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ESTYES WORKCAMP PROGRAM 2023

CODE	NAME	TYPE	DATES	VOLS	FEE
EST 01	KINGU ORGANIC FARM I	AGRI	01.05 - 14.05	5	50
EST 02	KINGU ORGANIC FARM II	AGRI	05.06 - 18.06	5	50
EST 03	KINGU ORGANIC FARM III	AGRI	03.07 - 16.07	5	50
EST 04	KINGU ORGANIC FARM IV	AGRI	07.08 - 20.08	5	50
EST 05	KINGU ORGANIC FARM V	AGRI	04.09 - 17.09	5	50
EST 06	KRIUSILLA BEES FARM	AGRI	23.07 - 06.08	5	50
EST 07	PÄRNU YOUTH CAMP	KIDS	26.06 - 21.07	2	50
EST 08	MARJAMAA FOLK FESTIVAL	FEST	01.08 - 07.08	10	150
EST 09	VIHASOO	KIDS	13.08 - 21.08	5	40
EST ELF 01	Estonian Nature Fund conservation work	ENVI	31.07 - 08.08	7	200
EST CC 01	ENGLISH IN THE CITY I	KIDS/ TEACH	13.06 - 22.06	2	40
EST CC 02	FRENCH IN THE CITY	KIDS/ TEACH	13.08 - 19.08	2	40
EST CC 03	ENGLISH IN THE CITY II	KIDS/ TEACH	20.08 - 26.08	2	40
EST DT 21	DOWN TOWN KIDS 21	KIDS/ TEACH	09.06 - 23.06	6	50
EST DT 22	DOWN TOWN KIDS 22	KIDS/ TEACH	23.06 - 08.07	6	50
EST DT 23	DOWN TOWN KIDS 23	KIDS/ TEACH	21.07 - 04.08	6	50
EST DT 24	DOWN TOWN KIDS 24	KIDS/ TEACH	04.08 - 19.08	6	50
EST DT 31	DOWN TOWN KIDS 31	KIDS/ TEACH	16.06 - 08.07	6	50
EST DT 32	DOWN TOWN KIDS 32	KIDS/ TEACH	21.07 - 12.08	6	50
EST DT 33	DOWN TOWN KIDS 33	KIDS/ TEACH	28.07 - 19.08	6	50
EST LTA 01	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP 1	KIDS	25.06 - 01.07	3	40
EST LTA 02	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP 2	KIDS	01.07 - 08.07	3	40
EST LTA 03	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP 3	KIDS	08.07 - 15.07	3	40
EST LTA 04	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP 4	KIDS	30.07 - 06.08	3	40
EST LTA 05	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP 5	KIDS	06.08 - 13.08	3	40
EST LTA 06	TAEVASKOJA YOUTH CAMP 6	KIDS	13.08 - 21.08	3	40
EST MTV 02	ALLIKSAARE HORSE FARM	ANIM	24.04 - 31.10	5	150
EST MTV 03	LEPANIIDI FARM	AGRI/ ANIM	01.06 - 01.10	2	150
EST MTV 04	DOWN TOWN	KIDS/ TEACH	05.06 - 20.08	2	100
EST T1	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 1	TEEN/ ENVI	07.07 - 18.07	30	450
EST T2	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 2	TEEN/ ENVI	17.07 - 28.07	30	450
EST T3	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 3	TEEN/ ENVI	27.07 - 07.08	30	450
EST T4	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 4	TEEN/ ENVI	06.08 - 17.08	30	450
EST T5	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 5	TEEN/ ENVI	16.08 - 27.08	30	450
EST TDT 11	TEEN DOWN TOWN 11	TEEN/ STUDY	11.06 - 18.06	12	320
EST TDT 12	TEEN DOWN TOWN 12	TEEN/ STUDY	25.06 - 02.07	12	320
EST TDT 13	TEEN DOWN TOWN 13	TEEN/ STUDY	23.07 - 30.07	12	320
EST TDT 14	TEEN DOWN TOWN 14	TEEN/ STUDY	06.08 - 13.08	12	320
EST TDT 21	TEEN DOWN TOWN 21	TEEN/ STUDY	11.06 - 24.06	12	550
EST TDT 22	TEEN DOWN TOWN 22	TEEN/ STUDY	25.06 - 08.07	12	550
EST TDT 23	TEEN DOWN TOWN 23	TEEN/ STUDY	23.07 - 05.08	12	550
EST TDT 24	TEEN DOWN TOWN 24	TEEN/ STUDY	06.08 - 19.08	12	550

INTRODUCTION TO ESTYES

International Youth Association EstYES is non-profit non-political NGO established in 1991 with the purpose to promote youth and cultural exchanges for better understanding, peace and fair world. It is a pioneer organization in the field of international voluntary service in Estonia.

Our objectives

- to increase international understanding and solidarity between countries and people;
- to promote continuous dialogue between people all over the world for peace and friendship;
- to enable young people by living and working together to learn from each other, discover the variety of cultures, broaden horizons to build bridges over differences and peace;
- to promote international voluntary service in Estonia as a tool for local development;
- to apply international voluntary service as a powerful method of non-formal education of the population;
- to promote global education as one of the important resources for young people in the globalised world.

Our activities

- organize voluntary camps in Estonia and send Estonian volunteers abroad;
- send Estonian volunteers to mid- and long-term voluntary services abroad and host volunteers from abroad on mid- and long-term projects in Estonia;
- participate in EVS/ ESC program as sending, hosting and coordinating organization;
- organize and run youth cultural exchanges of different kinds, study visits/ group stays with various themes for youth foreign groups in Estonia and for Estonians abroad;
- take part in conferences, seminars, trainings abroad and organize those in Estonia.

Before pandemic, every summer EstYES ran over 50 voluntary camps in Estonia hosting around 600 volunteers from abroad. Annually we received over 40 volunteers from different European countries to the long-term EVS/ ESC project (for 10-12 months) in the field of social services, youth work and education. Every year EstYES gave chance to over 200 young Estonians to take part in various project abroad (voluntary camps, youth exchanges, EVS, training activities, seminars, youth meetings, etc.)

Target groups EstYES works with

EstYES works mainly with young people 14 – 30, but not only with them. Actually, EstYES voluntary projects are open to people of all ages without too many limits. Young people with fewer opportunities are the group of special consideration of EstYES.

Our partners

From 1994 we have been exchanging with branches of SCI (Service Civil International) and from 1995 - with members of Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations and their partner organizations. From 1999 we cooperate with ICYE (International Cultural Youth Exchange). In 1997 EstYES became a member of Alliance and in 2007 a member of CCIYS (Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service) by UNESCO. Most of our partner organisations belong to these networks. In the past decade EstYES has been intensively developing cooperation with youth and voluntary service organisations in South East Asia and China as well as with Mexico through EU Capacity Building projects.

Sources of income

EstYES income consists of contributions and subscription fees from the participants of our programs. EstYES receives grants for the projects from foundations like ASEF, Erasmus+, European Youth Foundation, EuropeAid, Europe for Citizens, European Solidarity Corps, etc. EstYES does not receive any support from the state.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO ESTYES INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS

Although there were few attempts to organize workcamps in Estonia in the very beginning of EstYES existence in 1991-1992 the first real workcamps took place in 1994, and there were only 2. In 2023 EstYES plans to run ca 30 short- and mid-term voluntary projects + 13 teenage camps, offering places to over 300 international volunteers.

Work

Our workcamps are diverse, so that everyone can find something suitable. They last from 1 to 3 weeks, MTV projects 4+ weeks and take place from May to September. The number of international volunteers in the camp varies from 3 to 15 on adult projects and can be up to 30 on teenage projects. We try to avoid having more than 2-3 people of the same nationality in the camp, except for teenage projects where number of participants from the same country can go up to 10. As a rule, volunteers have to work 5-7 hours a day 5-6 days a week for the benefit of local project or community. Hosts provide food and accommodation and cultural activities in return. The main directions of our camps are work on organic farms, environmental projects with Estonian Nature Fund, animating kids providing language practice and intercultural learning in cooperation with local youth centres and language schools.

Conditions for participation

Volunteers should be over 18 years old and 14-17 years old in teenage camps. For the work with kids the min age of volunteers is 20. There is no max age limit, except for some educational projects. Usually no special skills required from volunteers, except camps dealing with kids. In linguistic camps B2 level of English is required. **Participants should be motivated to do voluntary work, be ready to meet realities of local life and have flexibility to accept it, be tolerant and open for the new experience.** To apply for some camps and for MTV projects a motivation letter is required.

