

Free ijgd Workcamp leader positions 2026

Only listed camps are available, non listed camps already have a completed leading team. To sign up for a camp contact Annett Schmidt and Elena Pislari via mail workcamps.leiten@ijgd.de phone +49511 - 13 229 754

Nr.	Location	Titel	Start	End	Requirements for group leaders (GL)	Genre	Vacant Spot
26329	Ingelheim	Active for future - help to plant trees!	09.04.2026	23.04.2026	at least 1 GL with driving licence	ENVI	1
16036	Grömitz	Spring cleaning close to Baltic Sea	12.04.2026	26.04.2026	1 GL with driving licence / 1 experienced, German-speaking GL / Fitness for physically demanding work / Ability to ride a bicycle	CONS	1
26313	Nürtingen	Let's beautify the city! With construction and art.	01.07.2026	22.07.2026	Able to ride a bicycle	CONS	2
26336	Traben-Trarbach	Collect memories - your international summer on the Mosel	04.07.2026	25.07.2026	1 GL with driving licence, both with very good German language skills (an absolute must), at least one GL from Germany	ENVI	2
16009	Hohe Börde	Songs of Peace - International Music Workshop	04.07.2026	18.07.2026	Able to ride a bicycle, English language skills for the music project. If possible, German language skills for communication on site (1 GL)	CULT, ART, SOCI	2
16001	Heckenbeck	Be connected with the world - Theatre workshop	11.07.2026	26.07.2026	Good English skills, MUST: Be able to ride a bicycle	CULT, ART	2
16038	Lüssow	Protecting trees in the north German landscape conservation area	11.07.2026	25.07.2026	Ability to ride a bicycle (as the journey to work is 4 km each day) / Fitness for physically demanding work	ENVI, MANU	2

26302	Freising	<u>At one with nature and on the right path... towards the Alps</u>	11.07.2026	31.07.2026	At least 1 GL with driving licence (better both), aged 21 with 3 years driving experience; 1 GL with German knowledge; mixed gender team	ENVI	2
16040	Wismar	<u>Holiday care at the Baltic Sea</u>	18.07.2026	01.08.2026	good knowledge of German (at least B2 level) / be able to ride a bicycle / enjoy playing with children	KIDS, SOCI, SPORT	2
76115	Welzow	<u>Building with natural materials – clay and wood construction</u>	19.07.2026	31.07.2026	at least 1 GL with German knowledge	MANU	2
16014	Wolfsburg	<u>City Forest Nature Protection</u>	25.07.2026	08.08.2026	Fitness for physically demanding work, knowledge of German is an advantage	ENVI, MANU	2
16010	Springe	<u>Nature Conservation in the Wildlife Park in Springe</u>	25.07.2026	08.08.2026	Be able to ride a bicycle, be physically fit for strenuous work, German language skills to communicate with the work supervisor (1GL) Must: Have basic first aid training	ENVI, MANU	2
76111	Gahlen	<u>Your summer in a green oasis</u>	25.07.2026	15.08.2026	At least 1 GL with German knowledge (better both), 1 GL with driving licence (better both), 1 experienced GL	ENVI, RENO	2
16012	Schwafödern	<u>Nature Protection and Survival</u>	26.07.2026	08.08.2026	Must: Fitness for physically demanding work Must: Love of nature; enthusiasm for outdoor activities and nature conservation work in the forest	TEEN, ENVI	2
76102	Berlin-Reinickendorf	<u>Against Oblivion</u>	26.07.2026	08.08.2026	GL with experience in public transport and both with German language skills (for communication with project partners), as well as the particular challenge of keeping the group together in a large city.	ENVI, RENO	2

