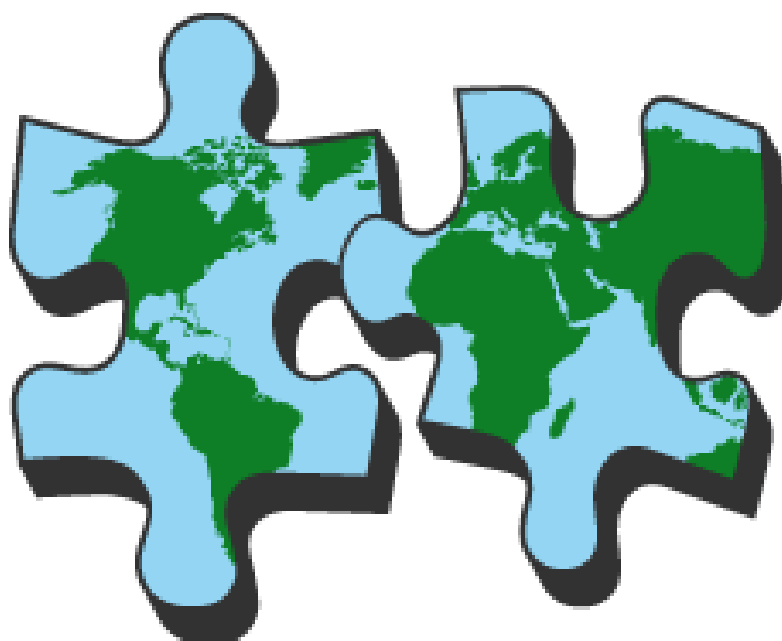


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ABOUT IBG

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

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

ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

International Trainings:

In 2024, IBG will organise one training course in Germany that is open to international participants.

- "Training for Group Leaders in Environmental Projects", from May 18 to May 23, 2024. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to participants from EU member countries and all eligible partners.

Workcamp Program 2024

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 01	Forest School Indelhausen	02.03. - 15.03.2024	ENVI EDUC	12	FULL
IBG 02	Peatland Protection Kell	21.04. - 04.05.2024	ENVI	10	
IBG 03	Lights, Curtain, Action! Open-air Theater Heidenheim	22.04. - 06.05.2024	CONS CUL MANU	12	
IBG 04	Hohentegen - German-Swiss sculpture trail	19.05 - 01.06.2024	RENO ARTS	10-12	
IBG 05	Adventure Land Lauchringen	22.06. - 06.07.2024	CONS MANU	8	
IBG 06	Horb - Make public spaces beautiful	30.06. - 14.07.2024	RENO CONS	12	
IBG 07	Camp Village Bergheim 1	06.07. - 27.07.2024	KIDS SOCI	5-6	CGC, ML
IBG 08	Music Festival Pegnitz	07.07. - 15.07.2024	FEST MANU	10	ML 18-26 y.o.
IBG 09	Muecke - Hesse's green centre	09.07. - 23.07.2024	ENVI RENO	13	Dogs
IBG 10	PEACE Work Hötensleben	12.07. - 28.07.2024	RENO HIST PEACE STUDY	10-12	ML, Bicycle

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 11	Black Forest Experience Lauterbach	13.07. - 28.07.24	ENVI MANU	12	
IBG YE1	Indelhausen Youth Exchange	15.07. - 26.07.2024	ENVI TEEN	24	
IBG 12	Path to fitness and sensory Heilsbronn	21.07. - 04.08.2024	MANU ENVI	12	
IBG ESC1	Camp Village Bergheim 2	28.07. - 17.08.2024	KIDS SOCI DISA	5-6	CGC, ML
IBG 13	Summer Camp Weil der Stadt	29.07. - 10.08.2024	KIDS	10-12	CGC, ML
IBG 14	Mönchweiler - Nature education trail and youth	04.08. - 18.08.2024	ENVI CONS	10-12	18-29 y.o.
IBG 15	National Park Hunsrück	11.08. - 31.08.2024	ENVI	15	
IBG 16	Colorful Wolframs-Eschensbach	18.08. - 31.08.2024	MANU RENO	10-12	
IBG 17	Educational Centre Kell am See	15.09. - 28.09.2024	ENVI MANU	10-12	
IBG 18	Restore Peatlands Morbach	22.09.- 05.10.2024	ENVI	15	

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 19	Celtic House Bopfingen	12.07. - 26.07.24	ENVI MANU	12	
IBG 20	Support biodiversity in the Black Forest	30.07.- 13.08.24	ENVI	10	

Disclaimer

There are more camps set for the season with dates and location which could not be added to this programm because we are still missing some of the specifics. Among this list are some of the camps that you might know from pasts years as: Bopfingen, Music Festival Stuttgart, Bad Windsheim, Schwanfeld and Gumpenried.

IBG 01 - Forest School Indelhausen | 02.03-15.03.2024 | ENVI/EDU | 12 vols

PROJECT: This project is organised in cooperation with the Swabian Alb Biosphere Reserve (Biosphärengebiet Schwäbische Alb), which was awarded UNESCO biosphere reserve status in 2009 and the forest school in Indelhausen. The forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, an educational program about the forest and excursions as well as games, fun and sports. You can take a look at the place here: <https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/>. By participating in this Workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

WORK: This camp is about helping to maintain a beautiful biosphere area while learning about “Waldpädagogik” (forest education)! During two weeks, you will support the forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen”, a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

This workcamp has two objectives.

- The first one is to help the foresters with diverse environmental tasks every morning (2,5 to 3h), which will help to protect the surrounding biosphere area.
- The second one is to learn about forest education and contribute to the forest school's educative programme.

You want to learn how the knowledge about forests is transmitted to young people in Germany? Then this is the perfect camp for you! In the mornings you will work outside with the foresters and in the afternoons you will participate in different workshops about themes such as climate change, the forest ecosystem and economy or biodiversity conservation.

During your Workcamp, there will be a German school class (7th class, so 13 years old) staying at the forest school too. During some activities, you will be in contact with them. If you're interested, you will have the possibility to co-organise workshops relating to forest education for your group and/or the school class.

This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work and how to pass on important knowledge about forests to future generations.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in shared rooms (2 to 4 beds) directly in the forest school. There is a dining room, a common room where you can relax or play games, bathroom facilities with shared showers, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself. The forest school tries its best to serve local and bio food. There will be vegetarian and vegan options but we need to know about your needs in advance! Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies you may have. Lastly, there is little phone reception in the forest school. Wifi is provided but it is quite slow – you will be able to exchange messages but streaming videos will most likely not function.

LOCATION: The “Waldschulheim” is located in the small village of Indelhausen in the middle of a geopark (a single, unified geographical area where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development) and at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting. Due to this, visiting bigger cities is quite complicated so the free time activities will be mainly done close-by, enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

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

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Riedlingen train station, in the afternoon (please arrive whenever you can between 1pm and 7pm on, your camp leaders will be there to greet you). You can plan your trip by using the German Railway website:
<https://www.bahn.com/en>

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Riedlingen

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart

NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you need to fly: Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 02 - Peatland protection Kell | 21.04.-04.05.2024 | ENVI | 10 vols

PROJECT: This workcamp is based on the cooperation between IBG and the regional "Foundation for Nature and environment". We have been working together since 2016, organising one or two international Workcamps per year in the field of nature protection.