Camp leaders

NB! In many of the camps **the local host takes the leader's role and there is no other formal leader.** Otherwise, there is one group leader whose task is to be a coordinator and a link between the participants and the host. Leader participates in daily life equally with volunteers. **EstYES is happy to receive camp leaders from abroad.**

Insurance

In Estonian camps **insurance is not provided**, therefore volunteers **have to bring their own insurance** against illness, accident, cancellation of trip and third-party risk. Participants from EU countries should bring EU health insurance form.

Covid -19 regulations in Estonia

<https://www.kriis.ee/en/travelling-crossing-state-border/travelling-estonia/coming-estonia>

Some practical matters

Usually, volunteers have to bring sleeping bag, work clothes, summer clothes and swimming suit, but also warm clothes and rain-gear as weather in Estonia is very changeable and unpredictable. It is a good idea to have a mosquito cream.

On request, EstYES can help to book inexpensive hostel to spend some days in Tallinn before/ after the camp.

Meeting point

EstYES usually invites volunteers to meet at the Coach Station in Tallinn the day camp begins to travel together to the camp site. Tallinn Bus Terminal address is Bussijaam, Lastekodu 46. It takes just 10 min by tram nr 4 or bus nr 2 from the airport to get there. National buses schedules are available on www.tpilet.ee

Emergency contacts

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Infosheets

Information about our camps provided in the database is already quite detailed. More details, practical information, travel directions, etc. will be sent to partners 3-4 weeks before beginning of the camp as latest. But if participants need any specific information to organise their travel, they are welcome to turn for the information to EstYES earlier.

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Project

For many years EstYES has been cooperating with eco-farms around Estonia for solidarity and respect for their work and to support local people involved in agricultural sector, who keep traditions and develop eco-farming in Estonia despite of difficulties. Kingu Organic Farm is one of them. This is a berry, fruit and vegetable micro-farm in the South Estonia. The main berry crops are raspberries, various currants, gooseberries and much more. It also grows garlic and rhubarb. Everything is grown in an environmentally sustainable way using straw and hay. There are also ducks and bees in the farm. This farm promotes sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people in country side.

Work

The main task is harvesting various berries and vegetables such as rhubarb, currants, raspberries, then helping juice making and packaging. But there will be also weed control and fertilization with mulch in plantations, mowing grass, removal of bushes and wood chipping, assistance in the construction of various small buildings and other necessary structures on the site. And there is ongoing work of planting seeds. There are also birds on the farm which you can take care of if you like. Working hours are 5-7 hours a day for 5 days a week, partly depending on the season and weather conditions.

Accommodation

Farm life conditions are simple. Sleeping is in a separate house in beds. Bed sheets, blankets and pillows are provided. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment. Volunteers can make breakfast and lunch themselves, and dinner will be prepared by and taken with the family. Washing is in a sauna. And there is a dry toilet. Volunteers have to take care of their surroundings by cleaning up after themselves.

Location

The farm is located in Kanepi municipality just 11km from Otepää and 47km from the center of Tartu. When coming from Tartu, choose a bus to Võru and get off at the Saverna stop. Buses stop there quite often, travel takes about 40 minutes. Also you can come through Otepää. Knowing your arrival time and place hosts will pick you up from there. More information is on www.tpilet.ee. The farm is located in the village of Aiaste. It is important to understand when coming there is that it is calm and quiet place (there are no events in the village). But with nice weather, it is possible to see a deer in the field, a fox in a strawberry bed, or a stork. While sitting by the fire at night, enjoy the starry sky and listen to the nature sounds by animals such as badgers or raccoons. There are 3 farms around which attracted new residents in recent years – they are young families with children. So participants are welcome to spend some time with them sharing their culture and languages. More information on www.visitestonia.com

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the rural life being ready to do farm work which can be hard sometimes. The minimum age of participants is 19.

Leisure time

It is possible to swim, make a fire, play volleyball and various games (like disc golf), or do mushroom picking if you are interested. There is a swimming lake in Valgjärv 4 km away. You can use various hiking trails. If interested you can visit the nearby farms, where you can get to know horses, sheep and other animals and see many other interesting things. And there is Cantervilla Castle nearby, where you can have fun in the water park. More info on www.cantervilla.ee

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

How honey is made? Come to find out and taste!

Project

For many years EstYES has been cooperating with eco-farms around Estonia for solidarity and respect for their work and to support local people involved in agricultural sector, who keep traditions and develop new eco-farming in Estonia despite of all difficulties. Kriusilla Farm is one of them. This is the organic farm dealing with traditional bees-keeping and promoting sustainable lifestyle. So, this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share eco-values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. This camp follows positive experience of the camps for over 10 years.

Work

Kriusilla is a small farm dealing mainly with beekeeping and forestry. Volunteers will be doing some forestry work (cleaning and weeding forestry, planting trees, building wood construction) but also collecting honey, cleaning and improving bee houses, possibly helping to build new ones. There can be also some light odd jobs in the house, building and gardening. The working day will be 5-7 hours depending on weather conditions.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions on the farm will be simple yet beds are provided. Please bring your sleeping bags. Toilets and showers are available. There is kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking. Volunteers will be served food cooked by the hosts.

Location

The farm is located in Anija Community of Harjumaa County. Distance from Tallinn is about 40 km. More information on www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, train to Kehra.

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the rural life and be ready for the farm work, which can be hard sometimes. **NB!** Obviously, **the volunteers should not be afraid of or be allergic to bees.**

Leisure time

There are a lot of leisure time possibilities in the area for people enjoying nature and interested in sustainable way of living. There are many interesting locally important natural sites in the area. There is Jagala River 4 km away, picturesque lakes about 20 km away and the sea 40 km away. Short trips in the area are planned by hosts. It is easy and quite possible to go to Tallinn on your own in the free time to enjoy its attraction and numerous opportunities flourishing in summer period. Besides there will be some local festivities in the villages nearby www.voose.ee; www.viikingitekyla.ee ; www.korvemaa.ee/en ; <https://anijamois.ee/> which can be attended together with the hosts.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

This project is organized by Pärnu Youth Centre which was formed in 2008. It follows NGO Parnu Freeschool's youth work principles, ethics and standards. The aim of this project is to offer fun and educative summer camps with different subjects for the youngsters aged 7- 21. In every camp there are activities which help youngsters to develop as a citizen, improve their social skills and key competencies in fun and entertaining way. It is also important to offer fun and educative free time activities for the youngsters who come from families with difficult economic background. In every camp we use learning-by-doing method which includes teamwork activities, games, handicraft, meetings, discussions, seminars, excursions and direct contact to young people from abroad as well as alternative English and/or Russian languages practice. In every camp there are 20 youngsters. We look for two volunteers for the creativity and adventure camp (each camp is 4 days long) and two volunteers for sports (4days) and ending camp (3 days and 2 nights). Between the camps there will be days off. Volunteers joining these camps have an excellent opportunity to practice work with youngsters of different backgrounds as well as teaching English and/or Russian languages.

Work and programme

Volunteers together with youth workers are responsible for the day activities in the camps. The general camp program (themes, actions, social activities, games, excursions etc.) is worked out by the youth workers before camps start. Still volunteers can work out some activities for youngsters during the camp days together with youth workers. The content of these activities depends on the camp's topics. In addition to volunteers there are 2-4 youth workers. The volunteers' tasks are:

- assisting youth workers in communicating and supervising youngsters;
- helping youth workers to prepare the day activities;
- carrying out planned activities;
- taking part in excursions, games, meetings, discussions, seminars and handicraft workshops;
- giving youngsters communication, activating their vocabulary, encouraging them to speak English and/or Russian.

The work can be pretty intense, requiring a high level of commitment, lots of communication and responsibility for the camp program and young participants. The camp days last from 12:00 until 18:00. Volunteers will stay with youngsters in this time period and then they spend some time to prepare the next day's activities together with youth workers. The camps activities will mostly take place in the Youth Centre. Preliminary schedule is below however the actual day schedule depends on a day and on a particular camp theme:

12:00 – 14:00 Icebreaking and parlor games or other activities

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Excursion or activities around the city, workshop or intellectual and creative games in teams

17:00 – 18:00 Snack break and reflection

Accommodation

Volunteers will sleep in the Parnu Youth Centre meeting room on the camp beds. There is no need to bring your own mattresses, pillows, blankets, etc. as we have them in the centre. Please bring your own towels. Toilets and showers are of common use. Collective lunches will be organized in Parnu Youth Centre. Breakfasts and dinners can easily be made in the youth centre kitchen where there is a stove, freezer, microwave and cookwares. Very near to the youth centre there are grocery store and pubs where the volunteers can also have their meals. Money will be given to volunteers to buy food for cooking.

