

# Workcamps 2023



## General information about our projects in Germany:

The group: will be international.

Duration: 2 weeks

The work: will be 25-30 hours per week (Monday till Friday).

Accommodation: will be generally in houses with all facilities, beds, sleeping-rooms, equipped kitchen, shower and toilet.

Food: will be prepared on a self-catering basis (budget available) – the groups will cook and clean themselves, by daily changing kitchen-teams. Vegan and vegetarian food is possible.

Camp leaders: There will be 1-2 camp leaders per camp helping to organize leisure time and excursions as well as keeping the budget. In the language-projects there will be professional teachers in addition.

Camp language: English (partly German and English; see description)

Extra-fee: 160 EUR for those workcamps with language-study-part (German); in PRO-W1 Weingarten 190 EUR.

Insurance: Will be provided (illness, accident, third liability) for the period of the projects for participants of Non-EU-countries. Volunteers from EU-countries should bring their European Health Card.

Info sheets (including travel information): Will be sent approx. 4 weeks before the project is due to start.

## Criteria for taking part in our projects

Volunteers:

- must be at least 18 years old, max. 26.
- need to have already at least A2 in knowledge of German language (only in language-camps).

## Program 2023

Code	Place	Date	Vol	Type	Age	Language
PRO-H1	Halle (Westfalen)	25.06.-09.07.	15	ENVI	18-26	English
PRO-W1	Weingarten	08.07.-23.07.	20	MANU/SPORT/LANG	18-26	German + English
PRO-V1	Vrees	24.07.-10.08.	14	ENVI	17-26	English
PRO-A1	Argenstein	30.07.-19.08.	14	ARCH/CONS/LANG	18-26	German + English
PRO-D1	Deetz	15.08.-03.09.	14	MANU	18-26	English

### PRO-H1 Halle (Westfalen), Teutoburg Forest 25.06.-09.07. 15 vols. ENVI

Language: English

Project: Host organization is the Natur- und Wildnisschule Teutoburger Wald (Nature and Wilderness School Teutoburg Forest). We are an education center, teaching nature connection and survival skills in workshops and classes.

Work: Building and maintaining primitive structures at the school camp area, forestry work, i.e. taking care of trees, permaculture and homesteading work (i.e. tending the vegetable garden), if time allows:



building a small log-house or primitive shelter. You will have the opportunity to learn some basic survival skills like making fire, plant identification, animal tracking, etc.

Accommodation: Participants will be accommodated in the school's primitive camp. There are a few primitive shelters as well as a tipi tent to sleep in. Sleeping indoors in a big room is also



possible. Participants are welcome to use the outdoor facilities; we have outdoor-showers (solar bags) and modern, sustainable composting toilets. Cooking will be done by the group itself. Vegetarian or vegan food is possible. Location: The "Natur- und Wildnisschule" is located in a remote area outside the town of Halle (Westfalen), in the federal state of Nordrhein-Westfalen. The school is surrounded by a rich forest landscape with a lot of wildlife. Getting there: Next train station: Halle (Westfalen), next airport: Hannover or Muenster/Osnabrück. Age: 18-26

**PRO-W1 Weingarten/Pfalz 08.07.- 23.07.23 20 vols. MANU/SPORT/LANG**

Language: German and English

**Project:** Host organisation is the community of Weingarten/Pfalz and the sports club: "Sportverein Weingarten 2007 e.V." near Germersheim. It is a workcamp including German language training. The lectures will be daily, two hours per day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays, when the group will go on excursions). The basis of the lecture will be first: communication; and second: grammar. The teachers will be speakers from University of Mainz. The language courses of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 have all shown very good results.

The volunteers are assigned to 3 language courses. Therefore, indicate your language skill in your CV.

A) Beginner knowledge required, so that they can communicate in German with the other group members.

Improvement of the existing skills is one of the goals of this course.

B) Good German knowledge required (B2/C1).

C) Very good German knowledge required (C1). Improvement of the very good skills is one of the goals of this course.

For all participants a training for writing and presenting applications at companies and universities is included.



**Work:** Participants will also have to do various manual tasks to prepare the area around the arena. Working time will be 4-5 hours daily, excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

**Accommodation:** will be in the main building of the Arena with several bedrooms (6-13 beds in each), kitchen, separated bathrooms and showers. Cooking, cleaning, shopping etc. will be done by the group itself. Like in each workcamp, accommodation, food and travel-costs for excursions are free, as well as materials/copies needed for the lectures.

**Location:** The Arena in Weingarten is close to Germersheim and Speyer, 50 km southwest of Heidelberg. It has 20.000 inhabitants, including 3.000 students. Weingarten itself has a nice Arena with sports facilities. One of our goals is that the volunteers participate in sport activities of the SV Weingarten. The camp is located

approx. 10 km away from the city centre of Speyer and Germersheim. Please look at the map, there are about 15 Weingartens in Germany. Please travel to Weingarten in Pfalz! Terminal: bus station Weingarten/Pfalz and train station Lingenfeld; next airports: Karlsruhe/Baden, Frankfurt/Main, Stuttgart, Strasbourg/Alsace.