WORK: Active for climate protection and biodiversity – save the peatlands in the Hunsrück area!

You will actively contribute to protecting a special peatland called "Weyrichsbruch". This area was drained more than 150 years ago for forestry use. Peatlands are a valuable and natural Co2 storage as well as an ecological habitat with a high and very specialized biodiversity. For these reasons, in the 1980s it was decided to revitalize a small part of the Weyrichsbruch. Now the regional authorities for nature protection want to revitalise a much bigger part and this is where you can help! Under the supervision of two experienced Park Rangers you will improve the water balance in this peatland in order to renature the bog, and help it to cope better with the consequences of climate change. Some of your tasks will be to undo the drainage of the area by blocking or filling ditches, or by building small wooden barriers. While working, you will be able to discover many rare species which have already returned. The park Rangers will be happy to explain to you the ecological background and the consequences of climate change and they will guide you to discover this special habitat and its species.

The Weyrichsbruch is bordering a well-known hiking trail. On that trail, it is possible to take a look inside the bog from a wooden plank path. In addition, various information boards have been placed around the area to convey the ecological background of the Weyrichsbruch and thus contribute to environmental education.

Attention: The work might be physically hard, the wheelbarrow becomes your daily companion and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber boots and suitable working clothes.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the Educational Centre in Kell am See, which is an important place for youth work in the whole area around the city of Trier. This public and non-profit centre offers the opportunity for youth groups, associations and schools to spend some days or weeks here running a seminar or other projects.

You will stay in five wooden tepees for max. five persons each. Staying here, among pure nature and with the campfire in the middle of the tepees' circle is a wonderful experience. You will sleep on mattresses inside the tepees. Close to the tepees, you will have access to your own kitchen including a dish-washer, to a living room and sanitary facilities, all inside the Educational Centre. In your free time you can use the different outdoor facilities of the centre like the campfire and the basketball, football and volleyball fields. Close to the centre, there is also a lake and hiking trails. Please be aware that the tepees have electricity but no heating, so it might be cold at night. The facilities in the centre (kitchen, living room and sanitary facilities) can be heated though.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in Kell am See, a village 30 km from Trier, not far from the border with Luxemburg. The landscape in this area is very beautiful! It is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, which makes it a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will really feel different here!

The area is well known for cycling, walking and other kinds of outdoor activities. There is a local holiday resort nearby the Education Centre, which offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake and locals love to come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside. The region also offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums...). In addition, you will have the opportunity to come in contact with local associations, e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. Since there aren't many public transportation means available around Kell am See, the number of excursions will be limited. However, you will have the chance to visit the city of Trier with its famous Roman sites, the cathedral and birth place of Karl-Marx.

REMARKS: This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. You will get wet and dirty. Please be prepared that April in the Hunsrück area can either be warm and sunny or quite fresh and rainy.

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

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT You will be picked up from the bus stop in Kell am See. Please inform your camplader about your arrival time on Apr 21st . You can check for connections from anywhere to Kell am See on: www.bahn.com .

NEXT TRAIN STATION Trier

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

NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (if you have to take the plane): Luxembourg (LUX)

IBG 03 – Lights, Curtain, Action! Open-air Theater Heidenheim | 22.04.-06.05.2024 | MANU/ CONS / CUL | 12 vols

PROJECT: Lights, Curtain, Action! Are you ready to take part in the building of a Theater?

Your host will be the Open-Air Theatre Heidenheim, the 2nd largest one of its kind in Southern Germany. It is situated on the “castle hill” of the town of Heidenheim an der Brenz, surrounded by forests, and can accommodate up to 1100 spectators.

The Open-Air Theatre is run by a non-profit association and they are very excited about hosting again a group of international volunteers. This project is perfect for everyone who is interested in theatres and wants to have a look behind the scenes! Have a look at the Theatre here: www.naturtheater.de

The association was first founded by Gustav Müller over 100 years ago, after the first World War, in his quest of dedicating his life to something that would unite people: art. In 1919 not only did Müller materialize this idea, but also managed to host several productions at the concert hall.

Nowadays, with over 500 members of all ages, the Naturtheater Heidenheim association is one of the popular organizations in the city of Heidenheim and its surrounding area.

WORK: This year, you will help with the construction of the set. During 2024, 2 plays will be performed (Annie – a red-haired orphan, finds a new home with a wealthy businessman, under the care of his assistant, in her search to reunite with her biological parents - and Der Räuber Hotzenplotz – the tale of Kasperl and Seppel, striving to capture the cunning robber Hotzenplotz to retrieve Grandma's stolen coffee grinder) the stage needs to be renewed accordingly: In the end, the scenery is supposed to look like New York and a small German village at the same time – a very interesting and challenging task! You will screw, nail, and paint. Smaller props will need to be built, too.

Apart from that, your work will also entail doing:

- Installing a wooden floor in the prop garage.
- Renewing the cover of the small wooden shelf storage.
- Restoring the seats in the “Klausen” garden.
- Clean stones around the cold storage with a pressure washer, possibly renewing or filling with gravel.
- Paint walls and repair cracks in the pavilion.
- And some other tasks as needed! Be sure to be always prepared to lend a helping hand

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

ACCOMODATION: You will be accommodated directly on the project side: Next to the stage, there is huge building for administration, a workshop, a café ... here you will have one big room for yourselves, showers, and a kitchen. Mind that there is only one big room for sleeping available to all volunteers – no separation possible! Regarding food, you will be asked to cook for yourselves, and carry out all related activities (grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning after yourselves).

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

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT: directly at the accommodation. The path between the place where you will stay and the train station is about 2kms long, so it should take you about 20 mins to get there.

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Heidenheim a. d. Brenz

NEXT AIRPORTS: Stuttgart, Memmingen, Munich

IBG 04 – Hohentengen - German-Swiss sculpture trail | 19.05.-01.06.2024 | RENO/ARTS | 10-12 vols

PROJECT: Over water - over land: this is the name of Europe's first cross-border sculpture trail. In 2000, twelve internationally renowned artists realised ideas and thoughts on the theme of borders - dividing and uniting - in sculptures. Embedded in the marvellous landscape of the High Rhine, this path is a cultural symbol of friendship and connects the places on both sides of the river and the German-Swiss border.

Now, almost 25 years after its construction, the sculpture trail needs some maintenance. The citizens of Hohentengen would therefore be delighted if this could be done with the help of international volunteers completely in the spirit of the path's artistic message.

WORK: You will take care of several sculptures on the path and restore them to their original state. Weather and people have left their mark: The stone of the sculptures needs to be brushed to remove moss and lichen, and some sculptures are also sprayed with graffiti. For others, the subsurface needs to be renewed or maintained. The explanatory plates for the objects will also be replaced. In addition, you will completely renew the barbecue area, which is part of the 9km long trail. This area is intended to invite people to combine arts, nature and community.

ACCOMODATION: You will be accommodated in the local multipurpose hall in the centre of the village which is otherwise used for sports and events. This offers plenty of space, a small kitchen and enough sanitary facilities for everyone. Camp beds are provided.. Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow (if required).

