



Workcamps in Italien

Partner: Lunaria, Legambiente und YAP

“Legambiente” ist die größte Umweltorganisation in Italien. Daher sind die Workcamps auch alle ökologische Projekte.

“Lunaria“ mit Sitz in Rom bietet Projekte eher im sozialen Bereich an.

“Youth Action for Peace Italy“ bietet vor allem alternativ orientierte Projekte an.

Alter: ab 18 (ein Teenage-Camp von Legambiente - siehe Teenage-Programm)

Legambiente

WHO ARE WE?

Legambiente is a leading environmental organisation in Italy formed by 20 regional committees and more than 2000 local groups. Legambiente runs national and international campaigns aimed at halting climate change and biodiversity loss, reducing traffic, air pollution and pesticides use, or proposing new energy policy, enhancing use of renewable sources, energy efficiency and conservation etc.

We have been organising a voluntary campaign for 19 years, promoting summer-camps in many protected areas both in Italy and abroad, with the aim of raising public awareness on environmental issues such as forest-fire or habitat degradation, collecting information on natural resources, promoting green tourism, developing sustainable economy, helping people to be more active for the conservation of our natural and cultural heritage.

International workcamps, promoted by Legambiente, are part of the associations' main campaigns and volunteers activities contribute to achieve the goals of each campaign.

The common aim of environmental work camps is to improve areas with a distinctive naturalistic and cultural feature and to help solving environmental emergencies of our country. The main activities volunteers carry out are related to paths maintenance or beaches and protected areas cleaning; furthermore, volunteers collaborate in fire prevention or raising awareness on environmental issues.

Some work camps are organized within the campaign “Carovana dell Alpi” (Caravan of Alps). This campaign, which was first organised in 2002, take a detailed picture of the entire alpine system, reports cases of environmental decay and evaluates experiences of sustainable development and ecological re-conversion of the economy. It also proposes the consolidation of the system of natural protected areas.

The aims of “Salvalarte” (Save the Art), carried out by volunteers, are to awake public opinion, promote the reclaim and restoration of monuments and art works that have been abandoned to decay.

Legambiente also gives the opportunity to discover small villages and local traditions of Italy, protected and promoted by “Piccola Grande Italia” (Small Big Italy) campaign, which aims to increase the value of our great heritage – environment, cultural property, local typical products and traditions – cherished in small Italian towns, the irreplaceable defence grounds of the Italian identity. The campaign has already involved 500 towns with less than 5 thousands inhabitants, mountain and provincial communities.

WORKCAMPS ACCORDING TO LEGAMBIENTE

Period: Italian international workcamps last from 10 to 20 days, but mostly 15 days. All participants are expected to arrive on the first and to leave on the last day.

Number of participants: between 8 e 20 volunteers.

Age and composition of the group: Minimum age limits is 18yo (except TEENage camps) and there is no maximum age. More than half of participants are between 21yo and 35yo; 1 out of 10 is older than 40yo. International participants are usually younger; women are the majority (more than 60%).

Participants between 15yo and 17yo can join only TEENager work camps; parents and children (between 4yo and 10yo) can only participate in family work camps.

People over 50 years old, can also take part to "senior volunteers" projects.

Aims: voluntary work camps have 2 main objectives:

- to promote a cultural exchange through a common experience of voluntary service.

- to realize an environmental project, in order to protect the Italian environment, historic, cultural and artistic heritage .

Daily organization: every work camp can be different according to needs.

Way of working can be organized in many different ways and volunteers usually work from 4 to 8 hours

Sometimes can be necessary to work during weekend or very early in the morning (due to hot weather).

Volunteers are requested to be flexible and adaptable to situations. Furthermore it is necessary to react in a positive way to unexpected events or lacks, and to try to be always open-minded and constructive.

If not specified, special skills are not required, but participation, enthusiasm and motivation are welcome!

Accommodation: school, public buildings, tents, hostels or dormitory. Beds and mats are usually provided.

Usually volunteers sleep in mixed rooms.

It never happens to have single or double-bed rooms!!!

Shifts for cooking and cleaning are decided during the first day.

Every volunteer is responsible for every aspects of the daily life.

Animals are not allowed, because other participant could be allergic or they could interfere with local flora an fauna.

Language: language spoken by volunteers and camp leaders is English.

International workcamps host maximum 2 volunteers for each country, in order to create an heterogeneous group.

Economy: local hosting association provide food, accommodation and transports.

Volunteers are covered by an insurance against accidents and third party liability.

Evaluation: last day of the camp participants and camp leaders meet for a final evaluation.

Access for all: some work camps are accessible to disadvantaged volunteers. In order to choose the most appropriate camp, contact the Legambiente voluntary department.

Programm 2010 / 2011

Leg82 Brivio Brivio (Lc) Lombardia 13.02.11 – 26.02.11 ENVI 8vol (18+)

Project: The natural reserve 'Palude di Brivio' is located a few kilometres far from the small rural village of Campsirago and it is one of the most interesting environmental areas of the whole park 'Adda Nord'. The natural reserve has been included in the European list of Sites of Community Importance for the preservation and conservation of both fauna and flora. The area is threatened by a wild process of urbanisation that could disrupt the fragile equilibrium of the ecosystem.

