

Center of Youth Voluntary Activities

Lithuania



The organization was established in 1988 as a union of several student clubs. Deineta is an independent non-political voluntary service organization. We organize international short term youth and teenager voluntary camps in Lithuania and also send volunteers abroad to our partners' international projects. In 1988 Deineta started a project "youth for nature protection" and organized 2 first voluntary work camps. each year the quantity of our work camps varies, and now during the summer season we organize around 5-8 work camps, we

send up to 50 (depending on the year) volunteers abroad and can host about 80 international volunteers in Lithuania. The main activity of Deineta at present is coordination of European voluntary service projects under EU "Erasmus+"

Aims

- to promote international co-operation and understanding among young people from different countries and different cultures;
- to help young people realize their voluntary ideas;
- to provide opportunities for young people without distinction to race, language, religion or social status, who wish to acquire cross cultural skills and gain international experience for their personal and professional development;

We support ideas of solidarity and humanity, and think that the international volunteering is the area where everybody is able to express themselves for the sake of peace.

Membership:

Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations - full member

Workcamps

Our work camps normally run from the end of May till the beginning of September and last

for two weeks. There are usually 8-10 participants and 1-2 camp leaders in each project. We do not organize big camps in order to create warm and friendly atmosphere. The camp leader(s) takes an active part in the camp just like any other volunteer. He/she is also the person who makes the life of the camp run smoothly: takes initiative in solving problems that may occur in organizing the volunteering, food preparation, leisure time etc.

The activities of our camps include organizing cleaning and preserving nature, getting involved with local community.

Participants volunteer for up to 6 hours per day, weekends are free. Most tasks on the camps can be completed without any substantial physical effort or any special skills.

Volunteers have 3 meals per day. We offer a chance to try Lithuanian national meals and we expect participants to propose their own national dishes.

Age limit

Adult camps: 18-30

Accommodation

Our volunteers can be accommodated in administrative buildings of regional and national parks or tents. Volunteers must bring their own sleeping bags. Other details usually follow in the info packs.

Extra participation fee:

As Deineta doesn't get any financial support from the state government, local municipalities or any other institution, we ask a registration fee of 35 Euros.

**Deineta
Workcamps
2016**

CODE	Name	Start	End	Type	VOL.	Age
CYVA01	SCOUT VALLEY	03/06	16/06	ENVI	8	18-30
CYVA02	ZEMAITIJA NATIONAL PARK	06/06	18/06	ENVI	8	18-30
CYVA03	GRAŽUTES REGIONAL PARK	18/07	30/07	ENVI	8	18-30
CYVA04	DZUKIJA NATIONAL PARK	25/07	06/08	ENVI	8	18-30
CYVA05	KREKENAVA REGIONAL PARK	01/08	13/08	ENVI	8	18-30
CYVA06	TYTUVENAI REGIONAL PARK	01/08	13/09	ENVI	8	18-30

DEINETA will send the application request by e-mail. DEINETA will send info sheet by e-mail

Age limit in Deineta's camps: 18 - 30

Reservation deadline – 23th May

Participation fee to be paid by **volunteers on arrival**



school children and youth.

[Scout valley](#) is the first scout campsite in Lithuania. It is located in the heart of the country near beautiful old town [Ukmerge](#), approximately 70 km away from other big cities – Vilnius, Kaunas, Panevežys and Utena. The host is a voluntary organization with the aim to become leading outdoor adventure education centre in Lithuania for scouts,

We are in close relationship with national Lithuanian Scout organization and Lithuanian Sea scouts. We are in the process to become members of international Scout campsite association “Goose”. Scout valley was established in 2014 and is in its stage of development. Everyone and anyone who loves nature can find his place in the campsite activities. Volunteers are highly appreciated in everyday tasks, maintenance and organization.

We are working with a group of Lithuanian volunteers and waiting forwards to cooperate with you!

PROJECT ENVIRONMENT

Scout valley is located in a small village Sukiniai. It is surrounded by beautiful wild nature, forests, lands and a stream. Only 8 km away there is a lake Žirnajai where we organize sailing activities and river Sventoji. We are part of active Eco community. Eco and environmental issues are very important part of our campsite. We generate our own electricity, use rain water, composting toilets, recycling and build sustainable houses.