76140	Mittelbau-Dora (Nordhausen)	<u>Making visible - Remembering and shaping</u>	26.07.2026	09.08.2026	at least 1 GL with German knowledge	STUDY MANU ARCH	2
76110	Märkische Schweiz I (Buckow)	<u>Nature conservation and wild bees</u>	02.08.2026	21.08.2026	At least 1 GL with a driving licence, at least 1 GL with German language skills, interest in working in nature	ENVI, MANU	2
26333	Bielefeld	<u>Summer in the city- build a playground for kids</u>	08.08.2026	29.08.2026	Good knowledge of German is an absolute requirement, no couples; no hay fever sufferers	CONS, MANU	2
26330	Runding	<u>Join in – experience life in the Bavarian Forest!</u>	14.08.2026	29.08.2026	1 GL from Germany	ENVI	2
26345 ESC	Egelsbach	<u>From Forced Labor to a Sustainable Future: A Walk through the History and Present of Exploitation</u>	14.08.2026	29.08.2026	1 GL from Germany; group leaders must design sessions on democracy and/or building blocks from the training seminar.	STUDY	2
25320	Hersbruck	<u>Cooking pot or melting pot? The Nuremberg region as an intercultural space.</u>	16.08.2026	29.08.2026	Both group leaders with driving licences	CONS, ENVI	2
16077	Gifhorn	<u>Nature conservation in the city</u>	05.09.2026	19.09.2026	Nice to have: 1 GL with driving licence and driving experience (a VW bus with automatic transmission is available); Must: be able to ride a bicycle; be physically fit for strenuous work. 1 GL who speaks German	ENVI	2
16005	Badenstedt (Zeven)	<u>Animal and plant protection in northern German moor and heathland areas</u>	05.09.2026	19.09.2026	MUST: 1 manager with driving licence and driving experience (to drive the ijgd company car) / MUST: 1 experienced, German-speaking manager from Germany / Fitness for physically demanding work	ENVI	2

76120	Märkische Schweiz II (Buckow)	Diversity, plants, care	01.11.2026	13.11.2026	At least 1 GL with a driving licence, at least 1 GL with German language skills, interest in working in nature	ENVI, MANU	2
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Genre



RENO: Renovation



MANU: Manuel activity



SOCI: Social



ARCH: Archeology



ENVI: Environment



FEST: Festival



STUD: Project + Study Part



ESC: Supported by EU funding



ART: Art & Theater



KIDS: Gameplay actions



TEEN: Teenage-Camp



LANG: with German course

ijgd 26313 - Let´s beautify the city! With construction and art.

From: 01.07.2026

To: 22.07.2026

Primary Work Type: CONS

Secondary Work Type: ART

Tertiary Work Type: ENVI

Project Location/ City: Nürtingen, Baden-Württemberg; Stuttgart 30km

Social Media Project Partner: <https://www.instagram.com/nuertingen.de/?hl=de>

<https://de-de.facebook.com/Nuertingen.de/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA2Y6muGpuM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgY7QWMDyoQ>

Description of work: You support the youth department of the city of Nürtingen with several projects in different parts of the city. Creativity and manual skills are required.

- **Old Town Festival**
A street festival is taking place in Nürtingen's old town. You will be busy for three days: Day 1: Setting up. Day 2: Helping out at the festival. Day 3: Taking down.
- **Sheep pasture**
In Nürtingen, there is an association called Wiesenliebe e.V., which grazes seven therapy sheep on orchard meadows near your accommodation. You will carry out a re-grazing campaign, for which you will prepare a new pasture. This means clearing areas for the fence, putting up fences, moving pasture fencing equipment, etc. Afterwards, the sheep will be taken to the new pasture on foot. Finally, you will have a barbecue on the new area together with the association members.

<https://www.wiesenliebe.org/>
- **Landscape conservation**
Under the guidance of the Swabian Alb Association (your accommodation host), you will carry out various landscape conservation measures.
- **Graffiti wall**
The back of a building on the Neckar River is declared a free graffiti wall. You will paint the area white and organise a small inauguration party.
- **Construction trailer**
You repaint the wooden surface of a construction trailer used for art therapy work.
- **Beautification in the Zizishausen district**
There are a few creative beautification projects in the Zizishausen district. Among other things, you will design a signpost to your countries and set it up in front of the town hall. You will also saw and paint flowers and figures out of wood and then set them up throughout the town. In addition, you will carry out a few repair works: the seating at the public barbecue area and a few pieces of public fitness equipment need to be restored.

