



Workcamps in Serbien

Partner: YRS Serbien

“Young Researchers of Serbia / Volunteer Service of Serbia” ist unser größter Partner in Ex-Jugoslawien. Die meisten Workcamps sind ökologisch orientiert.

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About YRS – VSS

Young Researches of Serbia (YRS) is a non-profit, non-political NGO officially established in 1976 as a network of organizations, societies, clubs and sections with research programmes, gathered around the coordinative office on the national level in Belgrade. Through its history the number of members changed, but there were over 50 different organizations taking part. In the 90's YRS leaves the organizational form of vertical relationships following the current direction of civil sector development. Today YRS represents the organization on the national level and it unites three thematically different but interconnected sectors – **Youth Sector**, **Voluntary Service of Serbia** and **Environmental Protection and Conservation Sector**. Young Researches of Serbia have more than 3000 members, mostly young people aged 15-30.

THINK BIG - do little: start an avalanche! is our motto.

Our vision is to be the driving force for all those whose aim is to make our planet a more peaceful, just and healthy place.

Driven by science and education, our mission is to contribute:

- to environmental protection and nature conservation,
- to development of voluntarism and its values,
- to scientific creativity and active participation of the youth

Our main aims are environmental protection, environmental education, youth exchange and work with young people, as well as the promotion of sustainable development, scientific creativity and voluntarism.

We have organized hundreds of research projects and educative programmes for young people in various areas of natural and social sciences.

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

YRS is a member of: CCIVS – Coordinative Committee of International Voluntary Service, YEE - Youth and Environment Europe, ANPED – Northern Alliance for Sustainability, CEEWEB - Central and East European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity, Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations, and a partner of the networks YAP and SCI in Serbia. YRS is one of the founding members of the following networks: SEEYN – South East European Youth Network and Youth CAN - Youth Culture in Action Network.

Workcamps 2010

General conditions:

There is no upper age limit. We accept volunteers who are 18 and older.

The language of the camps is English.

There are small Extra fees in some camps: either because these are study camps or art workshops, or to cover the costs of excursions.

Some camps (e.g. art workshops) have special requirements.

Our workcamps are focused on local sustainable development.

We heartfully support: Rural tourism (Trsic, Zlakusa, Grabovski), Cultural decentralization (Kosjeric, Music Festival, Wine Fest, Curug, Regatta), Worldwide important nature areas (Obedska bara, Zasavica, Ludas Lake, Deliblato Sands), Bringing world into small communities (Morovic, Cajetina, Brest), Making change, giving example (Valjevo, Sport Centre, Cenej, Ledinci), Sustainable transport (Klek), Reviving forgotten history (Timacum minus).

SR01 TRSIC, Loznica

Environmental

Dates: 24/05 – 06/06

Number of volunteers: 12

Trsic is a small village famous as the birth place of Vuk Karadzic, the reformist of Serbian language and orthography. Today it is a place very much visited by tourists. The local partner organization (www.kamp-trsic.org.rs) works on development and improvement of rural and eco tourism. This workcamp's goal is to educate local people and motivate them to be active citizens in preserving the nature and other values for the sake of generations to come. This is the third year the camp is organized here, as the first two gave great results.

Work: Volunteers will work on cleaning the woods from garbage, clearing the vegetation, marking the walking paths which are connecting Vuk's house and 5km distant XIV century Tronosa monastery and making wooden benches and tables that would be placed along the path.

For its ultimate historical importance for the Serbian language this village has, students of Serbian and other Slavic languages are very welcome, but others interested in the culture or, simply, in environmental protection, are also welcome.

Accommodation: In a house only 50m away from Vuk's house, built in the same style, in the heart of the ethno village. Volunteers will prepare meals together with the host.

Location: Trsic is situated close to Loznica in the western part of Serbia.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: Excursions to important cultural and historical points will be organized, together with visits to museums and one day for getting to know the children from the local school and participating in their special event. Participation of the local volunteers will be an essential part of the workcamp.

