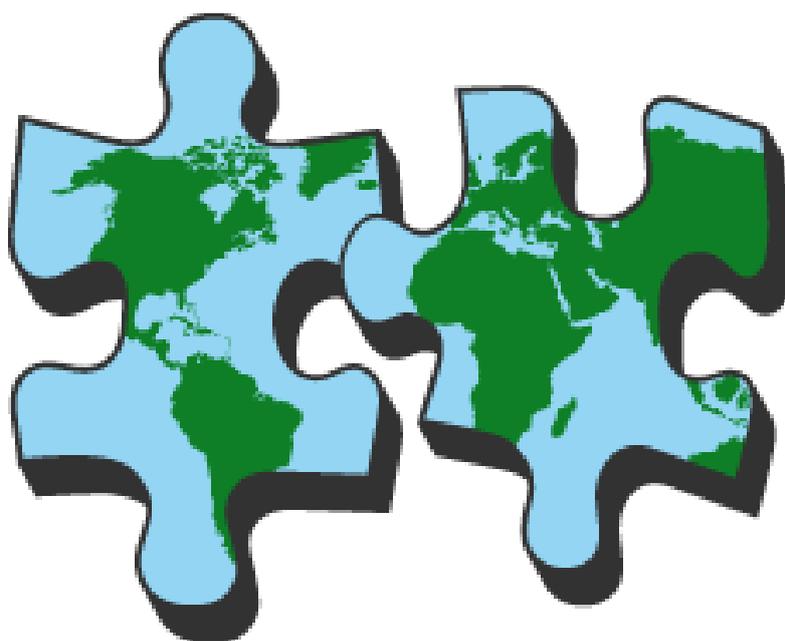


# Workcamps in Germany 2026



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## ABOUT IBG

**IBG** is a German non-profit organisation founded in 1965 with the aim of contributing to peace and international understanding through international youth community services. IBG is committed to the promotion of respect and openness, the strengthening of democratic awareness through independent and responsible action, the overcoming of disadvantageous social conditions, as well as a lasting positive impact of Workcamps on the local project communities.

**IBG** is a registered charity and does not have a political, religious or institutional affiliation. IBG receives funds from the European Union and from the German Ministry for Youth.

## ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

**Age limit:** 18+ years old (exceptions are mentioned)

**Camp language:** English is the camp language in most IBG camps. It is important that volunteers speak at least basic English! If the camp language is not English, a special mention is made in the project description.

**Work:** Volunteers will work about 30 hours a week (for example six hours a day, five days a week). Exceptions are mentioned in the descriptions and are made according to the needs of the project.

**Accommodation:** Accommodations will usually be in schools, gyms, youth centres, scouts huts or similar. In general, there are basic conditions but all facilities like kitchen, toilets and showers are available. If not, it is mentioned in the description.

**Camp Leaders:** Usually, our camps have one or two camp leaders who will support the organisation of free time activities, keep an account for the money for food and free time activities as well as provide some support to group processes. Apart from these responsibilities, they are volunteers like the others.

**Food:** In most Workcamps, meals are prepared in a self-organised manner by participants. Everyone will take turns cooking.

**Local population:** Extensive contact to the local population is one of the aims of IBG's camps. Of course, the level and intensity depends on the possibilities and cannot be forced, but volunteers should be interested in contact to the local population.

**Insurance:** All relevant insurance (personal accident, illness, third liability) is provided only within the official camp dates. EU volunteers are not insured against illness, that's why they have to bring the European Health Insurance Card EHIC. We strongly recommend to (non-EU) volunteers who plan to travel beyond these dates to bring their own insurance. More information can be found in our *General Infosheet*.

**Visas:** Volunteers who need a visa must apply **at least three months in advance**. In addition, German embassies usually ask for an addition of the **paragraphs 66-68 to our official invitations** ("Kosten fuer Rueckbefoerderung und Lebensunterhalt"). We would like to stress that IBG is not able to meet the conditions mentioned therein and that we cannot add these paragraphs to our official invitations.

**Special needs:** We believe that regardless of nationality, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or social background, income, education, religion and other beliefs, physical and health conditions or limitations, participation in our volunteering projects should be open to any young person. We are therefore **committed to overcoming obstacles and making access to international Workcamps as easy as possible**. If you have volunteers who need individual support to join a camp, please contact us. Together, we will find the best way to support them.

### **International Trainings:**

**In 2026, IBG will organise three training courses that are open for international participants.**

- *"Training for Group Leaders in Environmental Projects"*, Germany: from 1st to 06 May, 2026. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to participants from EU member countries and all eligible partners.
- *"Sustainability in action"*, France: a training dedicated to sustainable environmental practices. Its from May 25 to May 30, 2026. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to participants from EU member countries and all eligible partners.
- *"Becoming an Eco- Messenger"*, Belgium: an international training for trainers with the specific goal of creating active Eco-Messengers. It will haben in the begining of October, 2026. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to participants from EU member countries and all eligible partners.

# Workcamp Program 2026

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 01	Twelve Villages One Mission - Mücke	20.06. - 04.07.26	ENVI CONS	12	
IBG 02	Music Festival Pegnitz	05.07. - 13.07.26	FEST MANU	12	ML 18-26 y.o.
IBG 03	Inclusive Environmental Education Path - Schiffweiler	05.07. - 19.07.26	ENVI TEEN	12	16-20y.o. PA, Medical Sheet, Extra Fee
IBG 04	Community Work and Village Festival - Schwarzerden	08.07. - 22.07.26	ENVI RENO FEST	12	
IBG 05	Black Forest Lauterbach: Keep the Glow!	12.07. - 26.07.26	ENVI	9	
IBG 06	PEACE Works - Hötensleben	17.07. - 02.08.26	RENO HIST PEACE STUDY	11	ML, Bicycle
IBG 07	Protect endangered species in the Black Forest - Allerheiligen	27.07. - 12.08.26	ENVI	9	
IBG 08	Summer Camp Weil der Stadt	31.07. - 15.08.26	KIDS SOCI	9	CGC, ML
IBG 09	Music Festival Stuttgart	03.08. - 14.08.26	ART CULT	12	

<b>Code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Vols</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>IBG 10</b>	<b>Camp Village Bergheim 2 – KidZ &amp; GenerationZ</b>	<b>07.08. - 26.08.26</b>	<b>KIDS SOCI MANU</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>CGC, Video Motivation</b>
<b>IBG 11</b>	<b>Hands-On for Environmental Education - Nellschütz</b>	<b>08.08. - 22.08.26</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>IBG 12</b>	<b>Creating the Heart of the Village - Sauldorf</b>	<b>01.08.- 21.08.25</b>	<b>SOCI RENO</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>IBG 13</b>	<b>Nationalpark Hunsrück- Hochwald</b>	<b>09.08. - 30.08.26</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>IBG 14</b>	<b>Restore Peatlands</b>	<b>06.09. - 20.09.26</b>	<b>FEST MANU</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18-26 y.o.</b>
<b>IBG 15</b>	<b>Educational Centre Kell am See</b>	<b>13.09. - 27.09.26</b>	<b>ENVI MANU ART</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>IBG 16</b>	<b>Preserve biodiversity and culture in the Bavarian Mountains - Gumpenried</b>	<b>14.09. - 25.09.26</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>IBG 17</b>	<b>Black Forest Pastures</b>	<b>03.10. - 18.10.26</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>12</b>	