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

LOCATION: Hohentengen am Hochrhein lies in the south of Germany, in a kind of bubble surrounded on three sides by Switzerland. Only the Rhine separates the village from Switzerland. The village offers unspoilt nature, numerous sports and leisure facilities (beach volleyball, swimming pools, water sports ...). Mountain ranges on the northern edge of the municipality, the Rhine Valley opens up to the south, the Rhine glistens in the plain and the Alps in Switzerland greet you on the horizon when visibility is good. With its 3,600 inhabitants, Hohentengen offers the entire infrastructure you could wish for: supermarkets, shops, pubs and much more.

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: First you have to travel to Waldshut. Please check www.bahn.com for a connection from anywhere in Germany or Switzerland. Here you will find bus No.7340 to Hohentengen. There is a bus every two hours on Sundays. The last bus leaves Waldshut on Sundays at 7.30 pm, please arrange your travel in a way to be on time for this connection.

BUS STOP: Kath. Pfarramt, Hohentengen

NEXT TRAIN STATIONS: Waldshut

NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP: Zürich, Freiburg

NEXT AIRPORT: Zurich (Switzerland)

IBG 05 - Adventure Land Lauchringen | 22.06-06.07.2024 | CONS/MANU | 8 vols

PROJECT: The community of Lauchringen is hosting an international workcamp since already six years. The project will take place in cooperation with the "Familienzentrum" (family center). The family center offers various programs for people of all ages to meet, exchange and educate themselves. In 2018, they built the "Adventure Land": A big house with sleeping facilities, a kitchen sanitary facilities, a workshop space, and a big common room. The place offers an afternoon program for children and youngsters and hosts groups during school holidays. The Adventure Land is a very special and inclusive place, from which everyone has something to learn! By participating in this work camp, you are actively supporting inclusive education (SDG4).

WORK: The Family Center, more generally, the community of Lauchringen, are counting on your help to continue the work of previous workcamp groups. You will work on improving the outdoor infrastructure of the "Adventure Land", an inclusive place for children and school groups. In addition, you will improve, maintain and beautify some of the town's public spaces.

In the Adventure Land, you will:

- Design a new stage set up for the natural stage in the Adventure Land's garden. Your tasks will be also to build up raised garden beds, to take care of the vegetable garden, to weed and plant flowers.
- Build up some wooden huts, which will be used for the children's holiday programme in the Adventure land.
- Do other building works, depending on the team's plan. These will involve working with wood, nailing screwing, sanding down and painting.

In other parts of Lauchringen you will:

- Build a bench in the "Generations Park" behind the Family Center. This bench will be there to promote social interaction while hiding the front of the underground parking lot, which is considered not very pretty by the residents of Lauchringen.
- Do other creative and supporting works, depending on the construction yard team's needs.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMODATION: You will live inside the building on the "Adventure Land": There are two big rooms with sleeping mats, a kitchen and sanitary facilities. Please, bring a sleeping bag. There is also a big common room that you can use for your activities. Bear in mind that during the week groups of children will come to the Adventure Land in the afternoon and you will need to share the common room and the sanitary facilities with them. The two rooms for sleeping, however are private and reserved only for your group. Have a look at pictures of the new building and area here.

In the Adventure Land, there is a washing machine, which can be used in agreement with local workers, and there is Wifi. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. During the week, you will have a rapid cold lunch during your break. In the evening and on the weekend, you will have more time to cook warm meals from different countries. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Lauchringen is small and pretty town in the very south of Germany. It is located inside the Black Forest, which means you will be surrounded by beautiful nature. In your free time, you can go on hikes and explore the Black Forest. Lauchringen is also very close to Swiss border and not far from places like lake Constance, Rhein Falls or the university town of Freiburg. In Lauchringen itself, you can find everything you need for your everyday life: supermarkets, bakeries, cafés, etc...

REMARK: Please bring a sleeping bag, sturdy working shoes and clothes, as well as sun and rain protection

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Lauchringen train station between 1pm and 7pm on June 22th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: www.DBbahn.com

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Lauchringen West

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Basel (Switzerland), Zurich (Switzerland)

From Basel train station it takes about 1 hour and there are tickets from 12€

From Zurich train station it takes about 1,5 hour and there are tickets from 30€

NEXT AIRPORTS: Basel (BSL), Zuerich (ZRH) – both in Switzerland

IBG 06 - Horb - Make public spaces beautiful (BW) | 30.06.-14.07.2024 | RENO/CONS | 12 vols

PROJECT: This project marks the second-time collaboration between the Youth Department in Horb and IBG. Following the resounding success of last year's camp, the community of Horb has enthusiastically decided to host another group of international volunteers. This project has been developed in partnership with the youth council, and municipal employees. Your efforts will significantly contribute to the well-being of the local population by renewing, expanding, and enhancing the outdoor infrastructure in Horb's town center.

WORK: The community of Horb is counting on your help to extend and improve some of its public infrastructure like benches, urban gardening, and probably also the skate park of the town. Your concrete tasks will be:

- Building raised beds for schools and kindergartens: Together with municipal employees, you will help create 10 raised beds for various social institutions in the city, which will then be made available for children, young people, and adults to plant herbs and vegetables.
- Restoring benches in the city and installing new ones. Many benches in Horb urgently require restoration to be used by citizens again. These, along with the raised beds, will beautify the outdoor area and enhance its utility for residents. Additionally, 6 new wooden benches for pedestrians will be built along the Neckar river.
- Craftsmanship for maintaining play equipment: This involves sanding and painting some play equipment in children's playgrounds and renewing or repairing wooden elements in the skatepark next to the youth center and on a "Trimm Dich Pfad" in a district.
- Revamping community gardens to make them more functional and attractive. The garden will be open to all interested citizens who do not have a garden at home.

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak. You will also be divided in smaller groups throughout the days to do most of the work.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at Horb's youth club, known as Marmorwerk (the "marble factory" in German). Marmorwerk features a fully equipped kitchen, communal rooms where you will sleep on camp beds (please bring your own sleeping bag!), toilets, and a spacious outdoor area. WiFi is also available at the accommodation.

For shower facilities, you will need to walk approximately 4-5 minutes to the town's indoor swimming pool. The central location of Marmorwerk means it's only a 5-7 minute walk to the supermarket and train station.

Food will be purchased using the camp budget, and everyone will take turns cooking and cleaning. To reduce our carbon footprint, we encourage volunteers to consume less meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Horb am Neckar is a beautiful town with 25.300 inhabitants, located on the banks on the Neckar river and surrounded by green hills. Horb is about 900 years old! You will feel its long history when exploring the town center. Between the church overlooking the town, the half-timbered houses, the old towers and gates and the narrow paved alleys, you will find many interesting and pretty sights there.

On the weekend you will be able to visit further places in the region. Horb is located on the slopes of the Black Forest, which means that you can easily go for hikes there. With regional trains, you can reach cities like Tübingen (35mn) or Stuttgart (50mn) or even reach Lake Constance (2h to 2h30), the biggest lake in Germany. Plus, the locals have plenty of ideas and recommendations and they would be happy to spend time with you also during your free time, to make you discover their lovely region.