Special requirements: Volunteers should be nature and culture lovers prepared for long walks and hard work.

Extra fee: 15 €

SR02 BIG GRABOVSKI, Cacak

Environmental / Art

Dates: 10/06 - 20/06

Number of volunteers: 10

More than 50% of the inhabitants of Serbia live in villages. In recent years there has been developed a strong movement for rural sustainable development through sustainable tourism in ethno villages representing the traditional Serbian life style. The most important treasure of this village is its unforgettable view over Guca, where the world wide popular trumpet festival occurs in the summer and the mountain peak just few km away. The whole household is made of wood and material from nature and the whole small community is doing their best in preserving the valley and keeping the mountain clean and accessible for nature lovers. They can't wait having you there to make friends and show you their mountain!

Work: will be about developing the place in two different aspects: marking tracking paths, creating wood steps on steamy ground, benches, etc. As the whole household is very artistic and full of details, volunteers with art skills, painters mainly, are very much welcome to leave their print here, in brakes between hiking and chopping wood with new friends.

Accommodation: In the house. Volunteers will cook for themselves in shifts with help and interest of the local people.

Location: Grab is a small village in the western part of Serbia, about 12km from Cacak, 150 km from Belgrade, and just a stone throw from Guca.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special requirements: Skills and interest in landscape architecture and decoration are welcome. Volunteers should be nature and art lovers.

Special remarks: Volunteers will be given a chance to learn about old crafts such as knitting baskets, and will learn about ways of sustainable development. Local volunteers will be involved in the work as well.

Extra fee: 15 €

SR03 LUDAS LAKE , Subotica

Environmental

Dates: 20/06 – 03/07

Number of volunteers: 15

Lake Ludas, an eolic lake surrounded with marsh, steppe and forest habitats, is famous as an ornithological reserve. It is one of the oldest protected areas in the world and listed as a wetland of international importance (Ramsar Site from 1977). Apart from preserved natural values (bird, fish and wetland plant species), the area boasts rich cultural heritage (archaeological findings, rural and sacral architecture, traditional culture, especially good rural cuisine). The beauty of the landscape and the lake with the tall reed beds represents a special value of the Reserve. This will be the 8th camp we organize here.

Work: Volunteers will be included in the project of wet meadows revitalization by removing weed, tree branches and clearing other vegetation.

Accommodation: in the Research Station "Ludas". Food will be provided in a local restaurant.

Location: Lake Ludas is located 12 km from Subotica in the very northern part of Serbia.

Terminal: Belgrade and Budapest

Extra fee: 15 €

SR04 LEDINCI, Novi Sad

Death & Nature – How romantic?!

Environmental

Dates: 21/06 – 01/07

Number of volunteers: 10

Ledinci is a 9 centuries old village with its 644 inhabitants, whose ancestors were characterised as bold revolutionists in all past occupations of the country, defending their home, the beautiful region of Srem, immersed in the National park Fruska gora. They are doing their best in keeping the village image bright, but they need help. Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn a lot about the Serbian history and heritage from them, especially the work: cleaning the old graveyard!

Work: Conserving, cleaning and presenting all the values that the village has to present to everyone who likes history and nature! The old local graveyard is covered with big grass and it needs cleaning and planting new plants. Some work will be done in the village centre as well.

Accommodation: In families of local volunteers.

Location: Stari Ledinci is situated on 12km from Novi Sad.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: Volunteers should be prepared for good and quality hiking; there are a lot of beautiful sights to be seen in the Nature park Fruska Gora including a marvellous lake.

Extra fee: 15 €

SR05 ZLAKUSA, Uzice

Environmental

Dates: 23/06 – 04/07

Number of volunteers: 12

The village Zlakusa finds its place between the beautiful mountains of Zlatibor, Tara, Mokra gora. It is famous for its pottery, 60km of marked hiking paths through stunning nature, rivers rich in salmon, trumpet players and well preserved ethno villages presenting the highest form of rural tourism to its guests. Zlakusa, ranked as the most successful point of rural tourism in Serbia, will host this workcamp for the second time. Visit www.zlakusa.com

Work: Volunteers will clean river banks, the entrance to the village and footpaths from garbage. They will mark footpaths and place garbage bins, remove weeds and bushes and plant flowers. They will help in organising the old crafts and folklore festival.