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG YE1	Indelhausen Youth Exchange - (BW)	19.07. - 31.07.26	ENVI SOCI	20 +4	Partner Orgas decided!
IBG ESC01	Lights, Curtain, Action! Open-air Theater Heidenheim	25.04. - 09.05.26	CULT MANU	12	
IBG ESC02	Horb am Neckar	27.06. - 11.07.26	ENVI SOCI	12	No detailed info
IBG ESC03	Camp Village Bergheim 1 -TogeZer, KidZ & TeenZ	18.07. - 09.08.26 ?	KIDS SOCI DISA	18	CGC, Video Mot
IBG ESC04	Bloom up the city - Bad Windsheim	August	MANU RENO	16	No detailed info
IBG ESC05	Clay and Landscape Conservation Mainz	05.09. - 19.09.26	RENO ENVI	16	
IBG ESC06	Fruit Trees & Camp Fire	Early October	ENVI	12	No detailed info

### Disclaimer

There are more camps set for the season with dates and location which could not be added and some where the discription is not complete/ missing. That is because we are missing some details to the specific projects.

## IBG 01 Twelve Villages One mission - Muecke | 20.06.-04.07.2026 | ENVI/RENO | 10 vols

**PROJECT:** For the second time the municipality of Mücke is inviting international volunteers to support them in a range of different tasks. Mücke consists of 12 different small villages ranging in size from 163 to 2600 inhabitants. The camp will support the community in two different areas. In the environmental field you will undertake different tasks to maintain the local forest as well biotopes that are crucial habitats for endangered species and are considered nature conservation areas. In the field of local infrastructure and cultural heritage you will support the community in designing / renovating a playground, a village square and help with the renovation of the historic Mücke railway station.

**WORK:** This project focuses on the preservation of local biodiversity and the maintenance of public infrastructure throughout the beautiful community of Mücke. Volunteers contribute directly to the ecological health and community life of twelve traditional German villages.

A diverse portfolio of renovation and environmental tasks awaits you in Mücke. You will support the community in preserving its natural beauty and maintaining public spaces.

Tasks include:

- **Nature Conservation:** Cleaning the Ohm river banks, planting alders at the Seenbach shore, and maintaining lizard biotopes.
- **Wildlife Support:** Installing owl tubes and nesting boxes or creating stone piles for reptiles in local orchards.
- **Forest and Greenery:** Maintenance work in the municipal forest, mowing public grasslands, and planting perennials or succulents in small urban areas.
- **Infrastructure:** Renewing cemetery paths, caring for village squares, and maintaining playground equipment.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in the historic railway station building in Nieder Ohmen. The ground floor will serve as your living area where camp beds are provided. Please bring your own sleeping bag and blankets. The first floor features a youth center that is also available for the group to use. This is a self catering camp, meaning the group will plan and cook meals together in the provided kitchen facilities.

**LOCATION:** Mücke is located in the heart of Hesse and consists of 12 small villages. Known as the gateway to the Vogelsberg, a low mountain range, it offers a blend of historical architecture and scenic nature. The town is perfect for those who enjoy authentic German life, cobblestone streets, and proximity to hiking trails. During your stay, you can explore the nearby cities of Marburg and Gießen or enjoy the local landscape.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Mücke (Hess)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart

**NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly:** Frankfurt (FRA)

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** You have to arrive in Mücke (Hess) train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Mücke (Hess) [www.bahn.com/en](http://www.bahn.com/en)

## IBG 02 Music Festival Pegnitz | 05.07. – 13.07.2026 | FEST/ MANU | 12 vols

**PROJECT:** The local association Waldstock e.V. (<https://waldstock.de/>) promotes local youth activities in Pegnitz. Its members are very motivated and involved in organizing projects like concerts, film festivals or soccer cups. This is what the festival looks like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-twnQQC9X0&t=217s>

**WORK:** The "Waldstock" music festival has been a huge part of the cultural life in the small village of Pegnitz for over 20 years. It's being put together by the alternative and artsy young people from the area. Since 2013, a small group of international Workcamp volunteers has been helping out at the festival. They're needed because the festival needs motivated volunteers, and the volunteers' international input is really appreciated. You will help the organisers in all phases of the festival like preparations, setting up the stage and the campground, help with the disassembly on the last days and assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc.

There is a plan for the build-up of the festival, nevertheless the schedule will be flexible and adapted to the logistics of the event and you are expected to be flexible, patient and work autonomously within this plan. Volunteers should be prepared to work long and unusual hours, but also have some time between their shifts, which can be used to explore the festival and enjoy the music!

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay at the local brewery, it is a small and basic accommodation with sanitary facilities and camp beds. Please bring your sleeping bag. Food will be cooked by the Workcamp group in the accommodation. During the festival, food will be provided by the food stands throughout the day so you have plenty options!

**LOCATION:** Pegnitz is a small town in Franconia, Bavaria, near Nuremberg. The village is known for its beers: It has a long tradition in brewery and the locals are very proud of it. The Bavarian region, in which Pegnitz is located, is called "Little Switzerland" due to its beautiful surrounding that invites extended adventures and hiking trips in the region.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Nuremberg, Munich, Frankfurt

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Pegnitz

**MEETING POINT:** How to arrive at Pegnitz station: from Nuremberg main station 37 minutes via regional train (RE) to Bayreuth. From Pegnitz station it is only about 1 km to walk to the brewery: <https://goo.gl/maps/GVscNqPkSMGjt2V6>

## IBG 03 - Inclusive Environmental Education Path - Schiffweiler | 30.06.-13.07.2025 | ENVI/TEEN | 12 vols

**PROJECT:** The project is organised by the municipality of Schiffweiler and the district of Neunkirchen in cooperation with organisations working in the fields of nature conservation and inclusion.

The project is located on an agricultural hill close to the village of Schiffweiler. In 2009, an international Workcamp created several stations along the nature trail on the Strietberg. The trail today includes many stations where environmental and nature topics are conveyed in a vivid and tangible way for people of all ages. Several information and display boards complement the offering and deepen knowledge about nature and the environment.

In the new project, the trail will be designed and expanded with the help of international and local young volunteers. The new stations will focus on inclusion, so that the trail is as barrier-free as possible and accessible and enjoyable for everyone. Among other things, there are plans to build interactive sensory experiences and redesign various existing stations to make them barrier-free.

This project is about way more than daily work. An essential part of the experience is connecting with local young people. This will include cultural exchange and shared activities, learning from each other's lifestyles and perspectives, lots of teamwork, conversations, and fun moments. You will be accompanied by experienced camp leaders from IBG and local youth workers. Enjoy your free time together, go on excursions, explore the surrounding area and make new friends.