Location

Most of the camp activities will take place in Parnu Youth Centre www.vabaajakeskus.ee/ ; www.facebook.com/vabaajakeskus/ ; www.instagram.com/parnu_noorte_vabaajakeskus/. The youth centre is just 15-minute walk from the city centre (stores, cinema, leisure time activities, pubs, clubs, parks, riverside etc.), 5-minute walk from Parnu river and 30-minute walk from the beautiful Parnu Beach. More about Pärnu <http://www.parnu.ee/index.php/en/>, about Estonia <https://www.visitestonia.com/en>

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Parnu. **NB! You are expected to arrive to Pärnu by 17:00 pm latest on the arrival day.**

If you need to arrive one day earlier because of it we can help booking inexpensive hostel in Tallinn.

Special requirements

Please share your hobbies, special skills and interests with youngsters. A presentation about your country and culture would be great! You have to be **highly motivated to work with youngsters**. Please provide a **letter of motivation** along with application form. Experience in work with youngsters is an advantage. **We need you to be trustworthy, active and capable** to participate in the activities of the camp. **Your criminal record must be clean. A good level of English is required.** Some of local kids speak Russian, so it can be useful if you can speak it too. **The age limit of volunteers is 20-30. NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol is absolutely prohibited in the camp and in the youth centre!**

Leisure time

There is plenty to do in Parnu: concerts, festivals, open-air shows etc. Summer period is especially rich for cultural events of all kinds. Parnu is known as the summer capital of Estonia. There are several sport halls, swimming pools, saunas and spas, fitness clubs, beautiful Parnu Beach – sunbathing, swimming and many other opportunities for outdoor sports and leisure time.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before beginning of the camp to the bank account. If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

Helping local community to run International Folk Dance Festival

Project

It is good tradition for EstYES to organize international workcamps in co-operation with Marjamaa Community. It lies on the half way between Tallinn and Parnu, and it is known for its rich historical and cultural heritage: ancient settlement in Varbola, XIII century church in Marjamaa, numerous German manor houses of XVIII-XIX centuries and active culture life nowadays. Local authorities see in the international camps a powerful tool for local development - not only in terms of work done by volunteers but mainly for introduction multicultural dimension to the population of small local communities in the country. The camp will take place in the village of Marjamaa, the centre of the community. The main idea of this camp is to assist running the 18th international Marjamaa Folk Dance Festival helping different practical tasks. More information about Folk Festivals can be found here <https://marjamaafolk.ee/en/about-the-festival/>

Work

As there will be the 18th international Marjamaa Folk Dance Festival and The Days of the Village on 03.-06.08, volunteers are asked to help it out doing various practical jobs related to its organization and running. This will involve a lot of cleaning and manual work. But it is also expected that volunteers contribute to the festival by introducing their national culture, music, dances, also food to local people as well as organizing games and fun activities for local children during the Day of the Youth and Children in the frame of the Festival. Be ready to work for some hours on the weekend!

Accommodation:

Volunteers will have simple accommodation in the rooms of the Marjamaa Community House right in the middle of the village, sleeping on mattresses. Please bring a sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available. Volunteers will have lunches and dinners in the local canteen and breakfast prepared by themselves at the accommodation.

Location

Marjamaa is a village with ca 4000 inhabitants on the half way between Tallinn and Parnu. Distance from Marjamaa to Tallinn is 66 km. Being an administrative centre of community with 7000 inhabitants Marjamaa has several shops, department stores, culture house, cinema, several pubs, etc. Larger city nearby is Rapla (25km), an administrative centre of the county. Marjamaa has good bus connection to Tallinn and Parnu. More information on www.marjamaa.ee and www.raplamaa.ee

Terminal

Airport, harbor, bus & train stations in Tallinn; bus to Marjamaa.

Special requirements

Please bring sleeping bag and pillow. It will be great if you could think about your contribution to the festival and bring some materials, music, games for kids as well as national food/ drinks for it. If you can present folk songs or dances from your country or teach others it you really should not hesitate to do it! English is the camp language.

Leisure time

You can enjoy all performances of the Festival. During the international Folk Festival volunteers can join diverse activities and parties with the international participants and locals such as Festival Club every evening. Besides, it is possible to do sport at the school stadium, swim in the local swimming pool; also go for some visits to the places of interest in the area.

Participation fee

Due to the lack of financial support for the project the participation fee of **150 Euro** is requested from volunteers to cover the costs of board, leisure activities and administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

Tallinn youth centre “Youth Club Active” runs children’s camp in Vihasoo for over 25 years. The aim of Vihasoo camp is to give children possibility of active and meaningful summer vacations. The base of Vihasoo lies 70km from Tallinn. The camp is located on the territory of Lahemaa National Park. The wonderful nature, proximity to the sea (about 100m), good facilities – all this makes Vihasoo ideal place for leisure. Such location brings children closer to unspoiled nature and gives them an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Estonian national heritage richly presented in the area. Each summer period of the camp has its own theme. The purpose of this period is to discover different countries and cultures through artistic expression which could be dancing or singing, national style party, music or art of any kind – anything volunteer is good at. The idea is to have intercultural diversity to be presented to kids. We want to give children opportunity to discover differences in cultures, that they can learn it and reflect after. To achieve this aim Vihasoo camp invites international volunteers to join it as animators. Most of children are Russian-speaking from minority communities of Estonia. The area of the camp is 1,8 ha and it can host about 80 children on one shift. The age is 12-16. More information on www.vihasoo.ee

Work

Each day of the camp will have a program completed by local coordinators and volunteers will be helping to realize it. The main activities will be intercultural learning through finding differences and similarities between Estonia and countries, where volunteers come from (history, traditions, language, singing, dancing, etc). It will be done through art, games, drama, sport, discussions. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. Volunteers would lead workshops connected with their **cultural expression** during 5 days of the camp, which may culminate with small performance on the last day of the project. The duration of each workshop is 2 hours. You do not have to be professional, the most important that it is enjoyable and fun! Besides, each volunteer has to run one cultural night to present own country and culture to others. After placement volunteers will be contacted by organizers to get involved and guided in the preparation of the program before arrival to Estonia. Volunteer will work in partnership with professional local educators and youth workers - 25 staff members.

Accommodation

In the separate house with other staff members in 4-6-bedded rooms. Sleeping bag is not needed. Volunteers will eat together with children and staff in the canteen. Showers, dry toilets and Wi-Fi are available.

Location

Vihasoo is tiny village in the picturesque Lahemaa National Park 70km from Tallinn. Surrounded by forest, near to the sea, it is the ideal place for summer vacations. The nearest town (7km) is Vosu, spa town with about 1000 inhabitants.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, specially arranged car to Vihasoo. We will organise transfer for the volunteers after their arrival to Tallinn, one day before children arrive to the camp that is to get to know each other and prepare things.

Special requirements

You have to love kids and be well **motivated to work** with them. **The work demands 24-hours commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes.** Weekend is not free! Experience in work with children is an advantage. We expect active volunteers with good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. Moreover, volunteer should be good enough in some art to be able to lead a workshop for kids. All exciting ideas of activities for kids, games etc are welcome. English and Russian are the camp languages.

Leisure time

Hiking, swimming, sunbathing, sports, games, excursions to the places of interest in the Lahemaa National Park.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **40 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your organization.

Project

Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) is NGO dedicated to nature conservation. Its mission is to preserve endangered species and their habitats, natural landscapes and natural associations typical of Estonia. ELF has organized yearly nature conservation holidays where volunteers, participants and group managers work together in order to improve the living conditions of a certain species (i.e. natterjack toad, black stork) or maintain semi-natural communities. You can read on <http://elfond.ee/en> and see photos from volunteering camps of 2019: <http://www.talgud.ee/galerii/2019>, or year 2022: <https://talgud.ee/talgud/galerii/2022>

This year camp has **two different tasks - restoring the habitats of endangered amphibians and removing non-native invasive plant species**, which have to be accomplished in **three different locations**.

The aim of the **first part** is **restoring the habitat of endangered amphibian the northern crested newt** which takes place in Haanja. **Haanja National Park** is the hilliest part of an otherwise low country. It's locally known for some distinct cultural heritage: smoke saunas and Võru dialect. Haanja hills create a highly diverse landscape with small size fields, hay meadows, forests, and wetlands, which is a perfect habitat for many cultural landscape species that have been lost in intensive farming areas.

The great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*) is a rare dark lizard-like threatened amphibian species in Estonia, occurring mainly in the southern part of the country. One of the main reasons for the decrease in the crested newt numbers is the lack of small water bodies suitable for breeding. Volunteers will clear the ponds of brushwood and vegetation, which helps to ensure the survival and increase of existing populations. Here are photos from previous camps in Haanja <https://www.talgud.ee/talgud/tehtavad-tood/harivesilik>

The aim of the **second part** is **removing non-native invasive plant species of the Himalayan balsam**.