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please try to arrive between 1pm and 7pm at Horb train station. You can check for connections from anywhere to Horb on www.bahn.com/en or <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Horb

NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS: Stuttgart, Ulm or Villingen-Schwenningen

NEXT AIRPORT: Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 07 - Camp Village Bergheim 1 - KidZ & TeenZ (NRW) | 06.07.-27.07.2024 | KIDS/SOCI | 5-6 vols

PROJECT: Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit "We". Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups: This year the program starts a week of kids-program for children aged 7 to 12. It does continue with a week of camping for teenagers (12-15 years old), then followed by a long weekend for adolescents (14+) and a week of family camp. (After the end of this workcamp the program does continue with a second week of camping for children (7-12 years old), followed by a week dedicated to children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. If you want to stay for the whole duration, you are welcome to apply also for the second camp IBG ESC 1, which is organized as ESC volunteering team and is ending on the 17th of August.

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

WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! 3 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children, teenagers and young families near Cologne! The summer village does start on the 7th of July. Prior to that, the local team has already built up the infrastructure of the area. All the tents, sanitary facilities and common areas are mostly set up on your arrival. You might be asked to lend a hand in the very final stages of preparation. Your job then will be to work together with the local team and provide different types of activities and workshops for the participants. The children should be able to try out different types of sport, creative (group) activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games. In the first week (KidZ 8.-13.) the program caters for children aged 7 to 12. The second week (TeenZ 14.-22.) consists of a program for teenagers and the last part (GentZ 23.-27.) is dedicated to families and presents a mix of generations from parents to small children everything in between.

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project

TRAVEL:

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

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Paffendorf

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

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

BASIC CONDITIONS!

PROJECT: The local association Waldstock e.V. (<https://waldstock.de/>) promotes local youth activities in the small town of Pegnitz. Its members are very motivated and involved in organizing projects like concerts, film festivals or soccer cups. For more than 20 years, they have been coordinating the “Waldstock” festival, a so called “Umsonst und Draussen” - festival (“outside & free of charge”), which has become an important part of the cultural life in the town of Pegnitz and the region. Since 2013 the festival is supported by a small group of international Workcamp volunteers, who can enjoy the truly unique experience of becoming a part of the busy festival team. Here you can find a sneak peek on last years’ festival: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gst3Wuj6is4> .

WORK: You will help the organisers in all phases of the festival. On the first days, the main tasks will be setting up the stage and the campground on the site of the festival. You will also help to create the always charming and handmade decorations of the festival site and help with the disassembly of the whole structure and surroundings on the last day. While the festival is running, you should be available to the organisation and will be asked to assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc. You will work closely with the local people from the association! There is a plan for the build-up of the festival, nevertheless the schedule will be adapted to the always changing logistics of the event and you are expected to be flexible, patient and work autonomously within this plan. Volunteers should be prepared to work long and unusual hours, but also have some time between their shifts, which can be used to explore the festival and enjoy the music! Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus!

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay at the local brewery! It is a small and very basic accommodation not far from the festival site that does not provide much comfort, but a very unique charm. You will all sleep in a big room at the brewery, usually used for concerts, and sleep on camp beds. Bear in mind that there will usually be a lot of people walking around and making noise from early in the morning to have everything ready for the festival! The final ceremony afterwards for all the helpers of the festival will also take place there. During the festival food will be provided by the food stands throughout the day.

LOCATION: Pegnitz is a small town in Franconia, Bavaria, near Nuremberg. You can find medieval and historic buildings and churches in the centre of the city. The city is known for its beers: it has a long tradition in brewery and the locals are very proud of it. The Bavarian region, in which Pegnitz is located, is called “Little Switzerland” due to its beautiful surrounding that invites extended adventures and hiking trips in the region. There are all kinds of trails and possibilities to experience the unique nature.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application!

AGE REQUIREMENT: 18-26 years old

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT: How to arrive at Pegnitz station: from Nuremberg main station 37 minutes via regional train (RE) to Bayreuth. From Pegnitz station it is only about 1 km to walk to the brewery: <https://goo.gl/maps/GVscNqPkSMGtjt2V6>

NEXT AIRPORT: Nuremberg, Munich, Frankfurt

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Pegnitz

IBG 09 - Muecke - Hesse's green centre | 09.07.-23.07.2024 | ENVI/RENO | 13 vols

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

WORK: A diverse portfolio of different tasks are waiting for you in Mücke: Maintenance work in the forest, such as trail maintenance, forest thinning, invasive species management as well as biotope maintenance in species and nature conservation. That might involve wetland restoration and habitat conservation. You will not only work in the surrounding forests and wetland biotopes, but also in the villages, where you will help with renovation of playgrounds, a village square and the historic railway station in Mücke.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay on a local farm. There are three individual accommodations (a tiny house and an artists and a family residence), each for 3 to 5 people and individual bathrooms plus a group room with enough space for retreat and community. The special thing about the accommodation is that you can try out a communal neighborhood concept here with enough space for retreat and community. All accommodation is fully equipped and comfortably furnished. Wi-Fi is available. The group room can be heated with a fireplace and has an idyllic view of the garden. Further important information: Young, creative and open-minded people with children and three dogs live on the farm!

LOCATION: Mücke is a town in the center of the German federal state of Hesse. You will find history, culture, and natural beauty here. It is a town full of tradition; there is well-preserved architecture that reflect its rich past, cobblestone streets and historical houses that offer you a glimpse into the town's heritage. Mücke has local markets showcasing regional produce and cuisine as well as hiking trails and lakes for all nature enthusiasts. The town is called the gate to the "Vogelsberg", a low mountain range in Hesse. Whether you're interested in history, nature, or simply embracing the local way of life, Mücke invites you to taste authentic German life.

REQUIREMENTS: Please note that dogs also live on the farm where you are staying. The camp may therefore be unsuitable for people with dog allergies or fear of dogs. Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany - like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country

TRAVEL:

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

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Mücke (Hess)

NEXT AIRPORT: Frankfurt (FRA)

IBG 10 - PEACE work Hötensleben |12.07.- 28.07.2024 | RENO/HIST/PEACE/STUDY | 10-12 vols

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please arrange your travel in a way that you can take the last bus of the day from Oschersleben to Hötenleben (departing at 6.30 pm from Oschersleben). For train connections from anywhere to Oschersleben, please check www.bahn.com . For those missing this connection we will organise one later pick up in Schöningen ZOB in the evening (train to Helmstadt first, than bus to Schöningen).

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Oschersleben

NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Berlin

IBG 11 - Black Forest Experience Lauterbach | 13.07-28.07.2024 | ENVI/MANU | 12 vols

PROJECT: It is the 15th time that the community of Lauterbach and a local Landscape Development Association invite an international workcamp! Above all, the local hosts are very happy to be supported by a workcamp at different environmental construction tasks in a nature protected area! Not only is your help valuable to them but they are also very happy to share their knowledge about forest preservation to foreign volunteers. By volunteering in this project, you are actively protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

WORK: Help the community of Lauterbach take care of its beautiful forest and of its wildlife-rich open land! Lauterbach has many nature conservation areas to offer and your valuable help is needed for various conservation tasks. During this workcamp you will be working in the forest open land and you will help the municipality by maintaining a wet meadow as a habitat for rare species of flora and fauna. This involves removing mown material from the meadow by hand. Since many years, the municipality is in charge of maintaining a hiking trail with sanding, cutting or paving paths, renewing steps and painting hiking trail bridges.