Village Sukiniai is 15 km away from a town Ukmerge. Ukmerge is a city in [Vilnius County](#), located 78 km northwest of [Vilnius](#), with a population of about 22,000.

PROJECT/ACTIVITIES

Scout valley campsite was established on a field of wild land. Basically there was nothing before. We bought it 5 years ago and since then scouts and other volunteers had put a lot of effort to make it what it is today. The land is surrounded by the forest on two sides and a streamlet on the south. This runlet is extremely attractive with its natural curves, but in summer time it is inaccessible due to the bushes, fallen trees etc. We have a vision to adapt it for resort purpose, clean everything and build some sitting places nearby, set up paths etc.

Volunteers' activities/tasks

- To clean the surrounding from fallen trees/branches etc.;
- Sort the wood in a sustainable way;
- Arrange some sitting places using scouting approach;
- Rake the ground of the streamlet;
- Set up the fireplace;

- Help with other everyday maintenance tasks of the campsite.

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD

Volunteers will live in the tents on the campsite (tents can be provided by request). There is a campsite shower (outdoor), sink, composting toilet and a pond for swimming. Food will be cooked by campsite staff, but other arrangements are possible (cooker and a fridge available).

LEISURE TIME

During the work camp there will be camps for children organized with a lot of local scout leaders on board. Volunteers will be welcome to join the activities of the camp or organize their own leisure. Here you can find video from the camp 2015: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=003W5e2acT8> and here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrL_873NgvU. As sea scouts we have sailing and rowing equipment, so it is possible to organize activities on the water (lake or a river). Also Volunteers can visit famous places around Ukmerge or travel to the big cities 70 km away. One way bus ticket cost 5-6 Euro. Staff will help you to get around. Also there will be three EVS volunteers from Ukraine, Romania and Italy who will help you to find your ways. Sukiniai is on the shore of an old Vepriu crater. Also there is an old abandoned soviet military base with rocket launch base nearby. And lots and lots unspoiled nature for walks and fresh air.

LOCATION

Scout valley is located in a village Sukiniai. It is about 14 km south from a town Ukmerge, and approximate 70 km away from other big cities – Vilnius, Kaunas, Panevežys and Utena. There is a lake 8 km away and a river Sventoji.

TERMINAL

Vilnius or Kaunas airports, bus/train stations. Also possible to take flight to Warsaw or Riga airports and take a bus to Lithuania (contact me for more details - skautu.slenis@gmail.com).

WHAT TO BRING

Tent (*can be provided on request), sleeping-bag, tourist mat, long-sleeved clothes, caps, rain-coats, hiking boots, anti mosquito cream, sun cream, swimming suits (swimming equipment *optional), music instruments (*optional), national games and recipes, dances, songs, good mood.

MEETING PLACE:

Ukmerge
bus station
Vytauto g.
111
Ukmerge,
Lithuania

REGISTRATION FEE

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PROJECT/ACTIVITIES

The [Žemaitija National Park](http://www.zemaitijosnp.lt/en) is a protected territory, founded in 1991 to preserve landscape complexes of national importance and cultural heritage that represent peculiarities of Žemaitija's nature and culture in the ethno cultural context, ensure balanced use and recovery of natural resources, provide conditions for educational tourism, scientific research and environmental monitoring.

The Park's goals are: to conserve the main system of lakes and forests in Žemaitija, the existing cultural heritage and restore the

damaged parts; to carry out scientific research, data collection and regular monitoring of the Park's environment and ethnic and cultural heritage; to cherish the cultural traditions of Žemaitija; to disseminate ideas and knowledge of environmental protection; to encourage traditional forms of farming; to promote appropriate recreation activities, and primarily cognitive tourism.

In 2013, the Žemaitija National Park became a member of the European Sustainable Tourism Charter Network.

Volunteers' Tasks: Repairing equipment for the nature school; Swampland maintenance; manual removal of woody vegetation; Maintenance of sites of natural and cultural heritage; collecting garbage in recreational areas; Repairing recreational equipment (Paplatales sculpture path). The first task for homework before arrival: Familiarize yourself with Žemaitija national park (<http://www.zemaitijosnp.lt/en>); prepare a short presentation about your voluntary experience and experience with nature; during the first meeting we will ask you to present your expectations, abilities, traditions and culture of your country.