Accommodation: in fully equipped houses of the ethno-village. Food would be prepared by the host. Volunteers will have the possibility to cook if they want.

Location: Zlakusa is 12km far from Uzice in the western part of Serbia.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: The workcamp is organized in the same time as the 15th international ceramic pottery colony with many happenings and cultural events. Volunteers have the possibility to participate in a course of traditional pottery and Serbian folk dances, so they might perform in front of the audience! One day would be reserved for raspberry picking and baking delicious homemade volunteer pies!

Extra fee: 10€

SR06 CENEJ, Novi Sad

Different people, same life

Disabled / Art / Social

Dates: 01/07 – 12/07

Number of volunteers: 10

Salas Cenej is a farming community that keeps the tradition of Vojvodina way of life on a specific way: horse riding, coach riding, wine tasting, slow-food movement organisation. It is situated in the region of Vojvodina known for its outstanding fertility and abundance of dark soil.

This workcamp's goal is to promote understanding and solidarity among the group of slightly mentally disabled youngsters and volunteers (local and international) by letting them learn about each-other and cooperate through artistic workshops and games, supporting cultural exchange; encourage young people to socially interact, regardless to their differences; inspire local volunteers and young people to devote themselves to the community services.

Work: Volunteers' responsibility will be running activities in artistic workshops (handcraft, music, dance and choreography, art and theatre), as well as organizing games, free time activities and intercultural nights.

Accommodation: In a house. Volunteers will prepare food by themselves with material provided.

Location: Cenej is 40km away from Novi Sad.

Language: English and languages of the Balkan region

Terminal: Belgrade

Special requirements: Motivation for working with youngsters with disabilities and artistic and/or animation skills and experience are desirable. Volunteers speaking languages of the Balkan region are welcome, but it is certainly not a must!

Extra fee: 15 €

SR07 BREST, Stara Pazova
Renovation / Environmental
Dates: 15/07 – 24/07

Number of volunteers: 10

The geographical position of Stara Pazova is extremely convenient: it is situated between the two largest cities in Serbia – Belgrade (30 km), and Novi Sad (40 km). Stara Pazova has an impressive cultural versatility and prides itself on its cultural diversity and multi-ethnic structure.

Work: maintaining of the local nursery garden Brest. Volunteers will be cleaning the area from the garbage, pruning bushes and branches and planting seedlings. See more about the local NGO at www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv.

Accommodation: in the building of Stara Pazova nursery garden Brest (beds and bathrooms provided). Volunteers will prepare food by themselves with material provided.

Special remarks: An excursion to Novi Sad will be organised as well as a visit to another workcamp in Sremski Karlovci. The nursery garden is placed in the outskirts of the town, immersed in nature.

Location: Stara Pazova is situated at 30km from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Extra fee: 15€

SR08 KLEK, Zrenjanin ***Bicycles for everybody – public village bike***
Renovation/ Environmental

Dates: 18/07 – 02/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Klek is a modern and dynamic village in the region of Vojvodina, with a highly developed infrastructure. It has 3000 inhabitants with a large number of young people interested in having foreign volunteers this summer to work with them on this innovative project. The goal of the workcamp is to reconstruct a classic model of bicycle (donated by village families) and organize an alternative transport program, a public bicycle, first time in Serbia and in the Balkans! Having foreign volunteers in the village would be a good way for the inhabitants to accept this new trend. Creative ideas for the promotion are welcome!

Work: Reconstruction of old bicycles and promotion of the bicycle tracks. "Pony" was the most popular bicycle brand in ex-YU, so everybody who had one in the garage donated it to the project! In this way bicycles of high sentimental value will be made public property. Volunteers will paint the bicycle parking spaces as well, make road signs and spread leaflets.