Be prepared for hard physical work! Due to working in swampy (boggy) and steep areas, sturdy boots are required for effective work! The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMODATION: You will stay at the nice community house in the middle of the forest, called "Mosenmättle Guest House". There, you will find sanitary facilities, showers a common room with sofas, tables and also a well equipped kitchen for you to use. You will sleep in 4 multi bed rooms (with bunkbeds). As the house is located in a very rural area, the internet access and mobile phone coverage will most probably be limited. Just be prepared to spend two wonderful, adventurous weeks away from your busy and usual life.

LOCATION: Lauterbach is a village with 3000 inhabitants on the edge of the Black Forest nature park. You will find a lot of green around Lauterbach, Just step out the door and find yourself surrounded by beautiful landscapes! This village has so many point of view to enjoy the countryside. You will have many possibilities to hike and experience nature first hand. In your free time, you will have the possibility to visit cities like Rottweil, Schramberg or the student city of Freiburg.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT AND TIME: On July 15, there will be pickups from Hausach train station in the afternoon. The exact times of the pickups will be given in the specific infosheet.

Find the best connection to Hausach on the German railway company's website:

<https://www.bahn.com/en>

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Hausach

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart (2 to 2,5 from Stuttgart main station to Hausach) or in Switzerland: Basel (about 2 hours from Basel train station to Hausach) or in France: Strasbourg 1 to 1,5 hours from Strasbourg train station to Hausach)

NEXT AIRPORTS: Stuttgart (STR), Strasbourg (SXB), Basel (BSL)

**IBG YE1 Indelhausen Youth Exchange - (BW)| 14.07.-26.07.2024 | ENVI/EDU |
20 vols (16 to 20) + 4 group leaders
Partners: Concordia France, Lunaria, SPW, IBG**

PROJECT: This youth exchange is designed for volunteers from Italy, France, Germany and Poland aged between 16 and 20 years old. It is organised in cooperation with the forest school Indelhausen (Waldschulheim Indelhausen). The forest school is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, they take part to the school's educational program about the forest, go on excursions or play games, have fun and do sports. You can take a look at the place here: <https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/>. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

WORK: This youth exchange is about helping to maintain a beautiful biosphere area while learning about "Waldpädagogik" (forest education)! During two weeks, you will support the forest school "Waldschulheim Indelhausen", a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

This project has two objectives:

- The first one is to help the foresters with diverse environmental tasks every morning (2,5 to 3h), which will help to protect the surrounding biosphere area.
- The second one is to learn about forest education and if you are interested, contribute to the forest school's educative programme yourself.

You want to increase your knowledge about forests and learn about how it is transmitted to young people in Germany? Then this is the perfect camp for you! In the mornings you will work outside with the foresters, gaining experience and know-how about how to preserve a forest, and in the afternoons you will participate to different workshops about themes such as climate change, the forest ecosystem and forest economy or biodiversity conservation. Actively preserving the forest and learning why it is essential to do it go hand in hand; this is why the workshops about forest education in the afternoons are as important as the practical work outside in the mornings! If you're interested, you will have the possibility to co-organise workshops relating to forest education for your group. This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work and how to pass on important knowledge about forests to future generations.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at the forest school from July 15 until the end of the work camp. On the first night (July 14/15), you will stay at a youth hostel located in Stuttgart. The Jugendherberge Stuttgart International offers shared rooms, common rooms, sanitary facilities and an outside area. On July 15 you will all leave after breakfast to travel together to Indelhausen.

At the forest school you will be accommodated in shared rooms (2 to 8 beds). The building is quite big, there is a dining room, a common room where you can relax or play games, bathroom facilities with shared showers, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself. The forest school tries its best to serve local and bio food. There will be vegetarian and vegan options but we need to know about your needs in advance! Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies you may have. Lastly, there is little phone reception in the forest school. Wifi is provided but it is quite slow – you will be able to exchange messages but streaming videos will most likely not function. Be ready for a digital detox!

LOCATION: The “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is located in the small village of Hayingen in the middle of a geopark, at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting. Because Hayingen is quite far from bigger cities, the free time activities will be mainly done close-by in the nature, enjoying the beautiful surroundings and getting to know the local culture.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Stuttgart main train station in the afternoon. Please try to be there between 1pm and 8pm. Your camp leaders will come and pick you up at the train station. You can plan your trip to “Stuttgart Hbf” by using the German Railway website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart

NEXT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Stuttgart

PREPARATORY MEETING: All participants will attend a kick-off meeting on July 1st at 4pm. During this meeting, the programme will be presented and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

IBG 12 – Path to fitness and sensory Heilsbronn | 21.07-04.08.2024 | MANU/ENVI | 12 vols

PROJECT: The town of Heilsbronn has been hosting workcamps for 13 years already and is looking forward to welcoming another international group of volunteers this summer. The local community is a big fan of workcamps and international volunteering and has introduced other neighbouring cities to the workcamp idea as well. This year, your support will help the community maintain, renovate and extend its infrastructure (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

WORK: The municipality of Heilsbronn is counting on the help of international volunteers to maintain and renovate parts of the town's infrastructure. For this year, two projects are in discussion:

- Maintain a fitness trail in the forest, called "Vita Parcours". To keep the fitness trail practicable for visitors, you will clear the trail of over-grow plants along the paths and on different stations. You will also help to clean the signs and stations, as well as help to pick up left-over trash along the way.
- Renovate a "barefoot path". A barefoot path is a short way, where people can walk on barefoot, to experience different sensations. One part of it is made with pebbles, another with moss, another one with pine cones... etc. The barefoot paths in Heilsbronn are loved by kids and families and they need to be renovated regularly. You will help emptying and refilling the different parts of the path.

Others projects might also be added. In case, you should expect working outside with municipal workers, doing renovation or construction works. The work will be led by a professional instructor from the builder's yard, so no previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with lunchbreak on site.

ACCOMODATION: You will be accommodated in the local youth club called "JUZ", there are two big rooms and one small room where you will sleep on camp beds or on mattresses on the floor. Please bring a sleeping bag! There is a small kitchen, a common room with sofas and games for you to chill, two toilets and one bathroom. In addition in the house, there is a washing machine and Wifi connection. The local youth who usually visit the club are looking forward to welcoming you and getting to know international volunteers.

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

LOCATION: Heilsbronn is a town of 9,300 inhabitants, located in the idyllic Bavarian region called Franken (Franconia). Because Heilsbronn is situated on one of the paths leading to the famous pilgrimage city Santiago de Compostela in Spain, it is frequently visited by tourists as well as pilgrims.

But Heilsbronn city centre also has a lot to offer! Supermarkets, different shops, pubs, youth centre, a barbecue area, and other infrastructure. There, you will find traditional half-timbered houses and some unique sites, such as "Heilsbronn ABBEY", a cistercian monastery and local cathedral, both built in the 12th century.