Description of accommodation and food: The Swabian Alb Association is nice enough to let you use its building on a hill in the Neckarhausen district. From the spacious grounds with an open-air stage, you have

a wonderful panoramic view of the Swabian Alb. On the first floor you can use the large, light-flooded dining room. Behind it is a professional kitchen with a catering dishwasher. In the basement is the room where around ten people in your group can sleep on 10 cm thick insulating mats. If you wish, you can also lay out your mats in the garden in tents, in the shed or under the canopy. Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. We will set up an outdoor shower for you in a shower tent. Of course with hot water.

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: Nürtingen has about 41,000 inhabitants and is located on the river Neckar near the Swabian Alb. You will be provided with well-maintained bicycles. Ride through the beautiful landscape, to nearby lakes, along the Neckar or explore the biosphere area at the foot of the Alb. You can reach the outdoor pool in eleven minutes, the city center in eight. There is a direct train connection to the nearby student city of Tübingen with its numerous half-timbered houses. The train takes half an hour to the state capital Stuttgart. Many possibilities await you there: Museums, galleries, shopping, big zoo, planetarium, theater, clubs, vaudeville, etc. The city of Nürtingen invites you to various activities. Among them is an excursion with minibuses. You will visit a castle on the Swabian Alb and make a cave crossing. You will also meet young people from Nürtingen. The members of the youth council are eager to meet you. One evening you are invited to a barbecue in the youth center Roßdorf.

Remarks (other information): You need to be able to ride a bicycle.

Total volunteers: 12

Volunteers below 18 years: 2-3

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Language 1: English

Language 2:

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: -

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International airport: Stuttgart

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus or car sharing, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Train: Nürtingen Bus: Neckarhausen Rathaus

Meeting point and time: In the accommodation. We ask for an arrival until 6pm.

Directions to Meeting Point: From the Stuttgart airport you can take the local train (S-Bahn) S 2, heading in the direction of Filderstadt and get off at Filderstadt. From here you change into the bus X4 or 74 heading in the direction of Nürtingen Bahnhof and get off at Nürtingen Bahnhof. Change here to bus 189 (headed to Altdorf) or 188 (headed to Schlaitdorf) and get off at Neckarhausen Rathaus, Nürtingen. From here you will be able to walk.

ijgd 26336 - Collect memories – your international summer on Mosel

From: 04.7.2026

To: 25.7.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Project Location/ City: Traben-Trarbach, Rhineland-Palatinate; Trier 60 km

Description of work: As a nature-loving young person, are you interested in a work camp with like-minded people in the forest? Then our project will give you the opportunity to experience and help shape nature in a variety of ways and give you an insight into the work of foresters. You will actively help with the care of young tree cultures, i.e. you will cut certain trees so that other trees have light and space to grow and you will renovate a forest hut. You will also nail fences to protect forest crops and help with various jobs in the community.

Important: The work in the forest may change before the start of the work camp.

Description of accommodation and food: You will be accommodated in the middle of the city in a multi-purpose hall. You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: You will be staying in the heart of the Art Nouveau town of Traben-Trarbach, where you can enjoy a wide range of leisure activities. Indoor and outdoor swimming pools are in the immediate vicinity. Trier, the oldest city in Germany, can be reached by train (approx. 60 km), as can the city of Luxembourg (approx. 90 km) and the city of Koblenz (approx. 60 km). You can actively participate in the local clubs and associations. Highlights: super central accommodation, wine underground tour, canoe tour, excursions to historic cities such as Luxembourg City and Trier

Remarks (other information): The work is physically demanding.

Total volunteers: 16

Volunteers below 18 years: 3-4

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Language 1: English

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: The work is physically demanding.

SDG's: (13) Climate Action, (15) Life on Land

Nearest International airport: Frankfurt international

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Traben-Trarbach via Bullay, We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus, car sharing or bicycle, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

ijgd 16009 Hohe Boerde - Songs of Peace – International Music Workshop

From: 4.7.2026 **To:** 18.7.2025

Primary Work Type: CULT

Secondary Work Type (if any): SOCI

Tertiary Work Type (if any):

Project Location City: Hohe Boerde, Saxony-Anhalt; Magdeburg 20 km, Braunschweig 70 km, Hannover 130 km,

Longitude: **Latitude:**

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

Gemeinde Hohe Boerde/ Municipality of Hohe Boerde

Description of work:

Music is the only universal language of humanity that needs no translation. It transcends cultural boundaries and creates a deep sense of community and peace. If you enjoy singing and making music together, you can look forward to a pop culture summer camp filled with singing, instruments, creativity, energy, emotions and teamwork! You will receive professional guidance on songwriting and creating your own songs. You will sing and play cover songs and record your own music video. Piano, guitar, drums and percussion instruments are available on site. Feel free to bring your own instruments – no matter what kind. Even if you just want to sing, you are very welcome. It will be a varied time with new musical experiences. The camp will end with a public concert by your band in the auditorium of the daycare centre.

This project is led by Iranian musician, singer-songwriter and vocal coach Gabriel Yazdani (Gabriali). After ten years of working in the Iranian music scene, teaching singing and songwriting both for himself and for well-known artists, he was forced to leave his country secretly after releasing a protest song against the Islamic regime. He has been living in Germany for three years, is pursuing further training in pop vocal pedagogy, performs at various festivals and is working on his debut album, a fusion of Persian vibes and Western pop, which is scheduled for release in 2026.

You can find more information on Instagram: @gabrialiofficial. You can find a concert excerpt at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7QbTZeJk3Y>

Description of accomodation and food:

The accommodation is on the grounds of the kindergarten in Eichenbarleben and has a separate entrance. You will have a large, well-equipped kitchen with dishwasher and washing machine and the assembly hall as a common room. Shared dormitory in the sports hall. You will sleep on air beds. Showers and toilets are separated by gender. Outdoor area with sports facilities and barbecue area.

You cook together. Money for shopping will be provided for you. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

You can barbecue on the outdoor area and there is a football pitch. Footballs, volleyballs, badminton and other items for leisure activities are provided. The supermarket is just around the corner and the Eichenbarleben castle park is just a few minutes' walk away. The surrounding area with its many fields, farms and nature is easy to explore on foot or by bike. The outdoor swimming pool in Niederndodeleben is 9 km away. In Hermsdorf (7.5 km away) there is a shopping centre with shops and restaurants. The nearest

train station is Ochtmersleben (4 km away). From there you can reach Magdeburg in 16 minutes. At the weekend, it is worth taking a trip to Braunschweig or Hanover.

Remarks (other information): You need good English language skills and previous musical experience. You must be able to ride a bicycle for trips in the surrounding area and rides to the train station in Ochtmersleben.

Total volunteers: 15

Volunteers below 18 years: 4

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English Language 2 German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities:

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (4) Quality Education

Nearest International airport: Hannover

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Ochtmersleben

Meeting point and time: transfer from the railway station in Ochtmersleben to the accommodation at 16:15 and 18:15

ijgd 16001 Heckenbeck - Be connected with the world – Theatre workshop

From: 11.7.2026 **To:** 26.7.2026

Primary Work Type: CULT

Project Location City: Heckenbeck, Lower Saxony; Hildesheim 45 km, Goettingen 45 km; Hanover 60 km

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

The "Weltbühne" (world stage) in Heckenbeck, a small place with only 450 inhabitants, is a cultural centre with a large theatre space in a former village inn. Every year, the local population look forward to an international theatre project and will happily host the international group of this workcamp for 2 weeks.

Description of work:

Together with young people from other countries, you will explore the theme of 'being connected' in a theatre workshop. Under the guidance of a theatre educator, you will develop a play based on the group's own creative ideas, which will be performed in front of an audience at the end of the project. Connection exists in many different situations and constellations. Find out how connection arises. When do you feel connected to something – to a person, a task, the universe or yourself? And what happens when this connection is broken? You will develop the scenes of your play through role-playing, character work, interaction and improvisation. Feel free to bring a musical instrument with you – a piano is available on site.

Description of accomodation and food:

At the Weltbühne Heckenbeck cultural centre. Bedrooms, kitchen, common room, use of the garden. Large theatre hall for rehearsals and performances. You will cook together. Money for food will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please state any intolerances during registration.

Description of location and leisure:

Bicycles are available for excursions and shopping. The town of Bad Gandersheim is 4 km away. At the weekend, excursions by train to Alfeld (Faguswerk World Heritage Site), Hildesheim, Hannover, Göttingen or Goslar (historic old town and Rammelsberg Mine World Heritage Site) are well worthwhile.