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD:

Volunteers will live in Plokstines ecological education center. This is one of the former military compound buildings, renovated 20 ago and suitable for living only in summer. The accommodation area still looks like a Soviet military base and all of the facilities are quite old. Volunteers will live in shared rooms (4-5 persons per room, about 20 square meters); they will have beds with mattresses. The building has showers, washing basins, toilets. Food will be prepared by volunteers themselves (cooking done in another building, products will be provided). Cooker, kettle, fridge, microwave will

be provided. The nearest shop is 12 km away, so volunteers will be periodically taken by car to do the shopping.

LEISURE TIME:

Volunteers will manage their free-time independently. Those who prefer relaxing in nature Žemaitija national park has a lot to offer: clean lakes, cognitive paths, camping sites, park visitors' center and exposition. It is possible to rent boats and canoes, visit lake islands, rent bicycles, climb bird watching towers and many other activities including the cold war museum (former Soviet nuclear missile site)

TERMINALS:

Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga airports and/or bus stations of Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga. You will have to reach the town of Plunge.

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bag, long-sleeved clothes, hats, light raincoats, working/hiking boots for various weather conditions, mosquito repellent, swimming clothes, and something to make the group life more interesting and fun (cultural games, recipes, dances, music etc.).

MEETING POINT: Plunge bus station at 20:45

From Vilnius bus station take a bus to Plunge which leaves at 16:25. Arrival to Plunge at 20:40

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PROJECT/ACTIVITIES

Heavenly shore on earth – the best way to describe [Gražute Regional Park](#). Park was founded for the protection of valuable lake, forested landscape of upper reaches of the River Sventoji with biodiversity and ethno– cultural treasures. There are more than 90 lakes. Lake Sventas is unique in the largest water swing. Antalieptes Marios with brilliant

islands and peninsulas is a man-made lake, which has the most sophisticated configuration of shore in Lithuania. Lake Luodis (1320 ha) is the 6th biggest in Lithuania and has two sandy spits. The park is composed of landscape, telmological, geomorphic, hydrographic, and urban reserves. Many varieties of plants and animals are protected here.

The project is expected to restore during many years overgrown on Kiemionys castle mound and to remove overgrown in the Birds' island. Restoration of castle mound and restoration of Birds' island will include cutting by hand and removing grass and woody vegetation.

The project is expected to renovate tourism infrastructure. Renovation of infrastructure will include painting of wooden information board and signs, removing old infrastructure from campsites and nature patches, and marking hiking trails.

The project is expected to restore Luodis lake shore. Restoration of shore will include cutting by hand and removing reeds and woody vegetation.

The project is expected to clean up the boating race in Sventoji River as well. Participants will travel with canoes/boats down the Sventoji River. Cleaning will include cutting by hand natural obstacles in the river (such as log, dump), and collecting trashes from the water (such as plastic bottles, bags).

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD:

Volunteers will live in the administration building of the directorate of Gražute Regional Park. Volunteers will sleep in the conference room on the beds or mattresses, participants should bring sleeping bags. There is a shower with hot water, sauna, wash basins, toilet, stove for cooking and a refrigerator in administration building. Cooking is done by volunteers themselves.

LEISURE TIME:

Free time can be organized independently by the volunteers because there are many opportunities for visiting interesting places. During the free time volunteers can rent bikes or canoes, and go for biking trip around Regional Park or canoe trip down Sventoji River, visit self-guided hiking trails. For relaxing a lake 1 km away is the best idea. There are many places for visiting in Zarasai district as well, such as Slyninka water mill, Monastery in Baltriskes, the oldest oak tree in east Europe (more than 1500 y.o.) and oldest Lithuania's

wooden church in Stelmuze.

LOCATION:

Salakas town is 45 km away from Utena town in the eastern part of Lithuania. It is the largest town in Gražute Regional Park. Salakas was first time mentioned in 1496. It has a population of about 500 people. There is unique Sea museum (!), Nature visitors center. There are many tourists during the summer season: traditionally, biking trips by Great biking race, canoeing trips by Sventoji River begins in Salakas. The landscape of Gražute Regional Park is covered by forests. Gražute Regional Park became the 1st place winner in the EDEN (European Destinations of Excellence) project in 2010.

TERMINAL:

Kaunas or Vilnius International airports/bus stations, Utena bus station.

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bags, tourist carpet, long-sleeved clothes; trousers; rain gear; anti mosquito cream; music instruments; tapes; CD's; your national games and recipes; songs; dances; ideas how to spend leisure time; swimming things; waterproofed shoes.

MEETING POINT:

The meeting point is in Visaginas.

More details and the address of the camp will be sent with the info sheet.

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PROJECT/ACTIVITIES:

[Dzukija National Park](#) is the largest protected area in Lithuania. It is rich in rivers, rivulets and springs. At the same time it is one of the most forested protected areas in Lithuania. Most of its territory is covered by pinewoods connecting Lithuania, Poland and Belarus. The park encompasses a unique cultural landscape: a mosaic of natural and man-created forests, meadows and ancient villages with traditional wooden architecture.

Cepkeliai reserve is the largest swamp (5858 ha) not only in Lithuania but one of the largest

in Central and Western Europe too. Wolves and lynx, black grouse and capercaillie, Cypripedium and Eastern pasque-flower are only a small part of more than 4,000 species found in this region.

In 2011 Dzukijos National Park together with Cepkeliai state nature reserve became Cepkeliai - Dzukijos PAN and is now one of the thirteen European PAN Parks. PAN Parks Foundation Strategy aims at bringing together European protected areas, consistent with high wildlife tourism and sustainable development standards.

This project is designed to implement nature restoration activities in the territory of the park. Creating the grouse mating fields: removing sprouts, weeds, and creating a 1.2 ha grouse mating fields. Maintenance of Kapiniskes Landscape Reserve in Skerdzimai meadow: cutting down the bushes and throwing them to the edges of meadows, creating better conditions for landfowl to breed. Cepkeliai Reserve open dune formation. Maintenance of the World War I soldiers' cemetery adjacent to Merkinė town.

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD:

Volunteers will live in a house belonging to the park's directorate in Darželiai village, 7 km from Marcinkonys village (the meeting point). Gruda River suitable for swimming flows nearby. Volunteers will sleep in a barn on double decker beds. Volunteers need to bring their own sleeping bags. There is a shower with hot water, washing basins, WC, food cooker and fridge. Volunteers will cook for themselves, products will be provided.

LEISURE TIME:

During their free time volunteers will be able to travel to Musteika village, to visit the bee-keeping museum and the educational trail. Marcinkonys village offers the ethnographical exposition, the beautiful hiking path of Zackagiris. Near Darželiai there is the famous Margionys village with the origins of Skroblus creek. Volunteers will be able to rent bicycles and travel along marked bike trails or rent canoes to navigate Gruda or Ula rivers.

LOCATION:

Marcinkonys - the largest village in Lithuania by territory (143 ha) is 100 km away from the capital city Vilnius. Marcinkonys started as a forest scouts' camping place back in 1637. Around 650 people live here today. Marcinkonys hosts one of Dzūkija National Park's visitor centers.

Darželiai village - there the volunteers will be accommodated, is 7 km away.

TERMINAL:

Vilnius International airports/trail/bus stations, Marcinkonys train/bus station.

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bags and mats, long-sleeved clothes; trousers; rain-wear; anti mosquito spray; music instruments; tapes; CD's; your national games and recipes; songs; dances; ideas how to spend leisure time; swimming things; waterproof shoes.

MEETING POINT:

The meeting point is in Marcinkonys.

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PROJECT/ACTIVITIES

[Krekenava Regional Park](#) protects the river Nevežis plains with its meadows, forests and swamps. The biggest Lithuanian central lowlands landscape value is Nevežis River valley with expressive curves of and impressive strings of riverbeds. Directly adherent to the valley and wooded plains is agrarian landscape intersected by swampy areas with creeks. The symbol of the regional park is the European bison. The first couple of them were brought here in 1969. Now, almost 20 bisons live here and another 20 roam free. A large part of the park is covered by

forests, and the most important of them - the old oak. The forests are rich in broadleaf trees, rich in rare plant species. The park is also home for otter, beaver, hazel dormouse, deer, wild boar, roe deer, fallow deer, and bats.

Districts can be overviewed by sailing down Nevežis River. Those who like quiet rest can stay at the resorts and rural tourism homesteads.

Volunteers tasks: Maintenance of natural and cultural heritage sites; collecting garbage near river Nevežis; interaction with local residents.

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD:

Volunteers will live in Krekenava visitors' center. Sleeping will be organized in the conference hall (one common room of 70 square meters) on the floor on the mattress and beds in separate rooms (so please bring sleeping bags). The building has a shower, toilets, a cooker, a fridge, a microwave, and a kettle. Cooking will be done by volunteers themselves.

LEISURE TIME:

Volunteers can arrange their free time independently. You will be able to take cognitive paths, visit sites of natural and cultural heritage, rent canoes to go down a river. The village of Krekenava is interesting in the events organized by the cultural center. For those who just want to relax it's best to choose one of the nature campsites.

LOCATION:

Krekenava town is 30 km from the 5th biggest city Panevėžys. There are 1600 residents in Krekenava;

it has a library, a post office, cultural center, Krekenava regional park visitors' center, and 7 shops.

TERMINAL: Vilnius or Kaunas airports, bus/train stations.

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bags, long-sleeved clothes, trousers, hats, raincoats, waterproof boots, mosquito repellent, swimming clothes, things to make the group life more fun (music, games, cultural treats etc.); media with your country presentation, traditional recipes (take care of specific spices and ingredient).

MEETING POINT:

1st of August at 21:20 at Panevežys bus station.

From Vilnius bus station take a bus to Panevežys which leaves at 19:20

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PROJECT/ACTIVITIES:

[Tytuvenai Regional Park](#) was founded in 1992 in order to preserve the picturesque landscape of hills, marshes and lakes, the historical and urban monuments of Siluva and Tytuvenai, as well as the unique nature and cultural heritage. The territory of Regional Park is spread out at the intersection of Kelme, Raseiniai and Radviliskis districts.

In year 2015 EVS volunteers of Regional Park organized a work camp, where 15 volunteers

lived, volunteered and had some leisure time in Tytuvenai. Their main task was reed cutting. Reeds are a huge problem in our lakes, because their fast expansion is making lakes to grow older very fast.

This year during the camp we'll have several tasks. During the first week volunteers will live in Siluva pilgrim center and volunteer in its surroundings, second week they'll live in Tytuvenai regional park visitor center and volunteer there. Their tasks will include:

- To volunteer in field doing basic cleaning;
- To clean the abandoned places from grass, branches etc.;
- To cut the reeds in the most important spots in Bridvaisis and Gilius lakes;
- To maintain local parks (new one with small trees and a manor park with old trees);
- To pick trash in Pravirsulis reserve (a very nice swampy place);
- To clean Tytuva river valley;
- Other similar activities.

ACCOMMODATION/FOOD:

During the first week volunteers will live in Siluva pilgrim center (they'll have beds, kitchen, showers), during the second week - in Tytuvenai regional park visitors' center, where they'll sleep on the floor, on mattresses. Cooking will be done by volunteers themselves, a kitchen with cooking facilities will be provided (stove, microwave and a refrigerator). Showers and hot water for bathing will also be available

LEISURE TIME:

The free time will be organized independently by the volunteers. They could visit famous pilgrim places in Siluva, Siluva museum, play volleyball or basketball, swim in lakes, visit forest museum, Bridvaisis mound, Tytuvenai church and monastery, rent bicycles and take a tour on Tytuvenai bicycle path (it goes around our both lakes), visit other places around and also have some nice evenings nearby bonfire in our yard.

LOCATION:

Tytuvenai is a small town with ~1700 inhabitants. In summer time there are more people, because many are coming to spend their summer vacation here. Municipality center – Kelme – is 18 km. away from Tytuvenai, a famous pilgrim center Siluva is only 8 km away, Siaulai, the 4th biggest city in Lithuania, is 40 km. away. Tytuvenai has 2 lakes, open basketball and volleyball sites, bicycle/pedestrians sightseeing paths, Tytuvenai pilgrim center and a forest museum.

TERMINAL:

Kaunas (~120 km away) or Vilnius (~210 km away) airports, Raseiniai (~30 km. away) or Siauliai (~40 km. away) bus stations. There is a small bus station in Tytuvenai.

WHAT TO BRING:

Sleeping bags, long-sleeved clothes; trousers (it would be good to check the weather forecast before going then you'll know what to expect); rain gear; hat, anti-mosquito cream; sunscreen, music instruments (optional); your favorite music; your national games and recipes; songs; dances; ideas how to spend leisure time; swimming things; waterproof shoes.

MEETING POINT:

The meeting point is in Siluva. More details and the address of the camp will be sent with the info sheet.

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