A guided tour might be organised for you if you are interested. Besides, the town can arrange free entrance to the outdoor swimming pool for your group. Nature-lovers can find several hiking trails in the beautiful surrounding landscape. The worth-seeing cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Rothenburg are not too far away and might be visited on weekends, using public transportation.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Heilsbronn train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 21. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Heilsbronn (20mn walk from the accommodation). Attention: please do not get mixed up with another German city called Heilbronn (same but without an s). This one is more than 2 hours away from Heilsbronn!

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Nuremberg – around 25min away from Heilsbronn with the train.

NEXT AIRPORT: Nuremberg (NUE), Stuttgart (STR), Frankfurt (FRAU). From Nuremberg airport it takes 45mn, from Stuttgart airport 2h45 and from Frankfurt 3h30 to reach heilsbronn by train.

IBG ESC1 - Camp Village Bergheim 2 – KidZ & TogeZer (NRW) | 28.07.-17.08.2024 | KIDS/SOCI/DISA | 5-6 vols

PROJECT: Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups. This workcamp starts with a week of camping for children (07-12 years old), which is followed by a week for children and young people with or without mental disabilities.

(Before this workcamp the program started with a week of kids-program for children, followed by a week for teenagers and then a week for families. If you want to stay for the whole duration, you can apply also for the first workcamp IBG 07 which starts on the 6th of July)

You can find the camp village schedule here: www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/

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

WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! Over 2 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children, teenagers and young families near Cologne! The summer village does start on the 7th of July and several weeks of program for children and teenagers have already happened when your camp starts. Your project starts with the arrival of a children group aged 7 to 12 on the 29th and a week full of activities with and for the young participants. Your job will be to help with different types of workshops, where the children can try out different types of sport, creative activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games. In the second week the participants are children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. For this week the team is also supported by professionals from an NGO working with people with disabilities and integration assistants. In the last days your job will be helping with the dismantling of the infrastructure, which gets stored away until the next year.

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Previous experience in working with children and/or people with disabilities will be very helpful. Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project.

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

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission_en

- volunteers do not have to pay any fee (not sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project and will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance and upon the presentation of original tickets;
- volunteers need to enroll in the PASS, the ESC Portal; then IBG will organise their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project;
- volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 6€/day, once they arrive on the project;
- volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Paffendorf

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

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

IBG 13 Summer Camp Weil der Stadt | 29.07. - 10.08.2024 | KIDS | 10-12 vols

PROJECT: The “Children and Youth Centre” of Weil der Stadt organizes a summer-camp for kids every year. Each summer, about 95 Children participate to this project. They may join for one or two weeks. This initiative will give every kid the chance to have a fun vacation time while at the same time, supporting working parents during the first part of school summer break, which lasts for 6 weeks in total. International volunteers have been supporting the summer activities and the local communities for three years already (UN SDG 11 sustainable communities).

WORK: Come to Weil der Stadt to support summer free-time program for children aged 6-12 years old, together with a group of German caregivers! In the first two weeks of summer holidays, the children who participate to the summer free-time program get picked up in the morning; they spend their day at holiday house and return in the afternoon at 5pm. On Fridays, there's an overnight-stay and a common breakfast with the children. Saturday afternoons and Sundays are free. Childcare, leading workshop and providing general support for the camp are expected. The summer camp is located next to a forest and a sportsground which allow for many outdoor adventures for children, such as building hunts or playing sports. But there will also be many opportunities for creative workshops. You are welcome to bring your own games, songs and ideas!

ACCOMODATION: You will stay directly in the “Children and Youth Centre” in Weil der Stadt. In the building, there is a big room where you will sleep. Camp beds are provided but please, bring your own sleeping! Inside the building you will find sanitary facilities and a kitchen. During the week, you will eat your lunch with children and don't need to cook. At night and during weekends, you will take turn for cooking, wash the dishes and cleaning. Your group will be responsible to doing the groceries, which will be covered by the camp budget.

LOCATION: Weil der Stadt is a town with almost 20.000 inhabitants. It has a very nice historical centre and is located at the outskirts of the Black Forest – perfect for hiking, if you are up to it! Also public transportation is good, so you can easily reach the regional capital Stuttgart, as well as Karlsruhe or Pforzheim. The team in Weil der Stadt can support you in organizing weekend trips or activities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: It is not necessary to speak German in order to participate, however it is a big help for sure! The children usually don't speak English but some of the kids have an international background so you might be able to communicate with some of them in your mother tongue. **NOTE:** Please attach a Motivation Letter with your application! We would like to know your motivation to work with children, if you have any experience in this field, and if you speak (a bit of) German. In addition, since you will be working with children, you will be required to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the camp.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Weil der Stadt

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart – from Stuttgart main train station, it takes you 40 minutes and it costs 5,5€. You can buy your ticket at the train station.

NEXT AIRPORT: Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 14 – Mönchweiler – Nature education trail and youth | 04.08.-18.08.2024 | ENVI/CONS | 10-12 vols | age: 18 - 29 years

PROJECT: Our project stretches through an idyllic landscape just outside the village of Mönchweiler. Information boards on various habitats will be set up along the trail, presenting interesting facts about the local flora and fauna. The various stations along the trail are intended to give visitors the opportunity to learn more about the ecological relationships and biodiversity of the local natural environment. The nature trail serves not only to impart knowledge, but also to protect and preserve natural habitats. Visitors are encouraged to treat nature and the environment with respect and responsibility.

WORK: As international volunteer you will primarily construct and design the trail, improve the accessibility, set up the information boards and much more. A wooden footbridge will also be built over a pond. The workcamp will receive technical guidance and support from the team of professional municipal workers and from young people living in Mönchweiler. They are part of the Mönchweiler Future Committee, which is an elected youth committee (children and young people of all ages) that develops and implements projects and programmes for children and young people. Great contacts and synergies can be created here. Many joint leisure activities can also be planned via the Future Committee, making the time unforgettable for everyone involved.

ACCOMODATION: You will be accommodated in the local sports hall in the centre of the village. This offers plenty of space, a small kitchen and enough sanitary facilities for everyone. Camp beds are provided and set up on the stage of the hall to separate the sleeping area a bit. Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow (if required). Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Mönchweiler is a village with 3000 inhabitants on the edge of the Black Forest. The village is characterised by a very active community life and offers supermarkets, other shops, pubs, a barbecue area, a school and other infrastructure. If you prefer nature, you will find a lot of green around Mönchweiler with meadows, forests, small lakes and moors. You will definitely feel at home here. The next larger town, Villingen-Schwenningen, can be reached by bus in 12 minutes.

TRAVEL: Take first a train to Villingen(Schwarzw), than bus No. 660 to Mönchweiler. There is a bus every two hours on Sundays. Please check www.bahn.com for a connection from anywhere in Germany to this bus stop in Mönchweiler.

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Villingen(Schwarzw)

NEXT BUS STOP: Hindenburgstraße, Mönchweiler

NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP: Freiburg

NEXT AIRPORTS: Zurich (Switzerland), Karlsruhe (FKB) or Frankfurt (FRA)

IBG 15 - National Park Hunsrück | 11.08.-31.08.2024 | ENVI | 15 vols

PROJECT: The National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect the nature. The park was just founded in 2015. The landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will support the National Park Rangers in their work to preserve the habitat of endangered species and to protect ecologically valuable ecosystems. This workcamp will continue the mission of several Workcamps in the past years.