**WORK:** The main goal of the project is to make an environmental educational path accessible for people who are challenged in different ways – physical, sensory or cognitive. This educational path was originally created in 2009 by an international group of volunteers. Local volunteers then continued the task and now it's time to take the next step together. Work includes improving accessibility of the existing environmental education path, help expanding the path with new stations, and create interactive and sensory experiences that engage different senses.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay in the sports and community hall in a district of the municipality called Stennweiler. There is sufficient space, a kitchen, showers and toilets available. Camping beds are provided, please bring your sleeping bag. The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more environmentally friendly meals.

**LOCATION:** Schiffweiler is a municipality with 16'000 inhabitants in south-west Germany (federal state: Saarland). There are supermarkets, various shops and a skate park in town. Nature lovers will find hills, meadows, and forests in the surrounding area. Young locals will show you their favorite places and activities. You will have the chance to go on excursions and visit local festivals. The nearest large town, Neunkirchen, can be reached by bus in 20 minutes. Saarbrücken, the capital of Saarland, can also be reached by train in around 20 minutes.

**EXTRA REQUIREMENTS:** This project is dedicated to young volunteers between 16-20 years old. You should be motivated to do physical work, spend several hours outdoors, and carry out manual tasks under supervision. No special manual skills are required. A willingness to work together in an inclusive and supportive environment is desirable. Please be prepared to interact with people of diverse backgrounds. If you're motivated, open-minded, and ready to contribute your energy and ideas, we'd love to have you on board!

Underage volunteers have to provide a **parental authorisation** and a **medical fact sheet**; you will get the forms after inscription.

By joining this Workcamp you can make a real social and environmental impact and gain international volunteering experience. You learn about accessibility, inclusion, and environmental education. You meet inspiring people from different countries and become part of a meaningful and fun group full of like-minded.

**EXTRA FEE: 200 Euro**

**MEETING POINT:** Train station Ottweiler(Saar).

There are direct connections from Saarbrücken, Frankfurt and Mainz to Ottweiler. Your camp leaders will arrange a couple of pick-up times. Please arrive in Ottweiler between 3PM and 7PM. You can check for connections from anywhere to Ottweiler(Saar) on: [www.bahn.com/en](http://www.bahn.com/en).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Ottweiler(Saar)

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Saarbrücken

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Frankfurt (FRA)

## IBG 04 - Community Work and Village Festival - Schwarzerden | 08.07.-22.07.2026 | ENVI/FEST/RENO | 12 vols

**WORK:** You support the villagers of Schwarzerden in preparing and running their traditional village festival: 3 days of live music, drinks, food, and funny competitions – a good way to immerse yourself in rural Germany. Additionally, you renovate two wooden shelters for hikers one of which was built with the help of international volunteers in 2019. This includes woodwork, paint jobs, and roof maintenance. For the local infrastructure you take care of installing benches, maintaining a playground as well as gardening and renovation work around the accommodation. The locals greatly appreciate your help and are happy to meet you.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay at the former center of the Schwarzerden sports club. It is now in public use for bigger events in this village. Facilities include a sports hall with camping beds, a kitchen, toilettes, and showers. If the weather is good, you can eat and chill outside. Attention: Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow (if required). Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more environmentally friendly meals.

**LOCATION:** The camp is quite isolated; the village of Schwarzerden is 1km away. You have a nice view over the valley and are surrounded by forests and meadows. A great place to be in nature. Schwarzerden is a small village in Freisen with 450 inhabitants and already experienced in welcoming international volunteers. You can find a historical railway, cultural and natural sights, a small zoo, and a spa bath.

### **FURTHER INFO:**

Please be aware that ticks can be an issue after spending a lot of time outdoors. In our General Info Sheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. Consider to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country.

This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Good Health and Well-Being (3) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (11).

**ARRIVAL:**

Please check [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com) for a connection from anywhere in Germany to "Schwarzerden Bahnhof, Freisen". This bus stop is only 300m from your accommodation. You will travel by train to St. Wendel and change to the bus No. 604. Please make sure to arrive in St. Wendel before 20.25 p.m. to reach the last bus of the day to Schwarzerden.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** St.Wendel (D- 66606)

Please make sure to arrive in St. Wendel before 8:25 PM to get the last bus to Schwarzerden Bahnhof !!

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Schwarzerden Bahnhof (D- 66629)

**NEXT Airport:** Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX)

## IBG 05 - Black Forest Lauterbach: Keep the Glow! | 12.07. – 26.07.2026 |ENVI| 9 vols

**PROJECT:** IBG Workcamps, founded in 1965, engages increasingly in climate protection through forest and peatland projects. Through our trainings, seminars, and Workcamps we strive to encourage young people from all over the world to become active in climate- and nature protection themselves. This camp is organized by IBG in cooperation with the Forestry Baden-Württemberg. This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Climate Action (13) and Life on Land (15).

**WORK:** Schwarzerden is a small village with 430 inhabitants and already experienced in welcoming international volunteers. After six successful international IBG workcamps they again invite a group of volunteers to support them to improve the local infrastructure and to enrich the village festival on July 12th to 14th. The previous camps have always been a big fun for the volunteers and the locals.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay at the nice community house in the middle of the forest, called "Mosenmättle Guest House". You'll find sanitary facilities, showers, a common room with sofas and tables, and a spacious well equipped kitchen. You sleep in 4 multi bed rooms (with bunkbeds). As the house is located in a very rural area, the internet access and mobile phone coverage will most probably be limited. Just be prepared to spend two wonderful, adventurous weeks away from your busy and usual life. The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable meals.

**LOCATION:** Lauterbach is situated in the heart of the Black Forest National Park in south-west Germany, close to the towns of Schramberg and Rottweil. You will have many possibilities to hike and experience nature first hand. Just step out the door and find yourself surrounded by beautiful landscapes!

**FURTHER INFO:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue after spending a lot of time outdoors. In our General Info Sheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. Consider to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time so they can pick you up!

**MEETING POINT:** Train station "Bahnhof Hausach im Schwarzwald (D-77756)"

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Strasbourg (SXB), Basel (BSL), Stuttgart (STR)

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Baden Baden, Freiburg, all the airports

Check for connections from Offenburg (coming from the west) or Villingen(Schwarzw) (coming from the east) to Hausach on Deutsche Bahn.

## IBG 06 - PEACE work Höstensleben | 17.07.- 02.08.2026 | RENO/HIST/PEACE/STUDY | 11 vols

**PROJECT:** You will be hosted in a very special village. From 1961 to 1989, the Wall with its martial border fortifications ran right next to the village. It divided Germany into two parts and was part of the so-called Iron Curtain. The people of Höstensleben lived in a restricted zone for almost 30 years and always had the Wall in view. To this day, 400 metres of the border fortifications have been preserved as a memorial and are visited by many visitors. Here you can find an impression of the border memorial: <http://www.grenzdenkmal.com>

Questions about war and peace, migration and its causes, isolation and violence are unfortunately still very topical issues today. This project in Höstensleben gives you the opportunity to learn more about the time of the Iron Curtain and the division of Germany and to reflect on what peace means to you and how you can contribute to it. At the end, you will present your personal perspective on the topic of "peace" to the local villagers and discuss it with them. German speakers are therefore particularly welcome.