Accommodation: In a house of traditional look. Food will be prepared by the host, with most welcome help from the volunteers.

Location: Klek is situated on 7km from Zrenjanin and 75km from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade, Budapest

Special requirements: It is desirable to know how to use tools and have basic mechanics knowledge.

Extra fee: 15 €

SR09 CAJETINA, Uzice
Environmental

Dates: 18/07 – 01/08

Number of volunteers: 12

Cajetina village is situated on the mountain Zlatibor, a well-known tourist resort near Tara Mountain national Park and the authentic ethno village of Sirogojno. Mokra gora and the famous film director Kusturica's ethno-village Mecavnik are also nearby. Zlatibor offers an unforgettable scenery and a unique climate.

This is the third year local enthusiasts organize the workcamp, introducing the intercultural element in the town and placing grounds for a real intercultural dialogue between the volunteers from around the world and the locals, who, with few exceptions, have never travelled abroad. Having the workcamp organized there for the past two years has made a progress among the local youth.

Work: The volunteers will clean the surroundings of a small lake nearby. The project includes revitalization of dry grasslands by cutting bushes and weeds, making the signs and marking the walking paths. Ideas for innovative contacts with the locals are welcome.

Accommodation: In a house. Volunteers will cook for themselves in shifts.

Location: Cajetina is a small town in the western part of Serbia, about 200km from Belgrade

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: There is a possibility for long walks and lot of opportunities to discover flora and fauna of this mountain region. Local volunteers will be involved in the work.

Extra fee: 15 €

SR10 MOROVIC, Sid
Environmental/Art/Fest

Dates: 22/07 – 09/08

Number of volunteers: 15

Morovic is most famous for its 2500 hectares covered with magnificent centenary oaks and a rich variety of bird species. However, people of Morovic are scarcely interested in bringing values of their hometown to the world's eyes, having lack of confidence when potentials of the local community are in question. The scope of this workcamp is to raise awareness among the locals about active participation towards the community's needs. This is the 3rd year of the workcamp and the improvement is visible.

Work: Volunteers will clean the rivers' banks, make and place garbage bins and organize events with the locals, depending on volunteers' creativity and ideas. The workcamp holds the idea of bringing locals and volunteers together to know each others cultures through work, so ideas to interact with the locals and open mindedness are welcome. It is preferred that volunteers have an eye for photography or filming, so that the group could make photos (or a video) that will be used for the presentation of environmental and touristic potential of the region. Hence, many excursions will be organized, hiking, paragliding...

Accommodation: in an attractive fully equipped train wagon, adapted for living, based on the river bank. Volunteers will have the chance to cook their national meals but also to be offered many typical local dishes, made by traditional recipes.

Location: Morovic is situated close to Sid in the North–West of Serbia, 100km from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: The workcamp will be held in the same time as the 19th traditional cultural festival (food, drinks and old crafts) and the volunteers will help in the organization. There will be a cooking fish soup contest as well! Check on Facebook *EKO-KAMP Morovic*.

Special requirements: Volunteers who know to sing, dance, play music instruments and are fond of street performances are welcome, as well as the ones with skills of photographing, filming and editing are more than welcome.

Extra fee: 10 €

SR11 REGATTA, Curug
Festival / Environmental

Dates: 28/07 - 08/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Curug is one of the oldest settlements of the Vojvodina region, a village situated in wide lowlands, in the place where the river Tisa creates its greatest meander down its flow, making it a unique and picturesque sight. The mild climate and the environment had a strong influence on the people as well – they are endlessly cordial and peaceful.

Work: Starting with 2003 Curug has been organising a boat racing manifestation (The regatta of Curug). Most of the work will be promoting the manifestation and helping organising it (distribution of promo materials, help in organising the race, parties and award ceremony). Other part of the work will involve cleaning the river banks of the Old Tisa river. Evenings are of course reserved for the program of the Regatta. See more about the local NGO at www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv.