Karula National Park is famous for its vast forests and hilly landscape. This region is also an important habitat for the black stork (*Ciconia nigra*), a rare bird species in Estonia. The Estonian traditions and the old way of life are still alive in Karula. Historical farmhouses, old wagon trails, the local dialect, and smoke saunas are still here.

Otepää Nature Park, the largest protected landscape in Estonia, is located on hilly uplands. One of the country's most picturesque lakes – Pühajärv, or Sacred Lake in translation – is situated in the heart of the nature park. The small town of Otepää next to the lake has given its name to the protected area and is a popular skiing destination. The diverse landscapes in the nature park are shaped by both human activity and natural processes.

The Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) is an invasive plant species that has spread to Estonian nature from the gardens. It spreads quickly and competes with the local flora for habitats, forcing the latter to disappear. Luckily, the Himalayan balsam can be easily removed by plucking and this method has been proven effective over the years. The worksite in Karula is next to the lake: bring your swimwear!

ELF's volunteers have plucked up the Himalayan balsam in Karula since 2017 and in Otepää since 2021. The results have been promising, and we will continue the work in these locations for several years. Here are photos from previous camps <https://www.talgud.ee/talgud/tehtavad-tood/verev-lemmalts>

Work

Removing brushwood and vegetation from the breeding ponds of newts at Haanja. Manually plucking out the Himalayan balsam at Karula and Otepää. A typical workday will last for 6 hours. Work equipment and gloves will be provided by ELF.

Accommodation

Haanja: Irvese Holiday House <https://irvesepuhkemaja.ee/teenused/puhkemaja-pakkumised/>

Karula: Kaikamäe village center <https://www.facebook.com/kaikam2e/>

Otepää: Hommik House <https://hommikhouse.ee/et/suvine-majutus-7-km-otepaalt/>

Beds in shared rooms; sheets are provided. Showers and kitchen are available. Two evenings will be for the Finnish sauna and one for the traditional Estonian smoke sauna. We will be cooking our own food throughout the camp. The Estonian group leader will compile the menu and buy the groceries.

Itineraries

- 31st July. Before noon: arrival at Tallinn Airport. Public transport to Tartu (ca 2,5h, tickets 11-15 euros). Pick-up from Tartu coach station to Haanja with ELF's minivan (ca 1,5h).
- 1st-2nd August. Work in Haanja. Finnish sauna in one evening.
- 3rd August. Free time to explore the region of Haanja. Transport to Karula National Park with ELF's minivan (1h).
- 4th August. Work in Karula. Traditional Estonian smoke sauna in the evening.
- 5th August. Free time to explore the region of Karula. Transport to Otepää Nature Park with ELF's minivan (1h).
- 6-7th August. Work in Otepää. Sauna in one evening.
- 8th August. Free time to explore the region of Otepää. Afternoon: drop-off to Tartu coach station. Public transport from Tartu to Tallinn (ca 2,5h, tickets 11-15 euros).

Leisure time

Board games, sauna, swimming, hiking and exploring the local surroundings, etc.

Special requirements

You have to bring suitable clothing (long sleeves and pants to prevent scratches), a hat, closed footwear (sneakers or hiking boots) for work, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, personal hygiene supplies, a towel, swimwear. Necessary tools and clothes provided by ELF.

NB! It is important to arrive on 31.07 to Tallinn (or Tartu) before noon! If you need to arrive one day earlier in order to make it, we can help you booking inexpensive accommodation in Tallinn.

What to (not) expect

Do expect

- physical work and plenty of fresh air
- self-catering: preparing your own meals
- cleaning after yourself: sweeping the floors and taking out the trash in accommodation sites
- hectic weather conditions: sunshine, rain, wind, warm and cold days
- many blood-sucking insects: mosquitos, horse flies, ticks
- unique experience in the most beautiful sites of Estonia working directly for nature conservation!

Do not expect

- to have everything exactly like at home the way that you are used to
- to have luxurious private rooms or room service
- to have everything handed out for you
- restaurant meals
- to always have WIFI and mobile reception
- a fixed time schedule: everything may change according to the weather

Participation fee

You are kindly asked to contribute **200 Euro** towards cost of board, lodging, programme, administration and for nature! **This fee has to be paid by volunteers either by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp or to the host upon arrival to the camp.**

EST CC 01	ENGLISH IN THE CITY I	TALLINN	13.06 - 22.06	KIDS/ TEACH	2 vols
EST CC 03	ENGLISH IN THE CITY II	TALLINN	20.08 - 26.08	KIDS/ TEACH	2 vols

Project

Estonian hobby school Optimum Semper was established in 2011 with the aim of providing additional high-quality education to local children using alternative teaching methods developed by the schoolteachers. A special emphasis is placed on languages, art, handicraft, acting and nature. The focus is on intercultural learning and integrating youth into a rapidly changing globalizing world. The school's students range in age from 4 to 16+. Every summer, the school holds short English language camps to provide local young people with additional studies and real-world practice. To support this alternative learning process, international volunteers are welcome to join the project. As part of the program, you will have the opportunity to teach English to kids and stay in the Estonian capital during the summer, enjoying the many attractions it has to offer. The theme of this summer camp is "What do you know about the world?!"

Work

A supervisor of the camp plans out the main program (theme, activities, and excursions). There will be a program for each day of the camp created by local coordinators with the help of volunteers. Planning language activities and games (vocabulary varies depending on the theme of the day and the level of knowledge of the children), carrying out the scheduled activities, and participating in trips (for volunteers it is free) would be your responsibilities.

The primary goal of the teacher is to offer children the opportunity of real communication, to expand their vocabulary, and to encourage them to speak English. The day-to-day activities in the camp are overseen by volunteers and a local project coordinator. One teacher and two assistants will work altogether. There are approximately 20 students (8 to 14 years old) in total. Volunteers will work with 10 children in a small group. Most of the children in the camp are Russian-speaking. The activities of the camp will be held every day in different learning centers of Tallinn.

You'll stay with the kids from 09.30 a.m. to 15.30 p.m. (16.30 p.m.) and then spend another hour planning the next day's activities.

Regular timetable is as follows:

09.30-11.45 - English lessons in groups of 10 kids

12.00-12.30 - Lunch (for volunteers is free)

12.45-15.30 - Excursion, activities around the city, board games, workshops

Accommodation

Accommodation is in the "Optimum Semper" school's classrooms on mattresses. The school only has a toilet. Sauna and a laundry facility are available next to the accommodation (in the nearest hotel, 200m away). Breakfasts and dinners will be served at your lodging; lunches will be provided for the entire camp in the city center. Wi-Fi is available.

Location

Camp will take place in the centre of Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. More information on www.tallinn.ee

Leisure time

There are many options for leisure activities because the camp will be held in Tallinn, Estonia's capital, which has attractions to suit every taste.

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. It is very easy to get to our school, as we are in the city center. All the details about city transport we will send you in private messages. You will arrive one day before children come to the camp that is to get to know each other and prepare things.

Special requirements

You must be **really motivated** to work with children. The work demands commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes. Along with the application form, **please include a motivation letter**. Previous working experience with children is a plus. Your ideas for children's activities, as well as the actual preparation for them, are critical. A good level of English is required. Volunteers must be **at least 20 years old**.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **40 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. This **fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account**.

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Work

A supervisor of the camp plans out the main program (theme, activities, and excursions). There will be a program for each day of the camp created by local coordinators with the help of volunteers. Planning language activities and games (vocabulary varies depending on the theme of the day and the level of knowledge of the children), carrying out the scheduled activities, and participating in trips (for volunteers it is free) would be your responsibilities.

The primary goal of the teacher is to offer children the opportunity of real communication, to expand their vocabulary, and to encourage them to speak French. The day-to-day activities in the camp are overseen by volunteers and a local project coordinator. One teacher and two assistants will work altogether. There are approximately 20 students (9 to 12 years old) in total. Volunteers will work with 10 children in a small group. Most of the children in the camp are Russian-speaking. The activities of the camp will be held every day in different learning centers of Tallinn.

You'll stay with the kids from 09.30 a.m. to 15.30 p.m. (16.30 p.m.) and then spend another hour planning the next day's activities.

Regular timetable is as follows:

09.30-11.45 - French lessons in groups of 10 kids

12.00-12.30 - Lunch (for volunteers is free)

12.45-15.30 - Excursion, activities around the city, board games, workshops

Accommodation

Accommodation is in the "Optimum Semper" school's classrooms on mattresses. The school only has a toilet. Sauna and a laundry facility are available next to the accommodation (in the nearest hotel, 200m away). Breakfasts and dinners will be served at your lodging; lunches will be provided for the entire camp in the city center. Wi-Fi is available.