**WORK:** PEACE is the main theme of this project. The workcamp combines volunteering, learning from history, thinking about peace and the exchange with the local villagers in a special way.

**Volunteering:** There will be various smaller tasks in Höstensleben. You will be doing some maintenance work at the border memorial, mowing and building new wooden seating areas. Other small jobs for the local infrastructure will be added.

**Learning from history:** You will not only work on the border memorial, but will of course also be given a lot of background information on the history of the Iron Curtain and the division of Germany, as well as going on excursions to other thematically relevant places of interest.

**Thinking about peace:** What is Peace for you? When and how is peace in danger? Share your personal point of view and the reality in your home country with other volunteers and with local villagers.

**Exchange with local villagers:** Peace will be one topic to share and to discuss, but you will also get to know local associations and be able to exchange ideas about everyday life today. They are very excited to meet you and will be glad to share stories with you about their experience in this border area. It would be great if you can speak a bit of German and/or are able to communicate with a phone translator.

**ACCOMODATION:** You will stay in the former village hall that is renovated now and includes several holiday apartments'. They offer a quite comfortable stay and ensure enough room for everyone. There are different sleeping rooms with beds provided and a good equipped kitchen as well. Wifi-access is limited. Bear in mind that the ground floor of the building is used for different activities during the week, and don't be scared if you see some unfamiliar faces roaming around!

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

**LOCATION:** Hötensleben is a little village with about 2,500 inhabitants. International workcamps have been taking place there for some 25 years, so local inhabitants are looking forward to welcome the volunteers. Many activities will be done together with locals, e.g. the voluntary fire brigade of Hötensleben. Volunteers should be interested in German contemporary history. We will work at and visit historical places and commemoration sites related to Germany's history.

You will be given bicycles so that you can be mobile in your free time and, for example, go to the swimming pool.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Please add a short **motivation letter** to your application, describing your interest in this special project. **You should be able to ride a bicycle!**

#### **TRAVEL INFO:**

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Meeting point will be the bus stop "ZOB, Schöningen". Your camp leaders will arrange several pick-ups from there (probably between 4pm and 9pm). To reach the meeting point please use bus No 370 from Helmstedt train station. For connections from anywhere to "ZOB, Schöningen", please check [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Helmstedt

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Berlin

## IBG 07 - Protect Endangered Species in the Black Forest - Allerheiligen | 27.07.-12.08.2026 | ENVI | 8-9 vols

**PROJECT:** IBG Workcamps, founded in 1965, engages increasingly in climate protection through forest and peatland projects. Through our trainings, seminars, and Workcamps we strive to encourage young people from all over the world to become active in climate- and nature protection themselves. This camp is organized by IBG in cooperation with the Forestry Baden-Württemberg.

This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Climate Action (13) and Life on Land (15).

**WORK:** Join rangers in the Black Forest and protect endangered Capercaillie who are losing their habitat to the wild boars. Part of the work is creating safe tunnels through bushes and woodland for the birds to travel and to create open spaces for them to mate and raise their kids. Help with forest maintenance is also needed as well as the careful care of the pine trees and the cleaning of meadows to make them better hosts for biodiverse plants and animals.

Beware: You are going to be outside during all working hours and the work may be physically hard. You will also get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, extra socks to change during the day, a waterproof jacket, and comfy working clothes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay on the first floor of a small rural house, the “Kriesenhof”, in the Allerheiligen forest district. The accommodation is basic yet includes necessary amenities like a kitchen, shower, bathroom, WIFI, and a washing machine. You sleep together on mattresses in a rather small shared room, so bring a sleeping bag, bed sheet (and pillow if desired). The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more environmentally friendly meals.

**LOCATION:** The Allerheiligen forest district is located in south-west Germany approx. 30 km from the French border as the crow flies. You live and work in the middle of nature in the direct neighborhood of the Black Forest National Park. There are many hiking opportunities, some of which start directly from the accommodation (Karlsruher Grat) – worth hiking to waterfalls like Edelfrauengrab or Allerheiligen).

**FURTHER INFO:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue after spending a lot of time outdoors. In our General Info Sheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. Consider to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country.

### **TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time so they can pick you up!

**MEETING POINT:** Train station Bahnhof Ottenhöfen im Schwarzwald (D-77883)  
(Coordinates: 48.56671451209031, 8.150627345447274)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Strasbourg (SXB), Basel (BSL), Stuttgart (STR)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP:** Baden Baden, Karlsruhe, all the airports

Check for connections from anywhere to Achern and from there take train RS3 to Ottenhöfen (check connection on Deutsche Bahn).

## IBG 08 - Kids Day Camp Weil der Stadt | 31.07.- 15.08.2026 | KIDS | 9 vols

**PROJECT:** Every year, the lovely people at the Weil der Stadt Youth Centre organise a summer camp for children. They work together with young adults and teenager volunteers to make this day camp happen.

**WORK:** Each year, the STARA Day Camp for children offers an opportunity for around 95 children aged 6-12 years old to enjoy the great outdoors. The aim of this camp is to give children from all backgrounds the chance to spend the summer holidays during the day away from home, when their working parents might not be able to go on holiday. The day camp is a place where children can have fun in a relaxed setting. There is no obligation to participate in the program and the goal is not to learn English. The most important thing is that the children have fun and explore.

Together with a group of young local volunteers you help with tasks like putting up tents and preparing food. You will also be playing with the children. It is important to have a Workcamp there because they think it is really valuable to learn about other countries not only for the children but also for the local group of German volunteers. Please be aware: the local children do not speak English.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay directly in the Sporthalle in Hausen. In the building, there is a big room where you will sleep. The floor will be covered by soft floor mats, so please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow! Inside of the building you will find sanitary facilities and a fully equipped kitchen. There is no Wi-Fi or washing machine, so remember that you will need to wash your clothes by hand and buy a Sim Card for Data. During the week you will have lunch together with all the kids. For dinners and during the weekend, your group will be responsible for going grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning after yourselves.

**LOCATION:** Weil der Stadt is a town with almost 20.000 inhabitants. It has a very nice historical centre and is located at the outskirts of the Black Forest – perfect for hiking, if you are up to it! Also public transportation is good, so you can easily reach the regional capital Stuttgart. The local youngsters are happy to make plans with your group in the evenings and go together to visit different places and cities around Weil der Stadt.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We need a special motivation letter with your expectations and motivation. We also need a certificate of good conduct because you will be working with children.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Weil der Stadt

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart – from Stuttgart main train station, it takes you 40 minutes. You can buy your ticket at the train station.