Accommodation: in the local elementary school with showers. Volunteers will prepare food by themselves with material provided.

Special remarks: workshops about the history of the region and the nature protected area of the Old Tisa river.

Location: Curug is situated at 45km from Novi Sad.

Terminal: Belgrade

Extra fee: 15€

SR12 KOSJERIC I – SOUNDING, Uzice

Art

Dates: 01/08 – 15/08

Number of volunteers: 7

Kosjeric is a small town in the western part of Serbia, well known for its beautiful nature. A group of young people initiated workcamps to increase and affirm the cultural and touristic potentials through interaction between the locals and the volunteers in an international atmosphere. This is the 9th year of the workcamp.

Work: The idea for the music workshop is based on image and sound interaction and wider communication, as well as on a possible collaboration with other workshops taking place in Kosjeric camps (mural, graffiti and theatre workshop). The work process will be divided into three phases: a) Sound and spaces – the participants would create music for the video material that will be recorded in various localities; b) Sound and movement – the participants will make several improvisations together with the theatre workshop that will take in hand stage movement; c) Sound and colour – in cooperation with the mural workshop; the participants will produce several compositions connected to murals and graffiti and they will be performed during the camp. There will be a mini lecture on synthesis and interaction among different kinds of art expressions. Visit: www.artcamp.ktowngroup.org.rs

Accommodation: local host families

Location: Kosjeric, 130 km south of Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special Requirements: It is necessary to be able to play at least one instrument. Motivation letter required.

SR13 KOSJERIC II – ARTBURG HILL (visual art workshop), Uzice

Art

Dates: 01/08 – 15/08

Number of volunteers: 7

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Work: The aim of the workshop is to create permanent art installations on different sites of the town. The idea is to present gradation/degradation of the human living soul through its life stages. On the specific town locations, every stage of the human life would be presented through a symbol: childhood (rocking chair), love life (bench), sorrow (altered piece of rock), festivity (table) and old age. The workshop will consist of two phases. In the first – brainstorming for ideas, leaning on our past experiences and building up the theme. In the second – implementing the idea either in the studio or in the open. The materials used could be wood, stone, ceramic tiles, glass, etc. The main goal is to create discrete and enduring interactive town exhibition that is to stay with the Kosjeric locals. Visit: www.artcamp.ktowngroup.org.rs

Accommodation: local host families

Location: Kosjeric, 130 km south of Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special Requirements: basic tool skills, basics in drawing, painting... (It is not necessary to be a professional, especially not a sculptor, nothing classical anyway). Motivation letter required.

SR14 KOSJERIC III – STREET GALLERIES (mural and art of making graffiti), Uzice

Art

Dates: 01/08 – 15/08

Number of volunteers: 7

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Work: The workshop will consist of two groups organized around the idea of "street galleries". First group's task will be painting murals and introducing innovations to the technical procedure of the wall painting itself. The basic medium shall be acrylic façade painting. However, interventions and experiments with the third dimension are also sought after. The primary goal of the second group work is introducing new forms of expression, graffiti art and spreading popular culture through interaction with young people. An art that's been marginalized throughout decades and classified as subculture gets its own legitimate place and recognition through a phenomenon of a "street gallery". Synthesis and collaboration between these two groups is possible depending on ideas and agreement among the members. According to their own affinities, the participants will decide between two groups in order to express their creativity to the full extent. The first camp days will pass in getting acquainted with the basics of the mural painting and graffiti, as well as in exchanging ideas among participants themselves. Apart from the masterpiece, there is also a possibility of creating stencils, tags. Visit: www.artcamp.ktowntgroup.org.rs

Accommodation: local host families

Location: Kosjeric, 130 km south of Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special Requirements: Participants are expected to have basic art skills. Motivation letter required.

SR15 KOSJERIC IV – PERFORMING ARTS, Uzice

Art

Dates: 01/08 – 15/08

Number of volunteers: 7

Kosjeric is a small town in the western part of Serbia, well known for its beautiful nature. A group of young people initiated workcamps to increase and affirm the cultural and touristic potentials through interaction between the locals and the volunteers in an international atmosphere. This is the 9th year of the workcamp.