WORK: The Park Rangers of the National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald are waiting for your support to preserve the fauna and flora in this unique natural environment and to provide endangered species with their original habitats again. At the same time it is a great opportunity for you to learn a lot about this ecosystem, the rangers will show and explain a lot.

Three main tasks are waiting for you:

1. Care of the nutrient-poor grassland and arnica meadows (mowing works, work to stop spreading of shrubs etc.). With this work you can protect a valuable habitat with a very high biodiversity. This is especially the case for insects such as bees and butterflies and flowering plants such as orchids.
2. You will work on the wildlife park of Wildenburg Castle. Here you can find wolves, deer, wild boars, wildcats, mouflons and many other animals. Your task will mainly be to renew wooden fences and to build elements where the animals can hide behind. You will also construct wooden barriers to protect small trees from damage through the animals.
3. Let's give water its natural space back! Within the National Park there are many places where the natural flow of water was changed (through cutting the curves of the streams or drainage channels etc.). In many cases this alteration is negatively impacting the biodiversity of these creeks. You will therefore help to restore the natural flow of the water by closing the channels and revitalizing natural flow elements.

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

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets and showers. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Wifi and even a washing machine are available. Please bring your sleeping bag.

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

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in the western part of Rhineland-Palatinate. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 260 inhabitants. The local villagers are very much interested to welcome you, many parties and events will happen. Deuselbach has a pub but no shops. The next bigger village (Thalfang) is 4km far, here you can find everything you need (shops, swimming pool...). There are also many tourists in the area as it is well known for hiking all over the year and for skiing in winter. The next bigger city is Trier (40 km), the oldest German city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (vineyard, shopping, clubs...). You will do several excursions with the support of the Park Rangers, e.g. to Trier, the oldest German city with many famous sights.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT: You will be picked up from the bus stop called "Hunsrückhaus/ Erbeskopf, Deuselbach". Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time on Aug 11th. Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach www.bahn.com. There are regular buses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrück (Nahe).

NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS: suitable international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrücken and Trier

NEXT AIRPORTS: Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX) or Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN)

IBG 16 – Colorful Wolframs- Eschensbach | 18.08.–31.08.2024 | MANU/RENO | 10-12 vols

PROJECT: Nestled in the picturesque Franconia region of Bavaria, the small medieval town of Wolframs-Eschenbach eagerly awaits the return of an international group to lend a helping hand. This year, the community is reaching out for help in transforming the new kindergarten site into a vibrant and inviting space where children can immerse themselves in play amidst natural beauty. Your involvement in this project will not only contribute to the physical improvement of the area but also create lasting memories for the local community and volunteers alike.

WORK: The focal point of the project will be the relocation of the pavilion from its former home at the old kindergarten site to its new site. But that's not all - unleash your inner artist as you pick up brushes and paint to breathe new life into the pavilion and the surrounding playground areas.

Your creative skills will not only help in the renovation of these spaces and playing tools but also bring joy and wonder to the children who will make use of them. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity by lending a hand in the construction of two insect hotels, providing vital sanctuaries for the declining insect populations.

There are no special skills required for this camp! There will be a professional work instructor who helps you with all tasks.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in the local Elementary and Middle School of Wolframs-Eschenbach, very close to the centre of the village. Here you will transform two classrooms into dormitories, and you will sleep on camp-beds/floor mattresses, so be sure to bring your sleeping bag!

You will have access to the lounge in the auditorium as your “chill area”, a fully equipped kitchen, and toilets and showers in the building. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Wolframs-Eschenbach is a small medieval town with an historic centre that is still completely surrounded by a well-preserved fortification. It is located only 50 kilometres from Nuremberg and close to the Franconian Lake District. This area with several great lakes was created as a result of one of Germany's largest water-management projects and is a very popular touristic area.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT: The meeting point will be at Triesdorf Train Station, where pick ups will be organized to take you to the accommodation. Please be sure to arrive before 19:00 to Triesdorf. You can find all information about how to get there in the following link:
<https://www.bahn.com/>

NEXT BUS STATION: W.-Eschenbach Waizendorfer Str

NEXT AIRPORTS: Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Munich, Frankfurt

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Triesdorf Bahnhof

IBG 17 - Educational Centre Kell am See | 15.09.-28.09.2024 | ENVI/MANU | 10-12 vols

PROJECT: Kell am See is a touristic village not far from Trier, the oldest German city. The regional youth department runs an educational centre in this village, which offers different environmental educational activities for youth groups and school classes. Also, school classes or youth associations can come here for several days and run own seminars or trainings. The centre was just renovated a couple of years ago and different new outdoor and training facilities were installed. For them it is important to get the support of international volunteer for their centre but at the same time they share the aims of international volunteering and want to offer a nice opportunity to you. By participating in this project, you are supporting education on environmental issues (UN SDG 4 and 13).

WORK: Support the educational centre Kell am See, an important place for youth work in the whole area of Trier, by doing environmental and maintenance works! The educational centre is public, non-profit and offers the opportunity for youth groups, associations and schools to spend some days or weeks here, running a seminar or some other projects. One focus of the offer is on environmental education and outdoor activities. You will be working to take care and maintain the green areas around the regional education centre. Your tasks will include:

- cutting the grass and bushes;
- renovating/taking care of the playground and its big swing, the low rope course, the tree houses and the sports grounds;
- tending the herbs garden and the insect hotel;
- building wooden benches;
- cleaning the grounds of the centre.

In addition, you will continue to upgrade the outdoor area pedagogically and create new offers. One of the workcamps set up an outdoor kitchen with pizza oven, which is used for different educational actions with youngsters.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in five several wooden tepees for max. five persons each. It is really great to stay here surrounded by pure nature, with the campfire in the middle of the circle of tepees. In the centre you will have your own kitchen including a dish-washer, a living room and sanitary facilities. For your free time you will find perfect conditions: billiard, plenty of outdoor facilities (campfire, basketball, football, volleyball...). Please be aware that the tepees have beds and electricity but no heating, so it might be cold at night. Bring a warm sleeping bag! In the different facilities of the centre as the kitchen and the living room, there is heating. Wifi is available.

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

LOCATION: Kell am See is a village 30 km from Trier, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other ways of outdoor activities. In Kell, there is a holiday resort, which offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake (close to the educational centre). The area is not just appreciated by tourists: People from the area also come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside. In addition, the region offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums....). You will get the opportunity to come in contact with local associations, e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. Since public transport is poor, the number of excursions will be limited but you will for sure visit Trier, famous for its Roman sites, its cathedral and for being the birth place of Karl-Marx.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT: You will be picked up from the bus stop in Kell am See. There is the bus No. 230 from Trier to Kell am See every 2 hours. Please inform your campleader about your arrival time on Sep 15. You can check for connections from anywhere to Kell am See on: www.bahn.com/en.

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Trier

NEXT INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP: Suitable international bus stops are in Trier, Saarbrucken and Luxembourg.