Work: The volunteers will be involved in cleaning footpaths and green areas in order to preserve and protect both the fauna and flora.

Location: The 'Palude di Brivio' is a swamp, rich in biodiversity with many different species of animals and plants. It is a wet-area particularly important for birds' migrations.

Accommodation: The volunteers will be hosted in a guestroom provided with all facilities.

Terminal: Airports of Milan: Malpensa – Linate – Orio al Serio. Olgiate/Calco/Brivio railway stations.

Lunaria

LUN 27 Open Nature 1, Mompeo, 15/10/2010-31/10/2010 6 Vols MANU/ENVI

PROJECT: "Fiume Farfa" is a cooperative farm, besides developing and carrying out its main agricultural activities, Fiume Farfa also aims at creating an opportunity of information with schools and youngsters. Such activity takes place through a direct contact with schools to inform students on the fundamental role of agriculture in the preservation of environmental and cultural wealth and heritage.

WORK: The group of volunteers will undertake the hard work in the fields, in cooperation with the people of the cooperative. The work will consist of: cleaning and making paths in the gorge of Farfa maintenance of the olive groves renovation work of a wooden structure. What to bring: Sleeping bag, winter warm and waterproof clothes, warm hat, winter work boots or trekking boots (absolutely necessary) and work gloves.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will sleep all together in a building provided with very basic facilities (electricity, hot water, washing-machine, wooden stove). Internet available (1€ per day). Only vegetarian food will be available.

LOCATION: The location where the camp is held is isolated and surrounded by nature. The nearest town is Mompeo, a small village in the Rieti area, about 50 kms away from Rome. There is a bar and a small shop in Mompeo.

TERMINAL: Rome

LUN 28 Open Nature 2, Mompeo 01/11/2010-13/11/2010 6 Vols MANU/ENVI

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LUN 31 Clown heart 2, Solarino 11/08/2010-23/08/2010 10 Vols ARTS

PROJECT: It's 5 years we organize the Clown Heart Tour, in eastern Sicily. Every year clowns coming from the world takes part to the tour visiting hospitals, centers for mental health, houses for orphans... In 2010 we will involve international volunteers! The promoter is "il Muro" association, active on theatre at national and international level. The clown is conceived as a "social actor", who is able to help people in difficult situations.**WORK:** during the first days you will be trained to act and to express your playful soul, than the tour will drive you in the planned places to be visited, preparing the performances and acting as clown, as peace and smile ambassadors.The tour timetable will be very intense, but we will have free time for excursions, concerts and exchange.**Accommodation:** the volunteers will stay in a youth center in Solarino (SR), where they will cook for themselves. The workcamp is organized with AVCS association and supported by the Solarino municipality.**Special requirements:** motivation letter and smiling photo is needed**Terminal:** Catania

YAP Italy

Workcamps 2010

CPI 14- CERVETERI (ROME)- AGRI/CULT - 15 Vols - age 18-99

23 October 2010 /02 November 2010

BACKGROUND: The work camp will take place in the countryside of Cerveteri, 3 km from the Etruscan necropolis. It is a Unesco World Heritage Site, which has made the town of Cerveteri famous all over the world. SOSTEGNO, the association organising the work camp, has been promoting for several years biological-synergistic agriculture, as well as teaching the respectful pruning of olive trees.

The Association promotes employment opportunities for the unemployed and the marginalised, who live in difficult social and economic conditions. Since 2009, the Association has been entrusted with the care of approximately one thousand olive trees belonging to the municipality and the Calabresi family, which had not been cared for in over thirty years. Considerable work is now required to return the olive trees to full production. To this effect, the objective of the work camp is to rehabilitate these trees in order to facilitate the harvesting of olives and increase the value of the local agricultural resources. The added advantage is to be able to create employment opportunities for needy residents and outsiders. Ten percent of the income generated from the sale of the products will be used to finance the planting of new trees and flowers for the public gardens of the town.

WORK: Harvesting the olives and pruning the trees. October is the period when the olives are picked up from the trees. During this first year, we will harvest whatever is possible from the abandoned trees. In the coming years, we will start the pruning of the trees, which have been harvested in the previous year. At the end of the harvest, we will split in small groups and go to the oil press, as well as taste the oil produced. Before work starts and during bad weather, participants will learn about the cultivation and pruning of olive trees, which will make them aware of the relevant agricultural practices and instill respect for the plants. It will also provide the theoretical and practical notions necessary to handle the trees without damaging them. **Additional information:** during free time, it will be possible to visit the water falls of Monte Tosto and the Etruscan necropolis of the "Banditaccia", the Unesco site mentioned above. It will also be possible to visit the Castle of Santa Severa, near the sea, as well as organise a horse ride for the entire group.

ACCOMODATION: With sleeping bags in the agri-tourism resort of Monte Uliveto, located next to the olive grove. The location is very beautiful, with panoramic views of the sea and woods behind the resort. Self cooking and management.

TERMINAL: Rome.