Work: Throughout the series of the specific performing techniques and improvisation process, the work will explore the possibilities of creating theatre images and stories in everyday life situations (on the park bench, in the restaurant, etc.) Within easy-to-follow theatre games and workshops, the participants will create a material which will not depend on text. Dramaturgy based on a dream-like logic allows combining theatre images, actions, sound and text. The accent is put on exploring the interaction between the performers themselves and the relationship performers–audience–space, rather than on creating a finished theatre piece. Visit: www.artcamp.ktowntgroup.org.rs

Accommodation: local host families

Location: Kosjeric, 130 km south of Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special requirements: The workshop is intended for non-actors, but also for experienced performers willing to enjoy group dynamics. Motivation letter required.

SR16 SERBIA WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL, Takovo

Festival

Dates: 02/08 – 11/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Takovo village, in central part of Serbia known as Sumadija, occupies a very important place in Serbian history. Today it keeps the memory of these important events. Besides, it is a rich natural region covered with thick woods.

This is the second year of the Festival that brings a rich and varied musical programme including traditional music from Lapland, Jewish klezmer, Roma music from the Balkans. The workcamp's aim is to further promote and affirm the festival, environmental protection, tourism, cultural exchange and dialogue.

Work: Help in organising the festival before, during and after (prepared scenes, festival space, work backstage, info desks). Also, participants will have an opportunity to organize workshops on environmental protection awareness raising. Volunteers will be encouraged to get in closer contact with the locals, so ideas on different common activities are welcome.

Accommodation: In a house. Volunteers will prepare food by themselves with material provided.

Location: Takovo is 10 km away from Gornji Milanovac and 120km from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special requirements: Desirable skills in working with children on environmental protection.

Extra fee: 15 €

SR17 OBEDSKA BARA, Pecinci

Environmental

Dates: 03/08 – 13/08

Number of volunteers: 12

The Special Nature Reserve Obedska Bara is the second oldest protected area in the world (the oldest in Europe) and a wetland of international importance (listed as a Ramsar site and IBA). Obedska Bara, famous ornithological site, is an oxbow lake surrounded with marsh and forest habitats. Wetlands are among the world's most threatened ecosystems and this one has been gravely degraded, the most important problem being the overgrowing and disappearance of wet meadows.

Work: Volunteers will be included in the project "Return of the Ibis" of wet meadows revitalization by removing tree branches and clearing other vegetation. This will be the 13th camp we have organized here; so far because of our activities several bird species have returned and the working site has the richest bird fauna in the reserve.

Accommodation: in the house in Kupinovo village, sleeping on mats. Food will be provided partly in the house for volunteers to cook for themselves and partly in the village restaurant.

Location: Obedska Bara is located 50km from Belgrade and 75 km from Novi Sad.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: Lectures on wetlands and Obedska Bara's recent environmental problems will be given. Excursion to a medieval church and a fortress in the area, a visit to the other cultural monuments and a trip to nearby Belgrade are foreseen as well. Volunteers will participate in celebration of village festival on 12th of August (St Angelina Day). Volunteers can also swim in the lake and the river Sava, watch the birds and explore the beautiful nature of the area.

Extra fee: 15€

SR18 ZASAVICA, Sremska Mitrovica

Environmental

Dates: 04/08 – 13/08

Number of volunteers: 12

The Special Nature Reserve Zasavica is located west of Belgrade, along the Sava River, and covers 671 ha. This is one of the reserves with a very strong management system and in the last five years it organized very successful international voluntary workcamps. Surrounded by the fragments of marshes, hygrophilous forests and meadows, the river ecosystem dominates the area. It is characterized by the presence of rare and endemic species of animals, being endangered not only in Serbia but also in Europe, such as the fish *Umbra krameri* and others. However, scientists discovered that a number of invasive alien species spread on account of native species. This condition made us realize the need for clearing the Reserve from the introduced species.