Remarks (other information):

For the theatre workshop you need good English language skills and comfortable clothing: trousers and trainers or other shoes in which you can walk comfortably. You must be able to ride a bike.

Total volunteers: 13

Volunteers below 18 years: 5

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 395,00 €

Language 1 English

Language 2 German

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (4) Quality education

ijgd 16038 - Protecting trees in the north German landscape conservation area

From: 11.07.2026 **To:** 25.07.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI (Environmental)

Secondary Work Type (if any): MANU (Manual work)

Project Location City: Lüssow

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

Landesforsten Mecklenburg-Vorpommern – Forstamt Schlemmin (State Forestry of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania – Forestry office Schlemmin)

The forestry offices of Landesforsten Mecklenburg-Vorpommern perform the tasks of a unified forestry administration: in addition to their forestry work in the state-owned forest and their service offers, this also includes their work as a lower forestry authority - advising and promoting private forest ownership. They also inform all forest visitors about the importance of the forest and the tasks of forestry.

Social Media Project Partner: -

Description of work:

The "Alte Nebel" between Lüssow and Bützow was the original course of the "Nebel" river. The lowlands along the river have been used intensively for decades, mainly as grassland and arable land, creating rather poor conditions for the local ecosystem.

The task of the State Forestry Agency was to create a development corridor with site-typical trees and shrubs along the "Alte Nebel" in order to accelerate the slow, natural forest development and to greatly reduce the input of plant protection products and fertilisers.

To this end, more than 200,000 trees such as willows, red alders, pedunculate oaks, fluttering elms, downy birches and a wide variety of forest edge shrubs have been planted along around 14 km of the river since 2018.

However, since the beaver has also found a new home along the "Alte Nebel", a large number of trees must now be protected from browsing by the beaver.

From 2023 to 2025, each workcamp group protected over 600 trees using wire trousers.

You are now continuing this work and will also protect 600 to 700 trees on an area of approx. 4 hectares. The wire trousers are made from wildlife fencing, which is cut to a length of 2.2 metres, knotted together and erected. In addition, they are fixed to the ground with two stakes made from recycled plastic, so that the beavers are no longer able to damage the trees.

You will be accompanied by the staff of the local forestry office.

In addition to the practical work, the foresters will teach you a lot about nature and environmental protection in general and about the forest and its protection in particular. You will learn a lot about the local flora and fauna, their relevance for the ecosystem and the various measures for their protection.

Description of accommodation and food:

You will stay in the "Haus der Begegnung Lüssow" (Meeting house of Luessow), a self-catering house with one room for 5 people, two rooms for 3 and also two rooms for 2 people, on the edge of the small village Lüssow. The house has a kitchen, two sanitary rooms with showers and toilets, and two common rooms for eating and group activities.

You cater for yourselves and cook together. Money for shopping will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

In your free time, you can enjoy the beautiful surroundings and your peaceful accommodation by going on bike rides or spending evenings together around the campfire.

You can also take the train (S-Bahn) to the beautiful Hanseatic city of Rostock, located directly on the Baltic Sea, in just 25 minutes.

On the long weekend off (Friday to Sunday), it's worth taking a trip to Berlin, Hamburg or the beautiful sandy beaches of the Baltic Sea.

Remarks (other information):

Be able to ride a bike (as you will be cycling 4km to work each day); Fitness for physically strenuous work; It is essential to bring work clothes and (water)resistant footwear and/or work shoes; We would like to invite you to travel

as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus or car sharing, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Total volunteers: 15

Volunteers below 18 years: 5

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): -

Language 1: English **Language 2:** German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

Subject to change!

You will receive more detailed information after confirming your registration with the specific info sheet for your camp.

