

SJV1407 INFOSHEET

INTERACTING WITH DISABLE AND ORPHAN CHILDREN AT BODE ORPHANAGE



CODE NUMBER AND TIME

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WELCOME WORDS FROM OUR CAMP LEADER

Dear volunteers,

Firstly, it is a great honor for me to be able to welcome you here in Vietnam. I would like to express how happy I feel to have the opportunity to manage and meet a group of

people like you who have travelled from different countries. I believe we can do our best to utilize an environmentally conscious attitude, bring a smile to the children of the reserve, and become closer by working together on this project.

Welcome to Vietnam, I am sure you will be inspired by the country, the local people and, Vietnamese food. Finally, I would like to thank you for your interest in volunteering in Vietnam. We respect you and your kindness. I look forward to meeting you in Vietnam.

Best wishes,

Do Minh Duc

Tong Quang Nam

Nguyen Minh Thanh

Work camp Coordinators

LOCATION OF YOUR PROJECT

Work location: Bo De pagoda, Long Bien district, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

Bo De pagoda is a place for worshipping Buddhism. There have female monks who often do kind jobs for other people. According to Buddhist belief, pagodas always welcome all kinds of people with different situations and help them to find out solutions for their problems if they have. So that is the reasons why there are many children who are orphans are left there. The children there do not know about their parents, they often were left there from infancy. Their parents, because of different reasons, cannot bring them up, and they also cannot ask other persons for help, so the best way is leaving their sons or daughters at the gate of the pagoda because they know that their children will be picked up and brought up, which is what they could not give them. Now there are about 150 children living there: around 68 infancies, 15 high school students, 21 secondary

pupils, 19 primary pupils, 25 children are under 6 years old and 6 at colleges or universities. The number is not constant because the pagoda often has new members. There also have some women who take care of children. Monk Thich Dam Lan, director of the pagoda, noted that all children are brought up and being given education. They go to public schools with children who have their own families. Bo De pagoda receives donation from organizations and people but it is difficult to support for a lot of persons. The monks there also often call for second-hand clothes (for summer as well as for winter), toys or old textbooks, newspaper for children. Children there need a lot of help from others.

ROLES AND TASKS

- Play with the children
- Prepare craft and music activities and provide physical care of the children as necessary (changing and washing).
- Coordinate daily teeth cleaning and "Fruit Friday", healthy diet operation
- Clean the Kindergarten every day after activities
- Model correct behavior for the children and nannies regarding non physical discipline, healthy eating, mouth and hand hygiene and fair play.
- Explain children there the importance of keeping environment tidy.
- Volunteers should wear long trousers and shirts which cover their shoulders. They should not smoke or drink when they are at the pagoda.

DAILY LIFE

Volunteers will work 5 days per week some weekend working is required but will be conformed and agreed beforehand and will be compensated later.

Accommodation:

Volunteers will have simple accommodation at the volunteers' room in our office.

Google map's link of SJ Vietnam office: <http://g.co/maps/84hn5>

Food:

Breakfast and dinner are provided for the volunteers each day at their accommodation while lunch will be provided by a local restaurant nearby pagoda. Vietnamese food consists of many varieties and flavors, but if you have any special dietary needs please inform us in advance.

Day off and holidays:

You have 2 days off per week. Mostly during the weekend, unless there are special events in your working place.

Daily transportation:

We provide you with a bicycle for travelling around the town.

Extra information:

We have been hosting plenty of international volunteers from around the world and we understand that besides the desire to help the local community, volunteers also wish to learn more about Vietnam and its interesting history and culture. Volunteering abroad is a great way to meet new people from different countries, particularly people who have the same interests as you. We hope you can enjoy your time together and we will try our best to help you get the most out of your time in Vietnam.

Above are some recommendations for your reference, there are still plenty of interesting places in Vietnam which are not mentioned and you may discover yourself during your travels.

Note: If you travel and stay overnight in a guest house or hotel, you should take your passport with you. You will need it to check-in. Reception will usually keep it, and give it back when you pay & check-out. It is normal practice for them to hold on to your passport for the duration of your stay!

HOW AND WHEN TO GET THE MEETING POINT

An email will be sent to you with more details. Generally, on the day of arrival, a taxi will take the volunteer to SJ's office and will be met by our coordinator to welcome and do the orientation there.

Volunteer House: Suite 903, N1 Building, 282 Linh Nam Street, Hoang Mai District, Hanoi

[Volunteer's house Link](#)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ⤴ Sent by a local voluntary organization or a member of a voluntary organization.
- ⤴ Open minded and ready for action.
- ⤴ Excellent people management skills.
- ⤴ Aware of intercultural differences.
- ⤴ Able to share responsibilities with volunteers and to encourage them.
- ⤴ Prompt to react to unexpected situations.
- ⤴ Able to solve intercultural and personal conflict.
- ⤴ Should be ready to live with volunteers in basic conditions.
- ⤴ A strong understanding and experience about voluntarism.
- ⤴ A strong sense of commitment and dedication towards making the world a better place.
- ⤴ Good personal skills, full of energy, enthusiastic.
- ⤴ Excellent verbal communication skills in English.
- ⤴ Well organized.
- ⤴ Good sense of humors.

WHAT TO BRING

- ⤴ Laptop



- ⤴ English teaching materials/book.
- ⤴ Small gifts for kids.
- ⤴ Text books.
- ⤴ A raincoat
- ⤴ A pillow
- ⤴ A mosquito spray
- ⤴ Basic pharmacy kit
- ⤴ Pictures of your hometown and family

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONDITION

The total fee is 5,000,000VND/participant which includes transportation to and from the project site, food, basic accommodation and materials for the work camp. This fee will be paid upon arrival at the work camp on the first day. Participation fees enable SJ Vietnam to take care of you during your stay and to fund their projects. Volunteers' activities in the evenings or on the weekends are their own expense.

Address to transfer fee:

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Feel free to contact us anytime if you want more information. We look forward to meeting you soon in Vietnam.