

WORKCAMP CHIRIBOGA

Sustainable Farm Experience in the Ecuadorian Andes

Come and experience life on a sustainable farm located in the cloud forest of the Ecuadorian Andes. Our work within the reserve contributes to its protection and conservation—one of the last remnants of cloud forest in the region. As part of your experience, you'll explore sustainable food production methods and learn about responsible farming practices, all while raising awareness of sustainability and environmental conservation.

Activities

Organic Agriculture

- Care for fruit trees and other edible species.
- Build and maintain a vegetable garden.

Waste Management

- Design and create systems for effective waste separation and recycling.

Soil Restoration

- Clean and maintain paths and trails to prevent erosion and promote soil conservation.
- Plant native species in degraded areas to restore soil quality.

Water Source Protection

- Plant native vegetation along riverbanks to protect and preserve water sources from drying out.

Recycled Materials Projects

- Repurpose materials such as tires, pallets, and old furniture to build new equipment and furnishings.

Infrastructure Support

- Assist in improving our facilities to make accommodations more comfortable.
- This year's project involves building new volunteer rooms using river stones for the foundation.

Study Theme

The project aims to raise awareness about the importance of forest conservation and its vital role in water protection. This is achieved through hands-on, non-formal education and direct field experience. The workcamp has two areas of learning: on field and non-formal education to understand concepts of sustainability, soil restoration, agriculture and animal production.

Type of Work

Volunteers will engage in various sustainable agriculture and environmental restoration tasks, including:

- Preparing soil, composting, and planting gardens
- Tree care and forest maintenance
- Conducting research on circular economy initiatives like biogas production from animal manure
- Protecting water sources
- Trail and road maintenance
- Participating in beekeeping training

The knowledge gained through these activities is transformed into environmental education workshops for various audiences—children, youth, farmers, and university students.

Note: Tasks involve physical labor using tools like shovels, machetes, and hoes. Be prepared to work outdoors, get your hands dirty, and interact with insects, animals, and the land.

Spare Time

Afternoons are free for you to enjoy a variety of activities, such as:

- Swimming in the river
- Playing sports
- Horseback riding
- Hiking
- Relaxing by the fireplace

You'll be part of an international volunteer group, giving you the chance to enjoy an intercultural exchange, practice different languages, and make friends from around the world.

Dates

Arrivals

- July 14th : Arrival in Quito
- July 15th : Travel to the reserve
- July 16th – 28th: Workcamp
- July 29th: Travel to Quito
- July 30th: Departures

Pictures of past experiences

Learning activities:



Accommodation:



Working time:





Free time:

