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### INTERNATIONAL WORK CAMP PROGRAM 2017

#### OUR PARTNER

Our partner, participates in the country's transformation through the integration of International Volunteering projects organized in Mexico by civil associations, municipalities, communities and organized groups, as well as sending Mexican citizens abroad on foreign projects with the idea that with this experience they will be able to, on returning to the country, engage more actively in the work of their community

#### SENDING VOLUNTEERS ABROAD

Traveling to another country and meeting new people, places and customs is for many Mexicans, one of their most important dreams. Participating in projects for the public interest, with a beneficial outcome to a community is one of the great satisfactions of these people.

International volunteering is an experience that offers unparalleled insight on the variety of cultures; increases the tolerance for diversity and opens perspectives of life and mind to new possibilities. Our partner sends young people with a minimum of 15 years of age to projects in more than 20 countries in all regions of the world in international volunteer camps. These are organized by associations, municipalities, local groups in other countries in all regions of the world called international volunteer camps.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- 1) **Teens:** 15 to 17 years old. A parental authorization and parent interview is required.
- 2) **Young Adults:** 18 years and up.
- 3) **Seniors:** 50 years and up.
- 4) **Families:** Fathers and mothers with up to two children ages 8 to 11 years old – more information is available at the request.

Any person with some form of disability can participate as long as they can be autonomous and with prior authorization from the association that organizes the camp.

**Note on the participation fees:** Our partner and its partners in Mexico do not get funding from the government or any other institution. Fees requested to the volunteers essentially cover accommodation and food. Sometimes the project host or organizer provides the accommodation but there are always expenses related to the stay of volunteers. A part of your fee is to cover management costs, preparation and evaluation of the camps.

**LIST OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING WORKCAMP FOR 2017 IN MEXICO**

NAME	REGION	DATES	N° VOLS.	THEME
VIVA TU BARRIO	CHIAPAS	09/04–22/04	10	CHILDREN/SOC/EDU
VIVA MAYA 1	YUCATAN	09/04–22/04	10	ENVI/RENO
VIVA MAYA 2	YUCATAN	11/06–24/06	10	ENVI/RENO
TEQUILA	JALISCO	02/07-15/07	10	RENO/EDU
VIVA MAYA 3	YUCATAN	08/07-22/07	10	ENVI/RENO
VIVA VERANO 1	CHIAPAS	16/07-29/07	10	CHILDREN/SOC/EDU
VIVA TRANSFORMANDO1	CHIAPAS	16/07-29/07	10	CHILDREN/SOC/EDU
VIVA MAYA 4	YUCATAN	23/07-05/08	10	ENVI/RENO
VIVA VERANO 2	CHIAPAS	30/07-12/08	10	CHILDREN/SOC/EDU
VIVA TRANSFORMANDO2	CHIAPAS	30/07-12/08	10	CHILDREN/SOC/EDU
VIVA MAYA 5	YUCATAN	06/08-19/08	10	ENVI/RENO
VIVA DIA DE MUERTOS	CHIAPAS	22/10-02/11	10	CHILDREN/SOC/EDU
VIVE CUAUTLA EN LA LECTURA	MORELOS	22/10-04/11	10	EDU/SOC

**PROJET *VIVA TU BARRIO* – San Cristobal de las Casa, Chiapas- From 9 to 22 of April- 10 Volunteers**

**TYPE OF PROJET : CHILDREN – SOCIAL – EDUCATION**

**Project :**

The Tlaxcala Cultural project emerges from the VIVA 2013 camp, fulfilling one of the objectives of the association VIVA: to open spaces for citizen participation and at the same time to create spaces where young people can develop their artistic, sportive, social and educational skills. The Tlaxcala Cultural project intends to create a space for children and young people allowing them to recognize themselves and their environment through culture and art.

It potentially represents an important point for parents and adults, in general, to become involved in the cultural education of children and youth through their participation and support in the various activities organized or encouraged by the project.

In addition it serves as a space in which there is an out-of- school support to neighborhood children to level them in major subjects such as Spanish, Math and English.

**Work:**

The volunteers will carry out workshops and artistic, musical, linguistic and reading and writing activities aimed at children from 6 to 13 years old and accompanied by recreational activities. In addition, volunteers will work on implementing activities that strengthen self-esteem, teamwork, values such as respect, community, tolerance, justice and peace. It is intended that within two weeks of the camp, activities revolve around recreational and recreational activities, and be a space to develop the skills of children. We will also work on the preparation of activities that will be presented at the end of the camp. Volunteers are expected to bring ideas, games, songs, photos to share and proposals for activities (music, crafts, languages, drawing, painting, etc.).

**Accommodation:** In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

**Location:** San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas

**Requirements:** Interest in the theme of non-formal education, work with children and art.

**Participation fees:** \$3,000 pesos, includes registration, meals and lodging.

**PROJET VIVA MAYA– Valladolid Yucatan- From 9 to 22 of April- 10 volunteers**

**TYPE OF PROJET : ENVIRONNEMENT- RENOVATION**

**Project :** The San Luis estate is a center of Environmental Education with a strategic location, in the “Mundo Maya Tourist Corridor”, adjacent to some Archaeological areas. Yucatan has lost 80% of the original vegetation cover and associated fauna and flora in the last decades.

Given this context, this project is created to be a space to address the problem of ecological deterioration based on comprehensive educational programs with emphasis on science, technology and productivity, forging a lifestyle in which a rationality prevail on the one hand, an environmental orientation guided by ethical and moral principles and, on the other hand, a social rationality that makes possible the satisfaction of the present human needs with attachment to the sustainable management of the natural resources.

**Work:** Volunteers will be involved in the different areas of the farm, such as organic agriculture (cleaning of the site, incorporation of compost, collection of materials, stones, dried tree trunks, disused containers, pots, seeds, plants, installation of rustic irrigation);

Conservation and maintenance of the site (construction of breccias against fires and trails for bird watching). Gaps of 1.20 m wide will be opened with the double purpose of avoiding in the event of a fire that is spread and can be controlled, besides it will also serve for the observation of birds and fauna and environmental research (labeling of plants and trees, monitoring of fauna and flora taking photographic samples for research purposes, taking biological samples for their classification. Investigate possible cave that has been found ancient remains, rest of vessels etc.)

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will be staying in tents inside the center.

**Location:** The San Luis estate is located near the city of Valladolid in the Yucatan state.

**Requirements:** Volunteers with a particular interest in environmental issues will be very much welcomed.

**Participation fees:** \$3,600 Mexican pesos. It includes registration, food and accommodation.

**PROJET VIVA MAYA 2– Valladolid Yucutan- From 11 to 24 of April- 10 volunteers**

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**PROJET TEQUILA**– *Tequila, Jalisco*- From 2 to 15 of July- 10 volunteers

**TYPE OF PROJET** : EDUCATION- RENOVATION

**Project** : The workcamp will take place both in the town of Tequila and the small surrounding communities. Tequila is a municipality and a town in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. The name Tequila comes from the Nahuatl word “Tekilan”, (Place of workers) and it is known as a “magical village”.

It currently has a project working with high school students consisting of self-improvement workshops and various social responsibility programs. Another project is to support families of local artisans for the restoration of their workshops to make them more functional and attractive for tourism.

Finally, the second stage of a restoration and painting of walls in the city project is carried out. This project is conducted in coordination with youth and local artists to beautify the town.

**Work**: Volunteers will participate in the task of improving the workshops of local artisans, as well as in the restoration and maintenance of public spaces and city walls performing tasks such as patching, painting, coating, etc. Volunteers will have the opportunity to organize recreational and educational activities in one of the middle schools in the locality. In addition to that, volunteers will have the possibility to discover the way the famous drink Tequila is made.

**Situation**: The town of Tequila is located 70 km from the city of Guadalajara, Jalisco. Tequila is best known as being the birthplace of the drink that bears its name, “tequila,” which is made from the blue agave plant, native to this area.

**Accommodation**: The volunteers will be housed in a Volunteering home.

**Requirements**: Knowledge of Spanish will be advantageous, but it is not compulsory.

**Participation fees**: \$3,000 pesos. It includes accommodation, food and some administration costs.

**PROJET VIVA MAYA 3 – Valladolid, Yucutan- From 8 to 22 of July- 10 volunteers**

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**Accomodation:** Volunteers will be staying in tents inside the center.

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**PROJET VIVA VERANO 1 – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 16 to 29 of July- 10 volunteers**

**TYPE OF PROJET : CHILDREN- SOCIAL- EDUCATION**

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**Location:** San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas

**Accommodation:** In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

**Requirements** Interest in the theme of non-formal education, work with children and art.

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**PROJET *VIVA TRANSFORMANDO 1* – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 16 to 29 of July- 10 volunteers**

**TYPE OF PROJET : CHILDREN- SOCIAL- EDUCATION**

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**Work:** Volunteers will be involved in activities such as:

- Workshops for children will be divided into two blocks, the first comprising 1st to 3rd grade and the second from 4th to 6th grade. The workshops will be given twice a week. The main objective is to offer children an option of activities that stimulate and develop their creative skills through music, dance, play, crafts.
- Parent workshops “It is worth crying mom, it’s worth crying dad”, it is a space created for parents who are in mourning, to develop skills and create their own tools to recognize and heal the loss generated by a death or disability of a relative.
- “My reading corner” children narrators. Inculcate the taste for reading through the approach with stories and comic strips (morning shift)
- “The information tour”: Conferences for mothers and fathers, about topics of interest (once a month).

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**Accomodation:** In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

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**Participation fees:** \$3,000 pesos, includes registration, meals and lodging.

**PROJET VIVA MAYA 4 – Valladolid, Yucatan- From 23 to 5 of August- 10 volunteers**

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**PROJET VIVA VERANO 2 – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 30 to 13 of July- 10 volunteers**

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**Location:** San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas.

**Accomodation:** In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

**Requirement:** Interest in the theme of non-formal education, work with children and art.

**Participation fees:** \$3,000 pesos, includes registration, meals and lodging.

**PROJET *VIVA TRANSFORMANDO 2* – San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 30 to 12 of August- 10 volunteers**

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**Location:** San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas.

**Accommodation:** In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

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**Participation fees:** \$3,000 pesos, includes registration, meals and lodging.

**PROJET VIVA MAYA 5 –Valladolid, Yucatan- From 5 to 19 of August- 10 volunteers**

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**Participation fees:** \$3,600 Mexican pesos which includes registration, food and accommodation.

**PROJET VIVA DIA DE MUERTOS –San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas- From 22 October to 2 of November- 10 volunteers**

**TYPE OF PROJET : CHILDREN – SOCIAL- EDUCATION**

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**Location:** San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas.

**Accomodation:** In a house adapted for volunteers with basic conditions.

**Requirement:** Interest in the theme of non- formal education, work with children and art.

**Participation fees:** \$3,000 pesos, includes registration, meals and lodging.

**PROJET LIVE CUAUTLA- TAKE A BOOK –Cautla Morelos- From 22 October to 4 of November- 10 volunteers**

**TYPE OF PROJET : SOCIAL- EDUCATION**

**Project:** The City Council of Cautla aims to promote reading among the local population and develop the capacities of its inhabitants in the cultural, educational and sports fields. This is the second year of the Book Fair and Reading Enhancement, coordinated by the reGENCY of Planning, Equality and Equity of Gender and Cultural Heritage which promotes reading with the main objective of creating a social change in the community. Of particular interest will be this fair since it is held during the celebration of the traditional

**Work:** Volunteers will participate in the preparation for the Book Fair, undertaking activities to promote reading in some neighborhoods and local schools. They will share their culture with children and young people of Cautla through presentations of their countries and readings legends related to the Day id the Dead, everything focused on the promotion of reading. In addition, volunteers will participate in the assembly and disassembly of the stands of the fair, will guide visitors to the various activities organized during the event and support in some other tasks for the fair.

**Activites:** During their stay, volunteers will discover the delightful qualities of Cautla and its surroundings, visit places like the Route of Zapata and local Convents, enjoy some of the many natural swimming pools and spas in the community, try local food and visit charming villages around the city.

**Location:** Cautla is 2 hours south from the City of Mexico.

**Housing:** In a guest house.

**Participation fees:** \$2,000 pesos. It includes accommodation, food, and administrative costs.