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Participation fee

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EST DT 21	DOWN TOWN KIDS 21	TALLINN	09.06 - 23.06.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols
EST DT 22	DOWN TOWN KIDS 22	TALLINN	23.06 - 08.07.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols
EST DT 23	DOWN TOWN KIDS 23	TALLINN	21.07 - 04.08.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols
EST DT 24	DOWN TOWN KIDS 24	TALLINN	04.08 - 19.08.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols
EST DT 31	DOWN TOWN KIDS 31	TALLINN	16.06 - 08.07.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols
EST DT 32	DOWN TOWN KIDS 32	TALLINN	21.07 - 12.08.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols
EST DT 33	DOWN TOWN KIDS 33	TALLINN	28.07 - 19.08.23	KIDS/TEACH	6 vols

Project

This project is organized for local children by The Language School "In Down-Town" and the non-profit educational association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite" (ALPS) as part of their annual activities on multicultural issues for local youth. Some international teenage participants are expected to join. The common project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to children and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication using the learning-by-doing method and organizing alternative English language practice. The project gets youngsters from all over the world and encourages them to develop their cross-cultural thinking and tolerance as well as global thinking and individual initiative. The theme of summer 2023 is "Skills for Life". The participants will discover why it is of a great value to be a skilful person either in the professional or emotional sphere, how the life skills are integrated in our everyday habits helping us to build up strong personal relationships and successful professional career, to support peaceful diplomacy and global sustainable development, and how to become one of those happy people. Meetings with local and/or international professionals in the field will take place. Thematic photo and video contests for camp participants will be organized.

Work

Activating kids in the city camp and providing them with cross-cultural learning experience. Volunteers will do it by using various informal methods of teaching as well as small group techniques. The activities to be held by a team of volunteers may include the following: playing the games and performing music that are popular in the countries the volunteers represent; training kids to perform pieces of amateur drama; preparing festivals; providing intellectual and sport games as well as discussions; preparing quests to combine with excursions round the places of interest; organizing actions for peace and nature protection; leading and supporting kids in their work on the team projects within the topics related to the main theme of the summer. Volunteers are responsible for the day activities in the camp. **The work can be quite hard, involving long working hours, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility.** You will stay with campers from 10:00 to 17:00 (45-minute lunch is included) and spend about another hour to prepare and finalize next day activities and feedback. Working days are from Monday to Friday plus one duty Saturday; Sundays are days off. The local participants are mainly youngsters from minority groups of Tallinn whose family's languages include Russian. Based on the previous year, we expect a number of kids/teens participants in one camp shift as up to 40. Volunteers will work in pairs facilitating and leading a smaller group of 10 - 12 children or less during the day and change the groups every 2-3 days.

During the first three days of the workcamp after arrival (Friday, Saturday and Sunday), volunteers will be given a training on the camp methodology and some time to prepare themselves to meet the kids/teens on Monday and further carry out their tasks in the camp. For this reason, it is important to arrive on time. So, the volunteer is expected to arrive to the camp location **on Friday** prior to the camp starting on Monday.

Accommodation

There are 2 options which are a subject to availability:

1) A furnished shared apartment in the residential area of Tallinn. The apartment has three-four dormitory bedrooms and all necessary facilities, and it takes about 20 minutes to get to the city center by public transport. Public transport cards will be provided. Volunteers will cook their breakfast meals themselves (food for a standard European breakfast will be provided); dinner meals will be served at school between 18:00 and 19:00; lunches will be organized for the whole camp (including kids/teens) in the city centre.

2) The premises of The Language School "In Down-Town" located on the 4th and 5th floors of a business building in the city centre. In summer time, a part of the school is reserved for the volunteers' accommodation that includes several separate dormitory bedrooms, a fitted kitchen, a small dining area, a large shower area and two separate toilet cabins. Bed linen, pillows and blankets will be provided, so you do NOT need to bring a sleeping bag unless you want so. For the reasons of security, volunteers will be issued **only one** set of keys. To facilitate a smooth and safe environment at school during the off-hours, the entrance to the school must be kept closed at all times. The access to the school and accommodation areas will be managed by long-term volunteers or school staff. Catering will be organized by the school on an agreement with the volunteers (selection of times, meals - provided or volunteers cook, etc.).

Please note: **it is not possible to stay at any of the camp accommodation before or after the camp.** If you need a place to stay before or after the workcamp dates, we can help you to book a hostel in Tallinn.

Location

Camp takes place in the school that is situated in the center of Tallinn, Estonian capital www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a letter of your motivation** along with the application form. An experience of working with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential, so a successful volunteer will be required to meet the team online to discuss and complete some preliminary preparation. We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games etc., which can be used during your country presentation. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is from 20 to 30.** Please note that before making a final decision about your participation in the camp, the project coordinator will have a Skype interview with you.

Due to all our volunteers work with minors, we expect them to provide a criminal clearance and to have been fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 disease or declared recovered (a certificate is needed in both cases). Other necessary safety procedures and requirements must be fully undertaken in accordance with the Estonian national anti-COVID measures that may apply at the moment of a volunteer's arrival. Please make sure that you have a travel insurance certificate before arrival as well.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as the camp takes place in the capital where one can find attractions for all tastes: sightseeing and museums, festivals, concerts, live music, pubs, etc. The camp provides an excellent opportunity to establish contacts with young Estonians and to experience the local life.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** regardless the duration of stay towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make it, please contact your sending organization for a solution.

EST LTA 01	Taevaskoja Youth Camp 1	POLVA	25.06 - 01.07	KIDS	3 vols
EST LTA 02	Taevaskoja Youth Camp 2	POLVA	01.07 - 08.07	KIDS	3 vols
EST LTA 03	Taevaskoja Youth Camp 3	POLVA	08.07 - 15.07	KIDS	3 vols
EST LTA 04	Taevaskoja Youth Camp 4	POLVA	30.07 - 06.08	KIDS	3 vols
EST LTA 05	Taevaskoja Youth Camp 5	POLVA	06.08 - 13.08	KIDS	3 vols
EST LTA 06	Taevaskoja Youth Camp 6	POLVA	13.08 - 21.08	KIDS	3 vols

Project

Taevaskoja Youth Camp is adventurous hiking camp that has been active for 25 years. The aim of Taevaskoja camp is to support children's development through non-formal education. During the youth camp kids participate in different workshops about health, safety, culture and enjoy climbing and hiking activities. Taevaskoja is located in South-Estonia, about 230 km from Tallinn. The camp site is very close to the one of the most popular natural touristic place - Suur Taevaskoda (The Large Heaven's Hall), surrounded by beautiful forest and close to the one of the longest rivers in Estonia. Such location brings children closer to unspoiled nature and gives them an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with Estonian national heritage richly presented in the area. The camp aims also to develop children's knowledges about different cultures and support the growth of tolerance. To do that Taevaskoja Youth Camp invites international volunteers to join the camp as animators. Children come to Taevaskoja camp from all over Estonia. Most of them have basic knowledge of English and are very happy to have a chance to practice it. More information on www.taevaskoja.ee/taevaskoja-noortelaager/ Camp has several periods with different age groups of kids. **NB! It is possible to join for several camp shifts in a row.**

Work

Each day of the camp will have a program completed by local coordinators and the volunteers will be helping to realize it. We expect that **volunteers would lead workshops connected with their culture (traditional dances, games, everyday life, food, etc.)** The main activities will be intercultural learning through finding differences and similarities between Estonia and countries, where volunteers come from (history, traditions, language, singing, dancing). It will be done through games, drama, sport, discussions. We expect active volunteers with the good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. After placement volunteers will be contacted by organizers to get involved in the preparation of the program before arrival to Estonia. Volunteer will work in partnership with professional local educators and youth workers – 9 staff members. The age of children is from 8 to 17 depending on shift.

Accommodation

In the same house with kids, separate room for volunteers and staff members (2-3 people in the same room). Volunteers will eat together with children and staff in the canteen. Showers, toilets and Wi-Fi are available.

Location

Taevaskoja is a tiny village in South-Estonia with 90 habitants. Distance from Tallinn is 230 km. But in summer it becomes one of the most visited natural sights. <http://www.taevaskoja.ee/taevaskoja-loodus> <https://www.visitestonia.com/en/suur-ja-vaike-taevaskoda-sandstone-outcrops>

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn or Riga, capital of Latvia. From these cities it is easy to travel to Tartu by bus. From Tartu you can come to Taevaskoja by regular bus or train. Arrival is on the first day of the camp in the evening, departure is on the last day of the camp in the morning.

Special requirements

You have to love kids and be really **motivated to work** with them. The work demands 24-hours commitment and it can be pretty hard sometimes. Experience in work with children is an advantage. We expect active volunteers with good knowledge of history and culture of their country and ability to present it. All exciting ideas of activities for kids, games etc. are welcome. Good ability to communicate in English is needed and knowledge of Russian may be useful. **The age of participants is 20-30.**

NB! Certificate of good conduct/ police check is required for work with kids.