Work: The volunteers will clean the Reserve Zasavica from invasive alien species that adversely affect the habitats they invade economically, environmentally or ecologically.

Accommodation: In a house inside the Reserve, with several bedrooms. Meals will be provided.

Location: Zasavica (www.zasavica.org.rs) is located one hour by bus from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remark: This area offers educational and recreational possibilities, including bird watching (with a short course), sport fishing, camping and hiking.

Extra fee: 15 €

**SR19 TIMACUM MINUS, Knjazevac
Environmental/Art/Heritage**

Dates: 04/08 – 13/08

Number of volunteers: 10

Serbia once was a part of the great Roman Empire. Some of the emperors were born in Eastern Serbia where important archaeological sites still exist, such as Viminacium, Felix Romuliana, Timacum Minus. Knjazevac is a region of indescribable beauty, a mixture of ethno motifs and tradition with these late Roman archaeological sites and monuments. The Regional Museum in Knjazevac is in charge of preserving Timacum Minus and as the host of this workcamp plans to involve cultural diversity of a workcamp in its promotion.

Work: Volunteers will work close to this late-antique Timacum Minus site, cleaning the site of invasive weeds and plants. Beside this, volunteers will work on mapping the fishermen path along the river and mapping the fishing sites, with particular emphasis on the preservation of nature. Volunteers will also be making souvenirs - replicas of antique jewellery found on Timacum Minus, using modern materials. Their work will be presented at the final exhibition and included in the site brochure later on.

Accommodation: In a renovated school for students of archaeology.

Location: the village Ravna is situated 8 km from Knjazevac in Eastern Serbia, 280 km from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special remarks: Volunteers with special interest in archaeology, preservation of cultural and natural heritage and with artistic skills (photography, handcrafts, drawing) are welcome.

Extra fee: 15 €

**SR20 VALJEVO THROUGH FOREIGNER'S LENS, Valjevo
Art**

Dates: 05/08 – 15/08

Number of volunteers: 10

A local NGO (www.istrzivaci.rs) invites talented volunteers interested in amateur photography to create a photo presentation of Valjevo and its surroundings focused on architecture, people, nature, cultural and historical heritage. It will be later used for promoting the town and the country.

Work: Creating and producing photographs of the town with its surroundings, publishing photos on the website, as well as organizing a public exhibition. In order to get inspired and productive, many excursions will be made to the Canyon of the river Gradac, one of the cleanest rivers in Serbia, also to the mountains Medvednik, Jablanik, Povlen and Maljen. Volunteers will also take part in the town's traditional summer cultural festival.

Accommodation: in a house located on the quay of the river Kolubara, in central area of the town, as part of the newly built complex with kitchen, bathrooms, computer centre and café club. Food will be prepared by the organizers with the possibility for volunteers to take part.

Location: Valjevo approx. 100 km South West from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade

Special requirements: Participants of the camp must have their own photo camera (digital or analogue) and preferably additional equipment (tripod, flash, etc.) and be ready for hiking.

Special remarks: motivation letter and five authorial photographs needed when applying.

**SR21 DELIBLATO SANDS, Kovin
Renovation / Environmental**

Dates: 20/08 – 29/08

Number of volunteers: 10

The Special Nature Reserve Deliblato Sands is the largest sandy terrain in Europe, situated in North-East of Serbia, once part of a vast prehistoric desert, of exceptional specific beauty and multiple scientific importance, surrounded by the expanses of the cultured steppe of the Pannonian plain. It originated from the withdrawal of the Pannonian Sea. It is a UNESCO heritage site and a bird habitat of international importance.

Work: cutting grass, shrubs, roots and disposing them; redecorating the building of art colony in Deliblato (painting, decoration the interior and exterior). See more about the local NGO at www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv.

Accommodation: in the building of the art colony and around it in tents. Showers will be provided. Volunteers will prepare food by themselves with material provided.

Special remarks: Workshops and lectures on nature conservation of this endangered habitat, on its history and biodiversity are planned, as well as the visits to its surroundings.

