summer children camps or during the festivals there can be longer working hours during the day.

Leisure activities

During all projects time can be spent to explore the surroundings and more of Ukraine. We always try to organise some interesting trips during the week end- to get know more about Ukraine, it culture and history. The camp leaders will prepare some activities, but ideas are always welcome! Also during the camp period most of our projects foreseen different interesting master-classes aimed on personal development and cultural exchange.

Camp leaders

One-two camp leaders from Ukraine in each project. These leaders are ex-volunteers with experience in voluntary camps, they will be trained by Union Forum. They will be living and working together with the other volunteers during the project.

Info sheets

Will be provided at least 4 weeks before the camp starts or earlier. The infosheet contains information about the terminal and meeting place and time, contact numbers including emergency ones, more detailed information about the work and lodging, a list of what to bring.

Before the start of the work camp the camp leaders send a welcome letter to all participants and invite them to join camp Facebook group, where they will introduce themselves, discuss what participants should bring, advice about travel, etc.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: a lot low-costs flies to LVIV – LWO (the best arrival place for all camps) and Kyiv IEV or KBP . They are WizzAir, RyanAir, Sky Up. Among regular air companies for long-distance trip we suggest Turkish Air as cheapest and comfortable.

Extra fee

UF01 and UF03 - 40 Euro, UF02 – 50 Euro.

IMPORTANT: BEFORE COMING TO UKRAINE

TO ENTER UKRAINE VOLUNTEER MUST HAVE international passport (not plastic ID!!!!) valid for sixth months beyond date of travel. The citizens of EU and EEA countries, USA, Canada, Israel, Japan, Korea, Turkey, Serbia and neighboring ex-Soviet countries – **DO NOT NEED visas to come to Ukraine for short term.** The other nationalities might need visa - please check it in advance.

Updated information about each country citizens on the site of Ukrainian Government <http://mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/entering-ukraine/visa-requirements-for-foreigners>

IS IT SAFE TO GO TO UKRAINE for UNION FORUM CAMPS? – YES, IT IS!

Current situation in Ukraine is a conflict zone located on the very East of Ukraine, in two districts (there are 24 all together in Ukraine is the biggest country in Europe. **The distance between all Union Forum camps and conflict zone is 1000 km and more.**

In conflict zone NO aviation, NO missiles ever used or be used, as on both sides there are 100% Ukrainian civil citizens. This is why it is **ABSOLUTELY** safe in all other regions of Ukraine. Actually we can even say that at difficult nowadays Ukraine is the most safe country in Europe, because we do not have any terrorists attacks or even a threat of it. The political situation inside Ukraine is also stable.

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UF01 MEDIEVAL BASTION July 19 - August 1 2020
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PROJECT PARTNER: Medzhybizh State Historical-Cultural Reserve.

ABOUT THE PROJECT: This will be the fourth year camp. And will be continued due to its high popularity, essential cultural and educational component very positive feedback from international volunteers and interesting variable changing yearly activities. The camp is located in a village Medzhibozh, Khmelnytskyi region, in the western part of Ukraine. The first mention about the village dates back in 1146.



Medzhybizh Fortress – a monument of fortification architecture of the XVI century. The significant landmark was built on a cape formed by the rivers Southern Bug and Buzhok. In



2001 the fortress has received the status of the National Historical and Cultural Reserve. Since 2004 the fortress is the center of historical festival "Ancient Medzhybizh" which annually takes place at the end of August. During the festival days in the castle live knights, archers, princesses and mythical heroes. There is a museum in the territory of the castle. The new exposition of Medzhybizh museum includes ethnography, history and icon painting, Memorial Museum of victims of Holodomor 1932-1933 (in Podilia region) and exhibition halls.

Outcome/ Impact of the project

the western part of the bridge, the first tier of the 14th century barbican, and the inner part of the palace of the 16-17th centuries were explored by volunteers. During the research on the facade of the 17th century palace, volunteers found the 16th century cannonball that is now on display at the museum. This year we plan excavations at the lowest levels of the fortress where nothing has been done for more than 300 years. The volunteers will explore the lower tier of the ancient palace of the fortress and the underground ancient part of the bridge.

WORK: Volunteers will be engaged in archaeological and restoration work on the territory of fortress and possibly in a castle. It is planned to start a new archaeological digging place where slice by slice will be investigated historical layers starting from XIV century, ages of The Grand Duchy of Lithuania and Rzecz Pospolita (Poland) and ending layers of Kievan Rus' (IX-XIII centuries), the archaeological works on fortification walls, investigating of new archaeological place 2 km from Medzhybizh fortress – the ruins of the other ancient fortress, possible some renovation works.



ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: Volunteers will be accommodated in the premises on the territory of fortress. Sleeping bag needed. Food will be provided in local café. Beds and basic facilities are available including free Wi-Fi.



LOCATION: Located in the village Medzhybizh, Khmelnytskyi region, 30 km east of Khmelnytskyi.

ARRIVAL: meeting place in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine. Volunteers would need to arrive to Kyiv or Lviv and then take day or overnight train. Detailed information about meeting place, how to get there from Kyiv or Lviv and other useful info will come with infosheet not later than 4 weeks before start date. **TERMINAL:** nearest international airport is Lviv (**LWO**). The other possible but further- Kyiv (Kiev) – **IEV or KBP**

ADDITIONAL INFO: Camp language is English. The scientists-researchers working at this reserve will do interesting excursions and workshops / master classes for volunteers. **For students studying archeology administration of reserve will be happy to provide a certificate about participating in the archaeological field work.** Leisure activities will include sightseeing and excursions, week-end trip to other cities, international evenings and entertaining activities within group.