Leisure time

Plenty of possibilities: hiking, swimming, sunbathing, sports, games, excursions to the places of interest in the area.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **40 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. In case of participation in more than one shift the total fee is **60 Euro**. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.**

Project

Hiiumaa according to the Nordic sagas emerged from the Baltic Sea as a small islet more than 10 000 years ago. The island of Hiiumaa was first mentioned in historical documents as a deserted island called Dageida in 1228. The first inhabitants settled down at the end of the 13th century. Nowadays Hiiumaa is the second biggest island of Estonia with the area of 965 sq. km and the population around 10 000. It has many historical and nature sights, and there are kind people known for their hospitality and good sense of humor. The island is referred as a remote area of Europe, and EstYES feels particularly proud developing international voluntary projects for almost twenty years there. Besides, for years EstYES has been cooperating with eco-farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Alliksaare Farm on Hiiumaa Island is one of such projects. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. Alliksaare Farm has an important task taking care of coastal meadows which are international birds' migration area under protection of NATURA Program. Watch videos of past camps <http://vimeo.com/55764079> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEAc2Sch6f8>

Work

Alliksaare Farm's main direction is horse farming. At the moment there are around 100 horses on the farm. The work is diverse: it is to take care and maintain the pastures located by the sea - clearing around the pastures, building or removing fences, repairing fences. Another work is cleaning the coast nearby the farm from rubbish brought by storms. There can be some work for preparing food for horses for a winter time. **But the most important work is with horses directly** - take care of them and to train horses. If you know how to ride and know more about horses it is possible to go on trails rides and work with horses further. If you want to learn how to ride there is a possibility as well. There are young and older horses so it's possible to learn how to take care and train horse of any age, starting from training foals how to walk on the lead rope and getting them to trust humans as well as riding some troubled horses or training horses to ride under saddle or front of the carriage. The work will be mainly outdoors. Working time is 6-8 hours a day. Work will be done under some supervision and guidance of the local host but also **quite a lot independently**.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions are very simple - in caravans, however beds are provided. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available on site. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking. Ingredients for food will be provided.

Location

Alliksaare farm is located in Nurste Kula, Emmaste parish, Hiiumaa island. Hiiumaa is situated in the western part of Estonia, 130km from Tallinn. More information available on the following websites: www.emmaste.ee, www.hiiumaa.ee, www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport, bus nr 2 or tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops at Tallinn Bus Station (Bussijaam). From there buses go to Hiiumaa two times per day taking you straight there (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

You have to be open-minded and ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in Estonian countryside. Be ready for independent work staying without permanent supervision. Please consider that the work is mainly farm work which can be hard sometimes. It would be great if you have experience with horses. It is helpful if you have some technical skills: repair machines, building, use chainsaws, etc. Driving license is an advantage. **Smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted on the farm.**

NB! The minimum duration of stay on the project is 1 month, more is better. The dates are flexible depending on your availability.

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural picturesque sights on the island as well as good possibilities for swimming in the sea or hiking in the forest. It is possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa Island on the week-end, which is planned by the host. Hiiumaa offers a lot of various cultural events in summer time and volunteers will have the possibility to join some of them. In spring and autumn you can enjoy birds watching as their migration route goes over island. This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of rural living.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute a single fee of **150 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. Fee does not depend on the duration of your stay. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the following bank account.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

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Work

Lepaniidi Farm has currently about 150 sheep for producing meat and wool, 40 goats 20 of whom are for milk and goat cheese production. Volunteers will be helping grazing, feeding, milking the goats, processing the milk, but also picking berries and vegetables. So, in the mornings there will be goats milking, at days - picking the berries and fruits (strawberries, raspberries and blackcurrant) and making a jam/juice or there will be work in vegetable garden, removing weeds, picking vegetables, etc. During the autumn shift volunteers will be mainly picking up and sorting vegetables (potatoes, carrots, beetroots), milking goats and making cheese. Participants will have a great chance to get familiar with various farm jobs and even to learn how to make goat cheese! Inside of the house it would be grat to give some hand too etc. cooking and cleaning around. The working day will be 6-7 hours, 5-6 days a week (NB: milking is every day). Work will be supervised by local hosts with whom volunteers will stay sharing work and leisure as a family.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions at the farm will be simple - in old sauna house or caravan, however on beds. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available in the main house; there is also traditional Estonian sauna in the farm. There is a kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking, which volunteers may use freely – just like at home. Usually volunteers will have breakfasts and lunch together with farmers cooked and served by the hosts, but you always can help with cooking. Dinners will be prepared by volunteers.

Location

Hiiumaa Island, Kaina parish, Ristivalja village, Lepaniidi farm. Hiiumaa Island is in the west of Estonia, 140 km from Tallinn. More information on www.hiiumaa.ee or www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport bus nr 2 and tram nr 4 going to the city centre stops by the Tallinn Bus Station. From there two times per day buses take you straight to Hiiumaa (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements

Motivation letter is required. You have to be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in the country side of Estonia and be willing to do farm work, which can be hard sometimes. Not suitable for lactose allergic participants since host offers a lot of dairy products. The host eats a lot of meat products too, but volunteers can always cook for themselves. **Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed in this camp.**

NB! It is possible to adapt dates of the project to availability of volunteer, however the mininum stay is one month.

Leisure time

There are lot of natural picturesque sights in the area. Sea cost is 7km away and there is a possibility to take the bicycles to go swimming. It is possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa Island on weekend. Hiiumaa offers a lot of events on weekends in summer. Hosts plan to arrange some tours around the island. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy nature and interested in traditional ways of rural living.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **150 Euros** regardless the duration of stay towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the stay.** If you cannot make it please contact your sending organization for solution.

Project

The project is organized for local schoolchildren in the age of 10 to 16 years old by the Language School "In Down-Town" and non-profit association "Alternative Language Programs Satellite". Some international teenage participants may randomly join. The common project's aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures, customs and traditions to camp participants, develop their cross-cultural thinking and tolerance. At the same time, the project opens wide perspectives for the participants (both youngsters and volunteers) to gain and improve their soft skills, which will make their educational and future working career more successful – such as communication and teamwork skills, language and intercultural competences. Assuring meaningful summer holidays for local and international youngsters, the project's aims are achieved within the framework of international summer language camps where task-based activities, discussion sessions and creative workshops are organized by a team of international volunteers under the leadership of the local staff. The theme of summer 2023 is "Skills for Life". The participants will discover why it is of a great value to be a skilful person either in the professional or emotional sphere, how the life skills are integrated in our everyday habits helping us to build up strong personal relationships and successful professional career, to support peaceful diplomacy and global sustainable development, and how to become one of those happy people. Meetings with local and/or international professionals in the field will take place. Thematic photo and video contests for camp participants will be organized.

Work

All summer camps are held under one common theme, though every camp has its own focus within which everyday activities for youngsters are organized. Each day of the camp program has a special topic to be discussed and a related activity to work out the outcome. There is also a creative and interactive presentation of a country-participant every day to introduce general and interesting facts about the country as well as cultural customs and national traditions to schoolchildren. The standard number of days in a shift is 10 plus 1 optional Saturday, and there is a special agenda on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 10th camp days (camp introductory and final events, the mid-camp event, the day outside Tallinn). Every camp is thoroughly documented. The related activities suitable to support topic discussions and country presentations are as follows: various intellectual and sport games for youngsters, creative team projects like posters and sculptures or board-games, pieces of amateur drama or other types of performances, excursions and workshops, playing the games and music popular in the countries the volunteers represent, teaching their songs or folk dances, etc.

There are 4 camp shifts during this summer project, 10-11 days length with an opportunity for kids/teens to join every Monday. Every shift has an option for different ages from 10 to 16 years old. All of them are day camps that are held in Tallinn. The working language is English. A number of volunteers working with schoolchildren in one camp may vary from 2 to 8 (both long-term volunteers for the whole summer and short-term volunteers who may join for 2, 3 or 4 weeks); they work in pairs with one of the camp groups of 10-12 teens or less and change the groups every 2-3 days. Based on the previous year, we expect a number of kids/teens participants in one camp shift as up to 40 split into 2-4 camp groups; the local participants are mainly youngsters from minority groups of Tallinn whose family's languages include Russian.