SDG's: (13) Climate Action

Nearest International airport: Hamburg, Berlin-Brandenburg

Nearest terminal (train or bus station):

Berlin-Hauptbahnhof – Neustrelitz - Güstrow – Lüssow (Meckl) (duration of arrival: 2h32min)

Hamburg-Hauptbahnhof (RE) – Bützow - Güstrow - Lüssow (Meckl) (duration of arrival: 2h56min)

Hamburg-Hauptbahnhof ICE) – Rostock - Lüssow (Meckl) (duration of arrival: 2h31min)

Meeting point and time: at accommodation after 4:00 pm and until 8:30 pm on Saturday 11/07/2026

ijgd 26302 - At one with nature and on the right path... towards the Alps

From: 11.07.26

To: 31.07.26

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type:

Tertiary Work Type:

Project Location/ City: Freising, Bavaria; Munich 40km, Salzburg 120km

Longitude: 48.4287183

Latitude: 11.6672398

Social Media Project Partner: Instagram [koja_lk_freising](#), Facebook [@kojalkfreising](#)

Description of work: Your task will be to help the surrounding communities with mowing fields and collecting hay. Sometimes, the fields are on a slope and are difficult to reach with machines. In nearby orchards, you'll be repairing fences and protecting trees from being gnawed away by sheep. You will also take care of rough grazing land, in order to conserve the habitats of endangered plants and animals.

Another task for you will be to pull out small tree saplings from the meadow in order to prevent them spreading in this particular habitat – therefore learning a lot about conservation in the process.

The working tasks are led by a specialist, who can tell you a lot about the local nature and the significance of your work. The Landscape Conservation Association would like to give you some information about relationships within nature so that you can better understand the meaning and implications of your work.

Description of accommodation and food: You will stay in a cozy and large self-catering house of the Naturfreunde in Marzling, 5 km outside of Freising in an idyllic hillside location above the Isar with a view of the Alps, the Franz-Josef-Strauß-Airport and a large sun terrace. You will all sleep together in a dormitory on the 1st floor. The camp leaders can get an extra room if necessary. You must bring your own sleeping bags and sheets.

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: By bus or with the minibus you will reach Freising in about 20-25 minutes. From there, the S-Bahn train travels to Munich. In Munich you have the opportunity to visit many museums, the English Garden or the famous Munich Hofbrauhaus.

In the area surrounding Munich and in the Alps, you can go hiking and enjoy nature. Due to the close proximity to Hallertau, the largest hop-growing region in the world, there are many typical beer gardens in beautifully preserved villages such as Attenkirchen, Au or Rudelzhausen. You can go swimming in one of the lakes in Freising or in the Freising pool. Furthermore, a trip to Landshut (about 30km away) is also very worthwhile. Landshut has a very beautiful historic old town, as well as the Martinskirche – the tallest brick church tower in the world. You can even plan a visit to Salzburg, a city close to the German border in Austria.

Remarks (other information): Weather resistance is necessary for the tasks outside. The tasks may be physically challenging. You must bring ankle high mountain boots/mountain shoes, which you will need for work as well as for hiking! We look forward to meeting you if you enjoy spending time outside in the nature, and enjoy hiking and biking! It is great for this camp's organization if you enjoy cooking, since the group will prepare its own meals, grocery shop, and even receive free groceries from some local shops in Freising.

Total volunteers: 9

Volunteers below 18 years: 0

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Language 1: English

Language 2:

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: -

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (13) Climate Action, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International airport: Munich

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus or car sharing, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Freising

Meeting point and time: At the train station in Freising. From there, you will be transferred to your accommodation by minibus. The group leader will enquire about your arrival time in advance. If there are any last-minute changes, please contact the camp leaders.

Directions to Meeting Point: From the airport Munich please take the train to Freising. At the airport take the regional train (RE22) in the direction of "Regensburg Hbf" and get off at "Freising".

ijgd 16040 - Holiday care at the Baltic Sea

From: 18/07/26 **To:** 01/08/26

Primary Work Type: KIDS (work with kids)

Secondary Work Type (if any): SOCI (social Project)

Tertiary Work Type (if any): SPOR (Sport project)

Project Location City: Wismar

Longitude: **Latitude:**

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

The youth service of the district of Nordwestmecklenburg supports young people in their individual and social development and contributes to maintaining or creating positive living conditions for young people and their families as well as a child- and family-friendly environment.

At the **DRK Children's and Youth Leisure Centre in Wismar**, children and young people meet to actively organise their leisure time and take advantage of educational opportunities.

The ijgd has been successfully running this workcamp with these project partners since 2009.

Description of work:

Do you like playing with children and young people and would you like to help children and young people from the district of Nordwestmecklenburg experience great holidays?