**Next airport:** Stuttgart (STR)

**MEETING POINT:** You will need to take the bus from the Train Station “Weil der Stadt” to the Bus Stop “Hausen Würmtalstraße”. Meeting Point is the Sporthalle Hausen (Am Lindenberg, 71263 Weil der Stadt). It is nearby the bus stop. Please try to arrive between 1 pm to 7 pm. For more info you can check the Train App: <https://www.bahn.de/>

## IBG 09 – Music Festival Stuttgart | 03.08-14.08.2026 | ART/CULT | 10 vols

**PROJECT:** The festival is organized by Umsonst & Draußen Kultur e.V. Stuttgart, an association founded specifically for this purpose. However, planning, preparation, design, and organization are the responsibility of a group of local volunteers. The festival will run for three days, from 7th to 9th of August. It has been running in that unique and quite anarchic way for over 40 years now!

**WORK:** The Umsonst & Draußen music festival is the biggest non-commercial music, politics and culture festival in Stuttgart. It sees itself as the big celebration of Stuttgart's alternative scene. It is organised by an open meeting that anyone can attend and take part in.

The festival would not be able to take place without the help of the volunteers; without them there would not be a place in the city for open and alternative music. This is why every year a Workcamp helps to set up the stage, stalls, and tents on the site of the festival and assists in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering, etc. Of course you will also have time to enjoy the festival yourself! Volunteers should be able to work long and unusual hours.

**ACCOMODATION:** In the first two days, you are hosted in a cultural centre in Stuttgart, where there is a kitchen and sanitary facilities. You sleep in the building's hall in a shared space. On the third day, you move to the site of the festival to camp in a big tent all together. Please bring your own camping mat and sleeping bag. Food will be available. Sanitary facilities are given, but be aware of very basic festival standards.

**LOCATION:** With 600,000 inhabitants, Stuttgart is the state-capital of Baden-Württemberg. From museums, to castles and parks, this city offers something for everyone to see! Within a short train ride, you can also enjoy the variety of nature around Stuttgart

### TRAVEL INFORMATION:

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Stuttgart – you can reach the meeting point using the city's public transportation.

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Stuttgart, Frankfurt (1h15 from Frankfurt airport to Stuttgart main train station).

**MEETING POINT AND TIME:** Please, try and arrive at the accommodation between 11am and 8pm.

## IBG 10 - Camp Village Bergheim 2 – KidZ & GenerationZ (NRW) | 01.08.-21.08.2028 | KIDS/SOCI/MANU | 5-6 vols

**PROJECT:** Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups: This workcamp starts with a week of camping for children (07-12 years old), which is followed by a week for families. The last days of the project are dedicated to dismantling the whole area, because the summer is ending.

(Before this workcamp the program started with another 3 weeks of divers program for children and teenagers. The first group of volunteers is staying until 10th of August and will help in facilitating your arrival phase.)

You can find the camp village schedule here: [www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/](http://www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/)

Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

**WORK:** Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! 3 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children and young families near Cologne! The summer village officially opens on the 19th of July and several weeks of program for children and teenagers have already happened when your camp starts. Your project starts with the arrival of a children group aged 7 to 12 (KidZ 10.-14.8.) and a week full of activities with and for the young participants. Your job will be to help with different types of workshops, where the children can try out different types of sport, creative activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games. The second week (GENerationZ 16.-22.8.) is dedicated to families and presents a mix of generations from parents to small children and everything in between.

In the last days your job will be helping with the dismantling of the infrastructure, which gets stored away until the next year.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as taking shifts in the “bar” or cleaning the sanitary facilities. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag! There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on. You can get a glimpse of the project area on the homepage of the association, where you can find pictures from the previous years:

<https://www.woanders.org/fotos/>

**LOCATION:** The camp village is situated on a meadow surrounded by trees a bit outside of the town of Bergheim. In Bergheim, you can find different shops and cafés, and Bergheim itself is only 20km away from Cologne. On your days off you can therefore visit Cologne, which is the fourth most populous city of Germany, famous for its cathedral and the Roman-Germanic museum. You can also go on trips to other nearby towns, for example to Bonn.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We require a short video in which you introduce yourself, explain your motivation, and present your experience and ideas for working with children and young people. It should not be longer than 2 minutes, but feel free to be creative. You will be contacted to send the video after we received your application. Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project

#### **TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**MEETING POINT:** You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Paffendorf [www.bahn.com/en](http://www.bahn.com/en) from there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Paffendorf

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS:** Suitable international bus stops are in Cologne, Düsseldorf or Bonn

**NEXT AIRPORTS:** Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

## IBG 11 - Hands-On for Environmental Education | 08.08.- 22.08.2026 | ENVI

**PROJECT:** IBG Workcamps, founded in 1965, engages increasingly in climate protection through forest and peatland projects. Through our trainings, seminars, and Workcamps we strive to encourage young people from all over the world to become active in climate- and nature protection themselves. This camp is organized by IBG in cooperation with the local network for environmental protection and sustainability.

This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Sustainable Cities and Communities (11) and Life on Land (15).

**WORK:** Join the endeavors of a newborn network for environmental protection and sustainability in eastern Germany and renaturalize part of a gravel pit. Work involves maintaining the home of the European green toad, transforming former brownfield land into a place of environmental education, recreation, and biotope. There are plans to involve the local neighbors and the local environmentalists in events on the market place, you are welcome to bring ideas of how to combine nature protection with meeting the community!

**Beware:** You are going to be outside during all working hours and the work may be physically hard. If it rains you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, extra socks to change during the day, a waterproof jacket, and warm and comfy working clothes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Work place and accommodation are on the same site on the edge of the gravel pit. Beware that the living area is very simple; it has a kitchen and storage trailer, a seating pavilion, a big tent with camp beds, and a large space to set up individual tents. A mobile toilet is nearby as are solar showers. Other chances to dip in water are the small lakes around the area and a public pool in the next town. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow (if you want). The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more environmentally friendly meals.

**LOCATION:** Nellschütz is located in the south-west of Leipzig. The nearest larger town is Weißenfels, the meeting point on arrival. Weißenfels is worth a visit, there is a historic old town with various baroque-style buildings, a castle, a small, and also nice shops, bars, and cafés. Town of Lützen is also nearby, it has a small animal park.

**TRAVEL:**

**ARRIVAL:** Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time so they can pick you up!

**MEETING POINT:** Train station Weißenfels Bahnhof (D-06667)  
(Coordinates: 51.20444138190742, 11.971501300646294)

**NEXT AIRPORT:** Leipzig (LEJ), Berlin (BER), Nuremberg (NUE)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP:** Leipzig, Halle, all the airports  
The easiest and quickest connection is from Leipzig airport to Halle (Saale) and from there take RE16 or RB25 to "Weißenfels" (check connections on Deutsche Bahn).

## IBG 12 - Creating the Heart of the Village - Sauldorf | 08.08.-24.08.2026 | RENO/CONS | 12 vols

**PROJECT:** Join the first international volunteering project in Sauldorf to support the completion and maintenance of the village multigenerational square. This site is a central meeting point designed to connect the historic village center with new residential developments. Local volunteers and associations have worked closely with the municipality to create this space for all generations. Maintaining such an extensive facility requires ongoing community effort. Your support is needed for the upkeep of the grounds and to help the village prepare for a major local event.