One goal is that the volunteers participate in sports activities. We plan sports activities, which consist for example of football training, swimming, gymnastics and tennis. These sports courses are open for all participants.

Therefore, bring your preferred sports equipment e.g. swimming, football, tennis, gymnastics etc. with you!

Travelling and sightseeing tours will be mostly in the region Rhein/Neckar.

**Special remark:** Fee includes language course and most sports activities: 190 Euro to be paid upon arrival (or to be transferred in advance).

Application: Please send your CV in the Europass Format to your sending organisation

<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/editors/de/cv/compose>

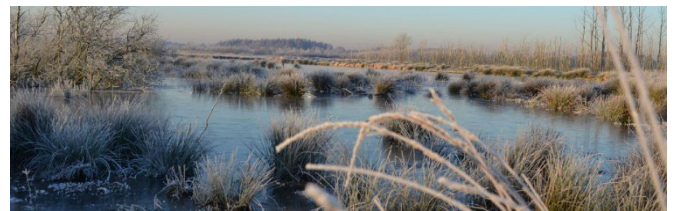
**Age:** 18-26

**PRO-V1 Vrees 24.07.-10.08.22 14 vols. ENVI**

Language: English

**Project:** Host organisation is the *Naturschutzstiftung Emsland*. The aim is to protect nature and landscape with its biological diversity in the region.

**Work:** Building log-walls in the moor, filling ditches with sawdust and shred-materials, planting rushes. Installing branches and wood-material as breakwater; planting moor-plants. Group will go to the working-place by bicycle. The work will be in the nature reserve named "Bockholter Dose".



**Accommodation:** In a building at the sports ground in Vrees. Cooking, cleaning, shopping etc. will be done by the group itself. Vegetarian or vegan food is possible.

**Location:** Vrees is a village (1.800 inhabitants) in the federal state Niedersachsen, 90 km near to Bremen. There will be some excursions.

**Terminal:** Next train station Cloppenburg; next airport Bremen or Muenster/Osnabrück.

**Age:** 17-26

**PRO-A1 Argenstein****30.07.-19.08.22****14 vols.****ARCH/CONS/LANG**

Language: German and English

**Project:** Host organization is an Archaeological Open-Air-Museum named "Zeiteninsel" (Times Island). In prehistoric times there were settlements already in the valley near the river Lahn. Five different periods of such settlements during the last 11.000 years are shown and can be experienced in the open-air-museum which is not officially opened yet as there is still some work to do.

It is a workcamp including German language training. Lectures will be two hours per day (excluding Saturday and Sunday). The training contents Conversation training and Grammar, also depending upon needs.

**Work:** Participants will be doing some construction work – building walls / plastering with clay and doing some other work upon needs on the area of the museum. Also some ancient techniques like grinding corn or bronze casting will be experienced.

Time of work will be around 6 hours per day, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

**Accommodation:** Participants will live in a building at the edge of Marburg with multiple bedrooms and all necessary equipment. Cooking, cleaning, shopping etc. will be done by the group itself. Vegetarian or vegan food is possible. Like in each workcamp, accommodation, food and travel-costs for excursions are free as well as materials/copies needed for the lectures.

**Location:** Argenstein is a small village, 7 km away from Marburg (a historical and picturesque old university town), 90 km north of Frankfurt/Main. Close to Argenstein (direction Marburg) there is a lake (Seepark Niederweimar) for swimming, wakeboarding and other sports activities.

**Terminal:** Train-station Weimar-Lahn; next airport Frankfurt/Main or Frankfurt-Hahn.

**Special requirements:** As the language training is not for absolute beginners, participants should be able already to communicate in German, at least at a level which ensures daily communication (A2). It is recommended to speak German as much as possible but in fact English is accepted as well.

There is an extra-fee of 160,00 EUR to be paid upon arrival (or to be transferred in advance). A certificate for participating in the language-course will be given at the end of the camp.

**Age:** 18-26

**PRO-D1 Deetz (Magdeburg)****15.08.-03.09.22****14 vols.****MANU**

Language: English



**Project:** Host organization is an organization named "Europa-Jugendbauernhof" (European Youth Farm).

**Work:** The work means building playground equipment made of nature materials as well as fences and buildings for sheep and goats. The work also includes for example to cultivate land, gardening, harvesting, doing some renovation depending upon need. The time of work is 6 hours daily except Wednesdays and weekends.

**Accommodation:** Participants live in a house nearby, with multiple bedrooms, kitchen, shower, toilet, garden. Cooking,

cleaning, shopping etc. will be done by the group itself.

**Location:** Deetz is a small village with approx. 800 inhabitants in the federal province Sachsen-Anhalt; it is located 50 km south-east of Magdeburg. It is also not far away from Berlin. The house where the group will live is situated near a lake. Swimming is possible. It is at the edge of a nature reserve.

**Terminal:** train station Zerbst; within reach from Magdeburg or Berlin; next airport Berlin.

**Age:** 18-26