EXTRA-FEE: 40 Euro. Should be passed to camp leader on arrival day

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About the project: Univ Holy Dormition Lavra of the Studite Rite is the large monastic complex, which by its historical name and the number of monks and influence, is the largest center of the religious culture of the spirit. It is erected within the Orthodox and other Eastern Christian traditions. Univ Lavra represents about 25 Studite Brethren.



This sprawling religious compound has everything – a wooden church, a massive monastic complex, fortress-like walls, and inside – an old bell-tower and church that date back to 1548 (the Lavra was established in around 1400).



During the rule of the Austrian Empire and under Soviet rule, the monastery was closed. After the Soviet period, the Museum of Sacred Art began to be formed, which now operates in the Univ Lavra.

Today, it is one of the most important pilgrimage centers in Ukraine. Set on a picturesque land, this place breathes of tranquillity and peace. It is beautiful and



peaceful place to spend 2 weeks in the intercultural environment, to learn about preservation of wooden art pieces, to help the monastery museum.

Outcome/ Impact of the project

last year 8 volunteers from 7 different countries participated in the project. During two weeks 8 tabernacles were preserved; ruination process was stopped, and they were presented at a museum exhibition on the last day of the project. This year we want to continue working on tabernacles collection and to do all the most urgent conservation work of the tabernacle collection.



Work: The project will focus on the preservation and conservation of the church tabernacles from the collection of Univ Holy Dormition Lavra. All the explanations of the materials and processes that are needed will be provided during the project. Before starting the preservation and conservation processes, all the objects will be measured; documentation, description of their condition and photo fixation will be done by participants. During the project participants will also learn about the history of the Univ Holy Dormition Lavra of

the Studite Rite; wall paintings of the main church, as an example of the traditional wall painting and iconwall decor of the Orthodox churches; the Univ Lavra museum and its collection; what is the tabernacle, its place in the church and what is it accompanied in the church. The final part of the project will be creation of the church tabernacles exposition in one of the museum hall.

Special requirements: This workcamp is European Heritage Volunteers Partner Project. It is primary to students and young researchers in area of preservation and conservation on historic artifacts. Placements are doing via EHV



Accommodation&Food: Accommodation is in premises on the territory of the monastery. Food, beds and basic facilities provided.

Location: Univ is a village in Lviv region, 48 km from Lviv.

Arrival: Meeting place will be in Lviv, Ukraine. Detailed information will come with info sheet not later then 4 weeks before camp start date.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Camp language is English. **EXTRA-FEE: 50 Euro to be paid to EHV**

Leisure activities will include sightseeing and the area around, international evening and entertaining activities within group. Excursion in Lviv is also planned. Lviv is the city of Lions, which center is recognized as UNESCO heritage and is under it protection, “cultural capital” of Ukraine, number one of “Worth seeing” cities in Ukraine according to world travel guides.

UF 03 TEACH&PLAY August 9 – August 22 2020

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About the project: It is the summer English language children camp “Polyglot”. All together there will be around 25-30 children, mostly students from Volodymyrets District Collegium. It can also include those from low-income families (economically disadvantaged) and from inner refugees (those moved from conflict zone). The camp for children is sponsored by Volodymyrets District Collegium (primary and secondary school). It will take place on Collegium’s recreation camp site among pine forests on the shore of beautiful and clean water lake, equipped with wooden bungalows and all the facilities.



The aim of the camp is to provide educational and healthy recreation opportunities to children. Among the other ideas of the camp are integration of different social groups, promotion of mutual understanding and tolerance, development of interpersonal communication, socialization and informal education of children.



Volunteers are welcome to bring their international spirit to encourage children to learn about the other cultures, to encourage children to study.

Volunteers will have a chance to share their enthusiasm, knowledge and experience with children, who in their turn will help volunteers to discover multicolour Ukraine.

Outcome/ Impact of the project

The income from the camp of past years is the same as outcome we expect now: to combine healthy recreation opportunities to children with meaningful non-formal educational, integration of different social groups, promotion of mutual understanding and tolerance, development of interpersonal communication.

Work: Volunteers will be divided between different children age groups, first shift (11-15 years old) and second shift (16-17 years old). The volunteers will assist the teachers in different educational and leisure activities: workshops, competitions, sports, walks, parties, campfire, dancing, swimming in the lake, boating etc. Informal teaching will run in form of games, songs, performances, arts&crafts. Volunteers should expect to be engaged in work with children from morning to evening, while we believe it will be much more pleasure than duty. And of course new ideas and initiative will be appreciated. ☺



Accommodation&Food: comfortable bungalows, all facilities (a shower/WC) available separately on the territory of camp site. NO need in sleeping bag (you will get bed linen). Food provided.



Location: Recreation camp located 20km from Volodymyrets (Rivne region), 20 miles from Byelorussia and 100 miles from EU border.

Arrival: if travel by airplane arrive either Kyiv (KBP or IEV) or Lviv (LWO) and then by overnight train (arrival to Ukraine at least 1 day before camp starts). Detailed information (Info sheet) with trip advices and meeting place travel routes will come not later than 4weeks before start date.

Special requirements: Confident English. **Motivation letter**

required.

EXTRA-FEE: 40 Euro. It should be passed to camp leader on arrival day.