Based on described above, the work and duties of the volunteer include the following: prepare and facilitate topic discussions and camp activities for smaller teams of youngsters as well as larger all-camp events, support and lead youngsters in their work on team projects; help the youngsters and other volunteers in their performances and country presentations; assist the program leader implementing camp activities and trainings for other volunteers; work on the documenting camp events and support the local staff in their work with an international team of volunteers – organizing folders with working materials, making on-line reports and advert, making analysis, compiling the camp albums and leaflets, providing feedback. Other work will include taking turn in assisting with catering and taking care of other volunteers, staying on overnight securing the international teenagers who are accommodated at school, etc. **The work can be quite hard, involving long working hours on some days, requiring high commitment and responsibility for the camp program.** Mainly Sundays and Saturdays (also sometimes weekdays) are days off that are given to every volunteer according to the schedule to secure the camp and accommodation site(s) access and security. All volunteers are also subject to a 2-week break in the middle of July (in case a volunteer signs up to the whole period of the project). During the break volunteers will be provided with some pocket money and the same accommodation or will be offered another place to stay on the school's expense; they may also travel leaving their luggage on the accommodation site.

During the first week of the project after arrival, volunteers will be given the training and some time to prepare themselves to carry out their tasks in the camp.

Accommodation

The camp will take place in Tallinn, in the premises of The Language School "In Down-Town". The school is based on the 4th and 5th floors in a business building in the centre of the city. In summer time, a part of the school is reserved for the volunteers' accommodation that includes several separate dormitory bedrooms, a fitted kitchen, a dining area, a large shower area and two

separate toilet cabins. Bed linen, pillows and blankets will be provided, so you do **NOT** need to bring a sleeping bag unless you want so. The entrance to the school must be kept closed at all times. To facilitate a smooth and safe environment at school during the off-hours, volunteers will take turns managing the access to the school and the accommodation areas (including the responsibility for the safety of people, personal belongings and school property). Catering will be organised by the School on an agreement with the volunteers (selection of times, meals - provided or independent cooking, etc). Public city transport cards will be provided as well.

Location

All camps take place in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. More information on www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Special requirements

You have to be **really motivated** to work with kids. **Please provide a letter of your motivation** along with the application form. An experience of working with children is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for kids are essential. We ask you to bring some materials: postcards, posters, symbols of your country, music or popular national games etc., which can be used during your country presentation. We expect active volunteers with a good knowledge of history and culture of their country as well as with an ability and wish to present it to others in a creative way. **B2 level of English is required. The age of volunteers is from 20 to 30.** Please note that before making a final decision about your participation in the camp, the project coordinator will have a Skype interview with you.

Due to all our volunteers work with minors, we expect them to provide a criminal clearance and to have been fully **vaccinated** against the COVID-19 disease or declared recovered (a certificate is needed in both cases). Other necessary safety procedures and requirements must be fully undertaken in accordance with the Estonian national anti-COVID measures that may apply at the moment of a volunteer's arrival. Please make sure that you have a travel insurance certificate before arrival as well.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as the camp takes place in the capital where one can find attractions for all tastes: sightseeing and museums, festivals, concerts, live music, pubs, etc. The camp provides an excellent opportunity to establish contacts with young Estonians and to experience the local life.

Participation fee

We ask participants to contribute **100 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. This **fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp to the bank account.** If you cannot make it, please contact your sending organization for a solution.

EST T1	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 1	NOVA	07.07 - 18.07	TEEN/ ENVI	30 int + 10 loc
EST T2	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 2	NOVA	17.07 - 28.07	TEEN/ ENVI	30 int + 10 loc
EST T3	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 3	NOVA	27.07 - 07.08	TEEN/ ENVI	30 int + 10 loc
EST T4	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 4	NOVA	06.08 - 17.08	TEEN/ ENVI	30 int + 10 loc
EST T5	MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO 5	NOVA	16.08 - 27.08	TEEN/ ENVI	30 int + 15 loc

Project

This camp is organized for teenagers by youth sport club Lukas-Basket which has been running national youth camps for 25 years and International ones for the past 12 years. International teenage camps will be hosted on seaside in the West of Estonia in Laa nemea County in the municipality of Nova. Beautiful nature, numerous historical places, 200 years long tradition of health resort, unique cultural events are the treasures of the County. Nova with warm sea, white sand, mushroom and berry crops, picturesque lakes, cobble stone road and many places of interest is ideal place for leisure. The aim of Nova camp is to give young people possibility to have active, healthy and meaningful summer vacations with different sport adventures, to enjoy unspoiled nature and to learn to live in harmony with it, also to explore and realize their own capacities and limits. The program will include water activities, sport and ball games, eco-hikes, bicycle trips to places of interest, horse riding, fishing, rowing, acquaintance with local culture and many other exciting things. ***Mens sana in corpore sano (Healthy Spirit in Healthy Body)*** – this is the message of the camp! Besides all this, camp gives possibility for intensive contacts between local youth and their peers from abroad, showing youngsters the diversity of world cultures, broadening their horizons and encouraging active communication through games and creative activities. Finally, **there will be some voluntary work for nature protection and to support local community.**

The area of the camp is about 3 hectares and it can host over 60 youngsters on one shift. The age of local participants is 10-18. Local teenagers are mainly Russian-speaking of minority communities of Estonia. Videos from past camps are available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV4WZ61ZxyI>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwTAJF6pIGs&feature=youtu.be>

Program

There are diverse activities in the camp program: canoeing, water scootering, running ATV, paintball in the forest, sport games - football, rugby, volleyball, athletics, table tennis, archery, frisbee, disc-golf, trampolines, different competitions, forest cross, sport orientation in the forest on and on sea (navigation), fishing, bicycle trips to explore the area, visit to the horse farm with horse riding, excursions historical places of interest in the area, active games and adventure trail in Roosta Adventure Park, picnics on a seaside, building sand and stones castles on the beach, Estonian sauna party, etc. In addition, there will be creative workshops on decoupage, soap-making, wooden handicrafts, etc. Bikes are available for the whole camp duration free of charge.

Work

There will be also some voluntary work such as painting of community buildings, making wooden toys and games for local orphanage, repairing benches and tables, cleaning local beach and old seaport from garbage, planting trees, cleaning old cemetery, little renovation works in the local school, clearing pavement, helping seniors living in the community with some household duties, berries and herbs picking to give the crop to the orphanage and seniors home, duty in a kitchen and around the camp once in a shift, etc. The work will be organised in cooperation with local forestry department, municipality of Nova and local school. **Please note that the work described above is planned for the whole summer and it may change from one shift to another depending on local needs, the season and actual weather conditions.**

Accommodation

In tourist tents set by the local school nearby to the seaside (500m away). But it is possible to get accommodation in small wooden huts for modest extra charge – 30 Euro for the whole period. However it should be booked in advance. Please **bring your sleeping bag** and mat. Showers, toilets are provided in the school and there will be additional bio-toilets set on camping site. You can have traditional Estonian sauna every day!

Catering

Three times a day. There are water machines with cold water in the school complex. Catering takes place in the school's mess hall or into the lager tent outside near the mess. Meals are cooked by professional cooks. However, participants will be asked to help cleaning.

Medical Aid

Camp staff members have medical certificates and are able to provide first aid. And there is a car on call 24/7 which goes to the nearest hospital, which is 40km away, in more serious case of any emergency.

Location

Nova is one of 11 municipalities of Laanemaa with about 400 inhabitants, located on the seaside 90 km west from capital of Estonia Tallinn and 40 km north from Haapsalu, famous spa town with many historic and cultural sites. More information on www.novavald.ee/index.php/1 The camp is located on Nova basic School's territory (www.nova.edu.ee)

Surroundings and camp's infrastructure

Schoolhouse

Sports hall

Table tennis

Wooden houses

Information centre

Refreshments stall with water coolers

Gym equipment for fitness exercises on school's territory

Football field

Basketball court on the school's territory

Volleyball court on the beach

4 lakes within 4 km from the camp side

2 sand beaches in the distance from 0,5-7 km

Forest Management Centre wooden tents with table and grill for picnic near the beach

Grocery store 0,5 km away

Hiking paths marked by Forest Department

Terminal and arrivals/ departure

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn; **specialy arranged bus to Nova**. Although pick up on arrival to Tallinn is possible at additional fee, it is not really needed as the meeting point (sport club gym) is located just 1km from the airport <https://goo.gl/maps/VScKmgtorvw> and can be easily reached by tram directly from the airport (3 short stops).

On arrival day there is an excursion in Tallinn, dinner, accommodation in Tallinn with lodging for the night at the gym of the sport club. Showers and WC are in the facility of the gym. On the next day there is a breakfast at 8 am and departure to camp site. On the last day of the camp there is a breakfast and departure at 11:30 am from the camp with the arrival to Tallinn airport by 13:30. If your departure is scheduled to an earlier hour a special transfer from the camp to the airport can be booked at additional fee. In case of earlier arrival or later departure accommodation in hostel can be booked upon request.