**WORK:** Help the local community maintain and renovate their multigenerational leisure area, a place where people from all generations come together to exchange and have fun. This includes maintaining play equipment, restoring sports facilities such as the beach volleyball court, and helping with landscape care in public green spaces. You will be painting, shoveling, mowing, and performing minor construction tasks like repairing benches. During the second week, a large portion of the work will involve supporting the logistics and setup for the Sport und Spiel festival. Local community workers and volunteers will supervise the work.

**LOCATION:** Sauldorf is located in the Upper Swabia region between the Danube valley and Lake Constance. It is a rural community with a strong focus on nature and active village life. The village has a supermarket and local shops for daily needs. A notable feature of the area is the Sauldorfer Baggerseen bird sanctuary, a protected nature reserve with trails for walking and a variety of rare bird species.

**PROJECT:** The National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect nature. The park was just founded in 2015 and the landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking.

**WORK:** The Park Rangers of the National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald are waiting for your support to preserve the fauna and flora in this unique natural environment. At the same time it is a great opportunity for you to learn a lot about this ecosystem. Three main tasks are waiting for you:

1. Care of the nutrient-poor grassland and arnica.
2. Work on the wildlife park of Wildenburg Castle: Here you can find wolves, deer, wild boars, wildcats, mouflons and many other animals. Your task will mainly be to renew wooden fences and to build elements where the animals can hide behind.
3. Restore the natural flow of the water by closing the channels and revitalizing natural flow elements.

Other environmental protection tasks can be added. Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots and working clothes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay in a spacious community center that includes a huge kitchen with a dishwasher, a living room, toilets, showers, a washing machine, and wifi. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Please bring your sleeping bag! The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable meals.

**LOCATION:** You are located in Deuselbach in Rhineland-Palatinate, a small village with 260 inhabitants and a pub. Locals are very interested to welcome you, many parties and events will happen. Thalfang (4km away) offers shops and a public pool. The next big city is Trier (40 km), the oldest in Germany, with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral, and plenty of things to do.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**Meeting point:** You will be picked up from the bus stop called "Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Hilscheid". Please inform your compleader about your arrival time on Aug 9th . Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com) There are regular busses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP:** suitable international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrucken and Trier

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX)

## IBG 14 - Restore Peatlands Morbach | 06.09.-20.09.2026 | ENVI | 14 vols

**PROJECT:** *Stiftung Natur und Umwelt Rheinland-Pfalz* is a foundation dedicated to sustainable development. Their efforts include restoring peatlands but also concerns biodiverse meadows, reintegration of lynx, protection of field hamsters and rare butterflies, and sustaining old tree populations. This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Climate Action (13) and Life on Land (15).

**WORK:** Support climate protection and biodiversity by protecting the peatlands on the slopes of the lower mountain range "Hunsrück". These areas were drained more than 100 years ago for forestry use and thereby lost their important ecological role as valuable and natural CO<sub>2</sub> storage. Today, the revitalisation of these peatlands has become an essential task in climate protection, for which we need your help! The work is expected to take place in two different Hunsrück peatland areas: A forest near the tiny village of Hochscheid and an area of open moorland near Morbach. Under supervision of a park ranger, your work includes:

- help improving the water balance to renature the moors and strengthen them for climate change
- closing ditches to control the water flow
- making the area more accessible for environmental education projects

Beware: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber boots, and working clothes.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay in a spacious community center that includes a huge kitchen with a dishwasher, a living room, toilets, showers, a washing machine, and WIFI. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Please bring your sleeping bag! The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more environmentally friendly meals.

**LOCATION:** You are located in Deuselbach in Rhineland-Palatinate, a small village with 260 inhabitants and a pub. Locals are very interested to welcome you, many parties and events will happen. Thalfang (4km away) offers shops and a public pool. The next big city is Trier (40 km), the oldest in Germany, with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral, and plenty of things to do.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time by September 6th so they can pick you up:

**MEETING POINT:** Bus stop "Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Hilscheid"  
(Coordinates: 49.73736896368622, 7.083137666311311)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX), Cologne Bonn (CGN)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP:** Mainz, Saarbrücken, Trier  
Check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach on [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com), there are regular busses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

**FURTHER INFO:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue after spending a lot of time outdoors. In our General Info Sheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. Consider to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country.

## IBG 15 - Educational Centre Kell am See | 13.09. - 27.09.2026 | ENVI/MANU/ART | 12 vols

**PROJECT:** The regional youth department of Kell am See runs an educational centre in this village, which offers different environmental educational activities for youth groups and school classes. Also, school classes or youth associations can come here for several days and run own seminars or trainings. The centre was just renovated a couple of years ago and different new outdoor and training facilities were installed. For them it is important to get the support of international volunteer for their centre but at the same time they share the aims of international volunteering and want to offer a nice opportunity to you. By participating in this project, you are supporting education on environmental issues (UN SDG 4 and 13).

**WORK:** Re-design the chill-out-area and maintain to green areas around the educational centre Kell am See, an important place for youth work in the whole area of Trier! The educational centre is public, non-profit and offers the opportunity for youth groups, associations and schools to spend some days or weeks here, running a seminar or some other projects. One focus of the offer is on environmental education and outdoor activities. You will play a key role in empowering local youth community.

There will be two big tasks for you:

- You will redesign the chill-out area in the basement of the facility. A local graffiti artist will hold a workshop to share ideas and techniques for the redesign, and you will also design and build new furniture yourselves. Use your creativity and together with the local youth, create the best artistic chilling area!
- You will be working to take care and maintain the green areas around the regional education centre. Your tasks will include cutting the grass and bushes; taking care of the playground and sports grounds; tending the herbs garden and the insect hotel and much more.

**LOCATION:** Kell am See is a village 30 km from Trier, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other ways of outdoor activities. In Kell, there is a holiday resort, which offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake (close to the educational centre). In addition, the region offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums...). You will get the opportunity to come in contact with local associations, e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. The number of excursions will be limited but you will for sure visit Trier, famous for its Roman sites, its cathedral and for being the birth place of Karl-Marx.

The area is not just appreciated by tourists: People from the area also come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany - like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**MEETING POINT:** You will be picked up from the bus stop in Kell am See. There is the bus No. 230 from Trier to Kell am See every 2 hours. Please inform your campleaders about your arrival time on Sep 13. You can check for connections from anywhere to Kell am See on: [www.bahn.com/en](http://www.bahn.com/en).

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION:** Trier

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Suitable international bus stops are in Trier, Saarbrücken and Luxembourg.

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Luxembourg (LUX)

## IBG 16 - Preserve biodiversity and culture in the Bavarian Mountains - Gumpenried | 14.09.-25.09.2026 | ENVI 9 vols

**PROJECT:** This Workcamp is a cooperation between IBG and the Nature Park Schwäbisch-Fränkischer Wald, including the local forestry administration. This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Good Health and Well-Being (3), Climate Action (13) and Life on Land (15).