Location: Deliblato is between towns of Kovin and Vrsac, 70km away from Belgrade.

Terminal: Belgrade, Timisoara

Extra fee: 15€

SR22 SPORT CENTRE, Zrenjanin

Renovation / Environmental/Festival

Dates: 24/08 – 03/09

Number of volunteers: 10

Zrenjanin is the sixth largest city in [Serbia](http://www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv). It is a multicultural town of rich historical heritage. The Banat region is shared with Hungary and Romania so Zrenjanin cherishes beautiful Habsburg Empire architecture.

Work: The main goal of this project is to arrange parts of the Sport Centre: cleaning the garbage of the green areas and painting the fence, constructing a park, planting seedlings and making paths. See more about the local NGO at www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv.

Accommodation: in the Sport Centre.

Location: Zrenjanin is situated in the northern [Serbian](http://www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv) province of [Vojvodina](http://www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv), 50km northeast from Novi Sad.

Terminal: Belgrade, Budapest

Special remarks: During the camp there will be the Beer festival, which incorporates music and folklore performances, art exhibitions, sport events and competitions. Volunteers will help the organisation of the festival, and, of course, attend the program.

Extra fee: 15€

SR23 WINE FEST, Sremski Karlovci

Festival/Kids

Dates: 11/09 – 22/09

Number of volunteers: 10

Sremski Karlovci is situated on the Fruska Gora Mountain, just by the river Danube, in region of Vojvodina. It is a small, picturesque town with rich past and represents the centre of the Serbian culture and spirituality. At mid September it is hosting a traditional wine festival that gathers around some of the best wine makers of the region.

Work: Volunteers will help in preparing the festival. Work will differ from decorating the festival site to preparing the venues before the concerts. Other work will include organising workshops and games, (depending on the volunteers, maybe even a performance!) for the local children during the festival, so creative ideas, artistic skills are welcome. See more about the local NGO at www.ekoloskicentar.org/pgv.

Accommodation: in a hostel. Volunteers will have full access to the building. Lunch will be served at the nearby restaurant, while breakfast and dinner will be prepared by the volunteers.

Study part: Volunteers will first have chance to get to know Sremski Karlovci. A guided site seeing tour will be organised. There will be an opportunity to visit Novi Sad, as well. All of

that would not be enough without a hike around Fruska Gora Mountain and visit to one of the best Mountain lodges on it.

Special remarks: A guided site seeing tour of the town will be organised, as well as the trip to Novi Sad and a hiking tour!

Special requirements: Volunteers with previous experience (or interest in) working with children are more than welcome. Motivation letter required!

Location: Sremski Karlovci is situated at 11km from Novi Sad.

Terminal: Belgrade

Extra fee: 15€

SR24 PANNONIAN PEACE ROUTE, Bezdan

Environmental / Maintenance

Dates: 15/08 – 29/08

Number of volunteers: 20

The local partner (the Scout organisation of Serbia) is planing to open a camping site for the use of youth organisations and sister scout organisations in Serbia. The camp is located on the bank of the Veliki Backi Canal, along the bicycle lane called 'Pannonian Peace Route' which runs through Hungary, Serbia and Croatia. The location is separated from the settlement only by the width of the canal from Bezdan. The Environmental classroom Baracka is situated near the location, and the river Danube is only 4 km away from the camp.

Work: Setting up the camping area, which involves leveling the surface, clearing the weeds, enclosing the area, clearing the bank of the canal of reeds and other overgrowth.

Accommodation: In tents. Sleeping bags are obligatory and the tents are provided by the camp organizer.

Special remarks: Participation in creative workshops, getting to know the local customs and tradition, recreation (football, basketball, swimming in the canal), walking, a guided tour of the Special Nature Reserve Gornje Podunavlje, as well as a tour of this part of the Danube will be organised.

Location: The camp is 4 km from the Croatian and 10 km from the Hungarian border.

Terminal: Belgrade, Budapest

Extra fee: 15 €