Special requirements

Participants have to be sporty (e.g. be ready to run up to 3 km, bike up to 30 km), independent enough, curious and interested in active life style.

Please inform us beforehand about allergies, dietary requirements you have or others prescriptions from your doctor. Please bring sleeping bag and mat, wind and waterproof clothes, goods shoes, warm and summer clothes. **It's advisable to take thermal underwear.** It is advisable to take tick vaccination before coming. **Generally, age of participants is 14-18**, however exceptions are possible. **NB! Smoking, drinking alcohol, using drugs is absolutely prohibited in the camp and this policy will be followed strictly! Thus, if you cannot quit smoking for a while it is probably better not to come.** Camp common language is English. Local languages are Estonian and Russian.

Participation fee

Unlike the "normal" camp there will be not too much of work here. Nevertheless, participants will be provided with board, lodging, local transportation and all equipment necessary to realize camp program. Besides, program involves a lot of extra costs for excursions, trips out, visits, sport activities, equipment, materials and general administration and leadership. Since neither EstYES nor its local camp partner, does not receive financial support for this camp from municipality or private sources, to realize this camp we have to charge participation fee of **450 Euro, which covers all camp and program costs including transfer from Tallinn to and from the camp, and which has to be paid by bank transfer before the camp or by participants upon arrival to the camp.** The bank details will be provided after the acceptance of the participant to the camp.

	General Program
1 day	<p>Arrival to Tallinn. Meeting point at address: Pae 1, Pae Spordikompleks</p> <p>Excursion in Tallinn at 17.00 (Participants who arrive after this time on the meeting point may not be able to take part in excursion), dinner, accommodation in Tallinn - lodging for the night and placement at the gym.</p>
2 day	<p>8.00-Breakfast</p> <p>08.30 Departure to Nova camp</p> <p>11.00 arrival to Nova camp</p> <p>11.00-11.45 accommodation and assembly</p> <p>12.00-14.00 sports competitions</p> <p>14.00-15.00 lunch</p> <p>15.30-19.00 sports and social activities</p> <p>19.00-20.00 dinner</p> <p>20.15-22.00 leader's time - play to explore</p> <p>22.00-23.00 free time</p> <p>23.00 time to sleep</p>
3 day-11 day	<p>07.30 waking up</p> <p>08.00–8.30 gymnastics on the seaside</p> <p>09.00–10.00 breakfast</p> <p>10.00–10.10 assembly</p> <p>10.10–11.00 free time (table tennis, badminton, athletics, archery, darts, fishing, etc. by wish)</p> <p>11.00–13.00 trainings (volleyball, rugby, paintball, sports competitions, football, basketball, orienteering, bicycle trip, eco-hiking, swimming on the beach - one of those every day)</p> <p>13.00–14.00 free time (table tennis, badminton, athletics, fishing, etc. according to wish)</p> <p>14.00–15.00 lunch</p> <p>15.30–19.00 sports and social activities (going with canoe, visiting the horse farm and riding, swimming on the beach, visit the museum of nature and ethnography, volunteer's work, lessons of labor-netting bands, making brooches and amulets of wood, wood- and leather-working, decoupage, soap-making), going with ATV, etc.</p> <p>19.00–20.00 dinner</p> <p>20.15–22.00 group activities time: funny competitions, amusements, games, sauna, bonfire, etc.</p> <p>22.00–23.00 free time</p> <p>23.00 time to sleep</p>
12 day	<p>breakfast</p> <p>11.30 transfer from Nova to Tallinn</p> <p>13:30 arrival to Tallinn airport and further transfer to bus station</p>

EST TDT 11	TEEN DOWN TOWN 11	TALLINN	11.06 – 18.06.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 12	TEEN DOWN TOWN 12	TALLINN	25.06 – 02.07.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 13	TEEN DOWN TOWN 13	TALLINN	23.07 – 30.07.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 14	TEEN DOWN TOWN 14	TALLINN	06.08 – 13.08.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 21	TEEN DOWN TOWN 21	TALLINN	11.06 – 24.06.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 22	TEEN DOWN TOWN 22	TALLINN	25.06 – 08.07.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 23	TEEN DOWN TOWN 23	TALLINN	23.07 – 05.08.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc
EST TDT 24	TEEN DOWN TOWN 24	TALLINN	06.08 – 19.08.23	TEEN/ STUDY	12 int + 12 loc

Project

International language camp is organized for teenagers by The Language School “In Down Town” and the non-profit educational association “Alternative Language Programs Satellite” (ALPS) as part of their annual activities on multicultural issues for youth. The project’s aim is to introduce the diversity of world cultures to the youth and provide them with good practices in intercultural communication by means of alternative English language practice which includes meetings, visits, direct contact to young people from abroad. The project gets 14 to 16 years old teens from all over the world, encourages them to develop their global thinking and individual initiative, tolerance and resistance to xenophobia and ethnic hatred. Camps give foreign participants a great chance to meet youngsters both from Estonia and other countries as well as to experience local life. The theme of summer 2023 is "Skills for Life". The participants will discover why it is of a great value to be a skillful person either in the professional or emotional sphere, how the life skills are integrated in our everyday habits helping us to build up strong personal relationships and successful professional career, to support peaceful diplomacy and global sustainable development, and how to become one of those happy people. Meetings with local and/or international professionals in the field will take place. Thematic photo and video contests for camp participants will be organized.

Program

Camp program includes teamwork on mini- projects, discussions at the round table, social and sport games, performances in the open air, actions for peace and nature protection, meetings with people, visits to museums and sightseeing as well as presentations of the countries that camp participants and volunteers represent, etc. Every day the camp will have a country presentation, a subject to learn or discuss and a related activity. Teenagers will stay in the camp activities zone from 10:00 to 17:00. There will be one day off in the camp and at least one day of travel outside Tallinn. The day off is spent either under the leadership of a member of the school staff or in the host family. Camp activities will take place in the premises of the language school that is situated in the very centre of the city of Tallinn. To activate teenagers and run the program, there will be a group of international volunteers and members of the local school staff.

NB! Please note that it is possible to apply for one or two weeks long project.

Accommodation

There are 2 options which are the subject to availability:

1) In the host families of some of the local participants who will join this camp. The apartments of the host families may be located in Tallinn or its suburbs. Participants will stay in a separate or shared room. Participants will have breakfasts and dinners in their host families, lunches – together with other camp participants in the city. Travel cards will be provided, pick up service at arrival is provided upon request.

2) In the premises of The Language School “In Down-Town” located on the 4th and 5th floors of a business building in the city centre. In summer time, a part of the school is reserved for the camp participants’ accommodation that includes several separate dormitory bedrooms, a fitted kitchen, a dining area, a large shower area and two separate toilet cabins. Apart from bedrooms, the tea-room for rest will be also organized where teenagers might watch films, read and play board games enjoying soft sofas. Bed linen, pillows and blankets will be provided, so you do NOT need to bring a sleeping bag unless you want so. For the reasons of security, one school staff member and one volunteer will be staying with camp participants overnights to maintain domestic life, catering and general order on the site. Participants will have breakfasts and dinners at school, lunches – together with other camp participants.

Please note: **it is not possible to stay at any of the camp accommodation before or after the camp.** If you need a place to stay before or after the camp dates, we can help you to book a hostel in Tallinn.

Arrival

The camp participant is expected to arrive to the camp location **any Sunday** within the camp dates, prior to the camp starting on Monday (see the dates of the camp in the headline).

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, country's largest city with 450 000 inhabitants and nearly as many tourists during summer. You can get a lot of information on Tallinn on www.visittallinn.ee/eng

Terminal

Airport, bus station, harbor in Tallinn. Pick up by families or school staff at the point of arrival is possible upon request.

Special requirements

English is the camp language. **The age of participants is 14 – 16.**

To assure a safe environment for all the campers, we expect all our camp participants will provide their parents' letter of consent (Parental Authorization) and travel insurance certificate, and will have been fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 disease or declared recovered (a certificate is needed in both cases). Other necessary safety procedures and requirements must be fully undertaken and met in accordance with the Estonian national anti-COVID measures for minors that may apply at the moment of your arrival.

Leisure time

There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing, museums, festivals, concerts, etc.

Participation fee

Unlike the traditional voluntary camp, there will be no work but mostly informal educational activities and guided language practice. Camp program implementation involves costs for boarding and lodging, domestic transport, materials, excursions, visits, cultural activities and general administration. Since neither EstYES, nor its partner ALPS receives any financial support for this camp from state or municipality, to make the camp happened we have to charge **participation fee which is 320 Euro for 1 week long program or 550 Euro for 2 weeks long program**. This is a separate fee different from your country sending organization's fee which you pay at home. **It has to be paid by participants upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer prior to the start of the camp.**