**WORK:** Immerse yourself in Bavarian mountain culture and support the maintenance of the historic Schachten – forest pastures, used for keeping cattle in the mountains. The Bavarian Forestry and the National Park have an annual tradition around this duty and make it a communal event. Essential work tasks include removing shrubs, thinning out old wood, and installing protection measurements for endangered species to keep the area's biodiversity. The mountain pastures here have an important meaning for animal and plant life. Birds like the capercaillie and flowers like the brown gentian depend on the savannah-like landscapes and the structurally rich forests. Also wood ants settle in bright and sunny spots which in turn are an extremely important food source for the capercaillie chicks.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay in one of the forestry department's huts close to a small village with a train station, "Gumpenried-Asbach". The accommodation is simple and cosy and delivers a real forestry atmosphere. Did you ever wanted to try living off grid? Then this might be a good opportunity: Electricity only runs with photovoltaic panels and there are additional gaslights! In case of emergency there is also a generator that runs with fuel. The heating works with a central wood oven. For cooking there is a gas stove. The accommodation has two levels with a community space, a kitchen, toilets and a bathroom. There is hot water, but it remains exciting for you to find out how many showers are enough. There are three dorm rooms with space for 15 people. The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable meals.

**LOCATION:** The camp is located in the middle of a forest and very close to the river Schwarzer Regen [“black rain”]. Not altered a lot by humans, the river is freely winding through the forest. The region around Gumpenried is therefore called Bavarian Canada. The location is ideal to explore the nature of the surroundings. With the train station in reach you are also able to explore the greater region within your free time. Excursions will be mainly to explore the nature – some of them under the professional guidance of rangers. Hiking will be an essential part. Excursions to bigger cities will not be possible due to the isolated location in the middle of the Bavarian forest.

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**MEETING POINT:** Train station “Gumpenried-Asbach” (D-94244)

Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time so they can pick you up!

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Nuremberg (NUE), Munich (MUC), Prague (PRG)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS:** All the airports, Regensburg

Check for connections to Gumpenried-Asbach from anywhere on Deutsche Bahn.

**FURTHER INFO:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue after spending a lot of time outdoors. In our General Info Sheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. Consider to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country.

## IBG 17 Black Forest Pastures - Lörrach | 03.10.- 18.10.2026 | ENVI | 12 vols

**WORK:** Together with local farmers you maintain paths and pastures on the alp. As a measure against scrub encroachment on the pastures small conifers must be removed with hand saws. To preserve the special biodiversity, you take care of some invasive species, especially lupins and broom. Conservation experts will introduce you to the essentials of nature conservation tasks. Please be prepared for mountain life and bring good hiking boots and weatherproof clothing. The ceremonial cattle drive down from the mountain pastures is expected to take place on Oct 17 and will be a perfect completion of your stay – a very special moment.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You stay in the local ski club cottage on 930m surrounded by nature, breathtaking views, and hiking paths. There are 10 bunk beds in four separate bedrooms, a kitchen, a dining room, two toilets, one shower, and washrooms. Please bring a warm sleeping bag. The cottage is beautifully situated at the end of the valley and 3km from the mountain village of Neuenweg. The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more environmentally friendly meals.

**LOCATION:** If you feel attracted to the Black Forest with its famous historic mountain farmsteads, forests, high moors, and unique light – this is the place for you! The nature reserve on the southern slope of the Belchen (1414m) is characterized by its unique alpine flora and fauna. At the same time, shared summer cattle grazing is a special cultural asset and represents sustainable agriculture in a unique form.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

Please check [www.bahn.com](http://www.bahn.com) for a connection from anywhere to “Zell im Wiesental”. Most likely you will have to travel via Basel. There will be one train per hour. From Zell you can either use a so-called bus-on-demand to reach the accommodation (more information in the upcoming Infosheet) or be picked up at 7:30pm by your camp leaders. The distance from Zell to your accommodation is 25km.

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Zell im Wiesental (D-79669)

**NEXT BUS STOP:** Neuenweg Haldenhof (Kleines Wiesental)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Basel (BSL)

**FURTHER INFO:** Please be aware that ticks can be an issue after spending a lot of time outdoors. In our General Info Sheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. Consider to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country.

This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Quality Education (4), Sustainable Cities and Communities (11), and Life on Land (15).

## IBG ESC 01 - Lights, Curtain, Action! Open-air Theater Heidenheim |25.04.-09.05.2026 | CULT/MANU | 12 vols

**PROJECT:** Your host will be the Open-Air Theatre Heidenheim, the 2nd largest one of its kind in Southern Germany. It is situated on the "castle hill" of the town of Heidenheim an der Brenz, surrounded by forests, and can accommodate up to 1100 spectators. It is run by a non-profit association and they are very excited about hosting again a group of international volunteers. This project is perfect for everyone who is interested in theatres and wants to have a look behind the scenes! Have a look at the Theatre here:  
[www.naturtheater.de](http://www.naturtheater.de)

**WORK:** This year, you will help with the set construction. You will screw, nail, and paint. Smaller props will need to be built, too. Apart from that, your work will also entail doing:

- Installing a wooden floor in the prop garage.
- Renewing the cover of the small wooden shelf storage.
- Painting service huts
- Support stage construction
- Clean, repair + paint fence around the perimeter of the site
- Paint hall walls
- Clean the stones around the cold hall with a high-pressure cleaner, replace/refill grit if necessary.
- And some other tasks as needed! Be sure to be always prepared to lend a helping hand

There will be a professional work instructor who helps you with all tasks. For sure it is helpful though, if you have a bit of experience in manual/constructional work and have used tools like cordless screwdrivers before.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated directly on the project side: Next to the stage, there is a huge building for administration, a workshop, a café... Here you will have one big room for yourselves with mattresses on the floor, showers in the same building, and a kitchen. The washing options are available but limited. Mind that there is only one big room for sleeping available to all volunteers – no separation possible! Regarding food, you will be asked to cook for yourselves, and carry out all related activities (grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning after yourselves).

**LOCATION:** Heidenheim an der Brenz is a town with a bit less than 50.000 inhabitants in the southern region of Baden-Württemberg. The area is rather rural with a beautiful countryside: since it is at the end of the Swabian Albs – a mountain range of about 220km-, there are many hills and forests. Also in the town you will find the Hellenstein Castle, first built on the 12th century, and wildlife park with around 100 animals, very close to your project. If you would like to visit a larger town, you may go to Ulm which is only 30km away. Stuttgart and Munich are just about 2 hours by train.

**EXTRA INFORMATION:** This project is a Volunteering Team within the European Solidarity Corps program. Volunteers have to have legal residency in an EU country, there is a strict age limit of 18 to 30 years. The participation to the ESC Volunteering Teams is subject to several principles and conditions, presented on the ESC webpage:

[https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission_en)

- Volunteers do not have to pay any fee (not sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project and will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance and upon the presentation of original tickets;
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#### **TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS:** Stuttgart, Memmingen, Munich

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Heidenheim a. d. Brenz

**Meeting point:** Directly at the accommodation. The path between the place where you will stay and the train station is about 2kms long, so it should take you walking about 20 mins to get there.

## IBG ESC 03 - Camp Village Bergheim 1 –TogeZer, KidZ & TeenZ (NRW) |12.07.- 03.08.2025| KIDS/SOCI/DISA | 5 vols

**PROJECT:** Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups. This year the program starts with a week dedicated to children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. The next week contains a kids-program for children aged 7 to 12, which is followed by a week of camping for teenagers (12-15 years old) which ends in long weekend for adolescents (14+). (After the end of this project the program does continue with a second week of camping for children, followed by a week for families and finally the dismantling of the whole area until next year. The second group of volunteers is arriving on the 7th of August you will help in facilitating their arrival phase.) You can find the camp village schedule here: [www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/](http://www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/) Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

**WORK:** Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! Over 2 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children, teenagers and young families near Cologne!

The summer village officially opens on the 13th of July. Prior to that, the local team has already built up the infrastructure of the area. All the tents, sanitary facilities and common areas are mostly set up on your arrival the day before the official opening. You might be asked to lend a hand in the very final stages of preparation. Your job then will be to work together with the local team and provide different types of activities and workshops for the participants.

The children should be able to try out different types of sport, creative (group) activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games.

In the first week (TogeZer 14.-18.7.) the participants are children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. For this week the team is also supported by professionals from an NGO working with people with disabilities and integration assistants.

In the second week (KidZ 21.-26.7.) the program caters for children aged 7 to 12. The third week (TeenZ 27.7.-01.8.) consists of a program for teenagers.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as taking shifts in the “bar” or cleaning the sanitary facilities. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag! There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on. You can get a glimpse of the project area on the homepage of the association, where you can find pictures from the previous years:

<https://www.woanders.org/fotos/>

**LOCATION:** The camp village is situated on a meadow surrounded by trees a bit outside of the town of Bergheim. In Bergheim, you can find different shops and cafés, and Bergheim itself is only 20km away from Cologne. On your days off you can therefore visit Cologne, which is the fourth most populous city of Germany, famous for its cathedral and the Roman-Germanic museum. You can also go on trips to other nearby towns, for example to Bonn.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We require a short video in which you introduce yourself, explain your motivation, and present your experience and ideas for working with children and young people. It should not be longer than 2 minutes, but feel free to be creative. You will be contacted to send the video after we received your application. . Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project.

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## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**MEETING POINT:** You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Paffendorf [www.bahn.com/en](http://www.bahn.com/en) from there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you.

**CLOSEST TRAIN STATION:** Paffendorf

**CLOSE INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS:** Suitable international bus stops are in Cologne, Düsseldorf or Bonn

**CLOSE AIRPORTS:** Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

## IBG ESC 05 - Bad Windsheim – Bloom up the City | August | MANU, RENO | 16 vols

**PROJECT:** For the Regional Garden Festival in 2027, the municipality wants to create different spaces in the city for visitors to the festival and the local community to enjoy. To achieve this, the work camp will assist with various tasks, such as gardening and painting as well as participating in local activities and festivities.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will stay in a hikers' lodge in a neighbourhood of Maulbronn also used for youth activities. In the house you will find everything what you need for your stay - several dormitories with beds, showers, toilets and a kitchen. Together with three similar buildings this house had been a tiny hamlet for forest workers – still today they are isolated in a forest clearing. So you will have perfect opportunities to enjoy living in nature, make a campfire, watch the stars at night. Your accommodation is 7km from the worksite, you will be transferred there every morning with two mini-busses.

**WORK:** The focus of the project is to create vibrant floral oases for people of all ages and backgrounds, offering a glimpse of what the garden show will entail. The Bavarian State Garden brings life to the city by adding green spaces where people can relax and improve their quality of life.

**LOCATION:** Bad Windsheim is a town 50 km away from Nuremberg in Franconia, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. The city itself has a beautiful old town with many cafés, an open air museum and a swimming pool which you can use for free. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other outdoor activities like mini golf. In your free time you can also make excursions to bigger cities nearby like Würzburg or Nuremberg!

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**MEETING POINT:** You can walk to the accommodation from the Bad Windsheim train station (it is only 1.5 km). You can check for connections from anywhere to Bad Windsheim on: [www.bahn.com/en](http://www.bahn.com/en).

**NEXT TRAIN STATION:** Bad Windsheim

International bus stops: convenient international bus stops are in Würzburg and Nuremberg

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Nuremberg (NUE)  
1h20, Frankfurt (FRA) 2h45 and Munich (MUC) 3h45.

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## IBG ESC06 - Fruit Trees & Camp Fire

| End September/ Early October | ENVI | 12 vols

**PROJECT:** This Workcamp is a cooperation between IBG and the Nature Park Schwäbisch-Fränkischer Wald, including the local forestry administration. This camp supports the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development by the United Nations and highlights our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals defined for Climate Action (13) and Life on Land (15).

**WORK:** This camp is next to a big meadow orchard where most of the work tasks are to be done. Here, you help to improve the health and lifespan of old fruit trees and thereby contribute to protecting a biodiverse habitat for small animals and birds. Under supervision you relieve the trees from heavy or rotten branches and collect as many apples, pears, and other fruit as you can for the local market and the fruit wine factory. Additional tasks await you in the forest where you will discover fall forestry duties with a ranger, and in the arboretum on the site – a beautiful botanical collection composed exclusively of trees and shrubs of a variety of species. This project is really for adventurers and nature lovers who want to try out living in nature and with nature even in autumn. You will be outside a lot, there will be campfires, improvised cooking, hikes and special nature experiences. Please be prepared that October can be warm and sunny but also quite fresh and rainy. **Weatherproof working clothes are necessary, and bring some extra socks ;-)**

**ACCOMODATION:** You sleep on a youth campsite next to the orchard. Please bring a warm sleeping bag! In the farmhouse on the premises you'll find showers, toilets, and an extra heated room should you want to dry your clothes. Outside is a large 'bad weather shack' that serves as lounge, kitchen or alternative sleeping place. Campfire spots are also available. The entire group does grocery shopping, cooking, and cleaning together. Food will be bought with the camp budget. To minimize our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable meals.

**LOCATION:** You are just 10km west of the beautiful old town of Schwäbisch Hall with a few farmers as your neighbors. The landscape in this area is very beautiful, it is dominated by forests and green hills – a perfect place for easy hiking. A swimming lake (if it's still warm enough) can be reached by foot. Trips to the nearby brewery or the old town of Schwäbisch Hall with its museums, shops, and some traditional German historical buildings is also worth the time.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

**MEETING POINT:** Train station “Schwäbisch Hall” (D-74523)

Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time so they can pick you up!

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Stuttgart (STR), Nuremberg (NUE)

**NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP:** All the airports, Würzburg

Check for connections to Schwäbisch Hall from anywhere on Deutsche Bahn.

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