MOST SUITABLE AIRPORT: Luxembourg (LUX)

IBG 18 Restore Peatlands Morbach (RP) | 22.09.-05.10.2024 | ENVI | 15 vols

PROJECT: This workcamp is based on the cooperation between IBG and the regional “Foundation for Nature and environment”. We have been working together since 2016, organising one or two international Workcamps per year in the field of nature protection.

WORK: Active for climate protection and biodiversity – save the peatlands in the Hunsrück area.

You will actively contribute to protecting some special peatlands, which are situated on the slopes of the lower mountain range called “Hunsrück”. These areas were drained more than 100 years ago for forestry use but they are a valuable and natural Co2 storage. Therefore the revitalisation of these peatlands was started, Under the supervision of a Park Ranger you will improve the water balance in the moor areas in order to renature the moors, and also to help the moors to arrange better with the consequences of climate change . The measures will include closing some ditches as well as other small interventions to control the water flow. The work is expected to take place in two different Hunsrück peatland areas: A peatland forest area near the tiny village of Hochscheid and an area of open moorland near Morbach. As this one moor has been opened up for tourism, one task might be the closure of a ditch under a footbridge used along a hiking trail. This will make the revitalised moor more visible for hikers and offers the opportunity for environmental education activities. During the work and on some excursions, the park ranger will introduce you to many aspects of the ecological background.

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

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets, showers and a washing machine. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Volunteers will cook together and share kitchen and cleaning tasks. Wifi is available. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in the western part of the region Rhineland-Palatinate. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 260 inhabitants. The local villagers are very much interested to welcome you. They are used to international volunteers, as they have hosted several international Workcamps since 2016. Deuselbach has one pub, no shops, but there will be plenty of activities or parties with locals. The next bigger village (Thalfang) is 5km away and you can find everything you need there. In addition, the region attracts many tourists who come for hiking (all year long) or skiing (in the winter). The next bigger city is Trier (40 km), the oldest German city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (walking through vineyard, shopping, clubs...).

The landscape in this area is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will really feel different here!

REMARKS: This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. You will get wet and dirty. Please be prepared that spring in the Hunsrück area can either be warm and sunny or quite fresh and rainy.

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

TRAVEL

MEETING POINT: You will be picked up from the bus stop called "Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Deuselbach". Please inform your campleader about your arrival time on Sep 22. Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach (www.bahn.com). There are regular busses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS: suitable international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrücken and Trier

MOST SUITABLE AIRPORTS: Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX) or Frankfurt-Hahn (HHN)

IBG 19 Celtic House Bopfingen | 12.07.-26.07.2024 | CONS/RENO | 12 vols

PROJECT: The town of Bopfingen invites an international workcamp for the seventh time this year! A couple years back, researchers found archaeological evidence from the Celtic people that used to live here thousands of years ago in the Iron Age. The town's project for the next years is to rebuild some of the houses in Celtic style to show tourists how the Celts may have lived in this area. By participating to this project you contribute to protecting the local cultural heritage in a sustainable way (UN SDG 9 and 11). You will also be part of the strong partnership between international volunteers and this project in Bopfingen, as international workcamps have helped with building the complex almost every year.

WORK: We invite 12 international volunteers to help continue the construction of the Celtic housing complex in Bopfingen.

So far, six workcamp groups, local volunteers of the community of Bopfingen and a team of professional craftsmen have been working on the three houses of the Celtic housing complex. Your task will be to continue the work there by finishing the walls and floors. The working place is set on the top of the hill "Ipf", so you will be working outside a lot with a wonderful view over the region. All the materials you work with are natural materials like clay, wood, and stone. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. Expect manual work! You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at a local gym hall at about 10 minutes walking distance from the city centre and 15 minutes from the train station. You will all sleep in the very big main room of the gym hall. Camp beds are provided but **please bring your own sleeping bag!** In the gym hall there is also a kitchen which you can use for cooking, tables and chairs, different toilets which can be separated by gender and one bathroom with one shower. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Bopfingen is a small town in southern Germany. It has a beautiful centre with a lot of houses in old German style. What makes Bopfingen special is the hill next to the town which is called "Ipf" with its flat plateau on the top. The "Ipf" has an important historical meaning in this area. In former times, the Celts lived there and until today a lot of archaeologists and historians come to explore the region. It is surrounded by beautiful nature where you can go for a walk or hike. Around Bopfingen, you will find various museums, the romantic historic city of Nördlingen, and the Ries (a large circular meteor impact crater with a diameter of 24 km). If you would like to visit a bigger city, Ulm is not far away with its famous cathedral and the highest church tower in the world.

TRAVEL

MEETING POINT: Please, try and arrive at Bopfingen train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 12th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Bopfingen

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Stuttgart (about 2h away), Ulm (about 2h away), Augsburg (about 3h away), Munich (about 3h away)

MOST SUITABLE AIRPORTS: Stuttgart (STR), Munich (MUC)

IBG 20 Support biodiversity in the Black Forest | 30.07.-13.08.2024 | ENVI | 10 vols

WORK: This work camp will take place for the first time this year.

You will be in the middle of the Black Forest (at the gates of the national park of the same name) and support the foresters and trainees in their work. There are three main tasks for this year:

- Mowing of protected mountain meadows. For reasons of nature conservation, it is not permitted to drive on these meadows with machines (issue of soil compaction), so manual labour is required here and everyone is grateful for your support.
- Maintaining capercaillie habitats (removing wood and cutting branches, as the birds need passageways). The capercaillie is the largest chicken bird in Europe and is threatened with extinction in Germany.
- Forest maintenance: removing branches from trees (with or without a ladder)

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak. You will reach the work place on foot, it's not far.

The camp is perfect for you if you love nature, you will be working outside all day. What's more, the forestry base is remote, so you can spend a lot of time with the others or on your own at the barbecue area or in the forest, meadows or hiking trails around the building. A blessing if you need a break.

ACCOMMODATION: The accommodation will be on the first floor in the base building of the forest district. The base building is called "Kriesenhof" and the forest district is called "Allerheiligen". It will be basic but with all facilities needed, such as a kitchen, a shower, a bathroom, WIFI and a washing machine. Participants will sleep on mattresses, all in one room. Please bring a **sleeping bag** (and a pillow if needed) with you!

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

LOCATION: The Allerheiligen forest district is located in south-west Germany, approx. 30 km from the French border as the crow flies. You will live and work in the middle of nature, in the direct neighbourhood of the Black Forest National Park.

There are many hiking opportunities, some of which start directly from the accommodation (Karlsruher Grat, Allerheiligen waterfalls, national park)

Easily accessible with the small buses: Mummelsee, Baden-Baden, Strasbourg, Freudenstadt, summer toboggan runs etc.

REMARKS: This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. Sturdy work shoes and clothing as well as sun and rain protection are required. As the area is quite remote, the number of excursions will be limited.

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

Be aware of basic accommodation and equipment, volunteers loving nature and hiking are especially welcome!

TRAVEL

MEETING POINT: Please arrange your travel in a way that you arrive in the afternoon or early evening to the train station of Ottenhöfen). Please check for connections from anywhere to Ottenhöfen www.bahn.com/en

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Ottenhöfen

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Karlsruhe

MOST SUITABLE AIRPORTS: Karlsruhe Baden-Baden (FKB), Strasbourg – France (SXB) or Stuttgart (STR)