Then join us and look after 10 to 30 children and young people between the ages of 6 and 16 every day in the Hanseatic city of Wismar and in three or four other towns in the district of Nordwestmecklenburg as part of the holiday play activities. With your ideas and your desire for creative activities, sports games, music and dance, make sure that these days are a great experience for you and the children and the young people. With games, songs and handicraft ideas from your home countries, you can give the play weeks an international flair.

On Monday 20.7. and Tuesday 21.7. you will prepare the vacation play activities and the press conference on 21.7.. Afterwards, from Wednesday 22.7. to Friday 24.7. and from Monday 27.7. to Friday 31.7., you will look after the children and young people together and with the help of the educational staff on site and implement your prepared ideas.

The vacation play activities take place in the Hanseatic city of Wismar and in the youth facilities of the district of Nordwestmecklenburg. The Wismar Children's and Youth Recreation Center will provide you with bicycles for the entire time. You can also use the bikes for trips into the city and the surrounding area. For trips to other places in the district, you will be given vacation tickets to use public transport if possible, or you will be driven by the team.

A good knowledge of German will make it easier for you to communicate with the children and young people.

Communication at the camp is almost exclusively in German and only in English in an emergency.

Please remember to bring some game ideas and music from your home countries!

Please note: The holiday offer is a voluntary open offer. Therefore, more or less children and young people can participate on the days.

Description of accommodation and food:

You will be staying at the Children's and Youth Leisure Centre (KJFZ) in Wismar, where most of the children's holiday activities take place. You will all sleep together in one room on air beds. There are two showers, several toilets, a kitchen, a dining and meeting room and a leisure room with air hockey, billiards, darts and table football. You can also use a skate park, a table tennis table, a basketball court and a volleyball court in the outdoor area.

You cook together. Money for shopping will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

The Children's and Youth Leisure Centre (KJFZ) Wismar offers you a variety of indoor leisure activities like air hockey, billiards, darts and table football as well as an outdoor skate park, a table tennis table, a basketball court and a volleyball court. Bicycles are also available for excursions to the beautiful beaches of the Baltic Sea (Wendorf beach in 3km distance) and the city centre of Wismar (1,5km distance). The Hanseatic city of Wismar with its old harbour and old town is one of the most beautiful old Hanseatic cities on the Baltic coast.

Remarks (other information):

You should have a good knowledge of German (at least B1 level), be able to ride a bike and an ability to work with children. Please bring some music and some ideas for games from your home country with you.

Total volunteers: 10

Volunteers below 18 years: -

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1: German Language 2: English

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (10) Reducing Inequality

Nearest International airport: Hamburg and Berlin

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Hamburg-Hauptbahnhof – Schwerin Hbf. – Wismar Bhf. or Berlin Hbf. / Berlin Zoologischer Garten – Wismar Bhf.

Meeting point and time: at the accommodation; on Saturday 18/07/2026 by 8:15pm at the latest

Directions to Meeting Point:

From Hamburg (travel time to the camp 2h55min)

From Hamburg Airport take the train S1 (in the direction of Wedel or Hamburg Blankenese) to Hamburger Hauptbahnhof (main train station). This train leaves every 10 minutes (travel-time 25min.)

At Hamburger Hauptbahnhof (main station) take (at least around 5:21pm) the train Regional-Express (RE1) in the direction of Rostock Hbf. and get off at the last station "Schwerin Hbf." (travel time around 1h 31min).

In Schwerin change to train Regional-Express (RE8) in the direction of Schwerin Hbf. and get off at the last station Schwerin Hbf. (travel time around 28min).

From Berlin (travel time to the camp 4h11min)

From Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) take (at least at 3:46pm) the train FEX in the direction of Berlin-Hbf and get off at the last station Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Hbf) (travel time around 22min).

From Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Berlin main train station) take (at least at 4:25pm) the train RE8/R85 in the direction of Wismar and get off at the last station Wismar Hbf. (travel time around 3h12min).

In Wismar

At Wismar please walk to the ZOB (follow the signs). At Wismar ZOB please take the bus number 240 in the direction of "Busbahnhof Grevesmühlen" or take the bus number 15 in the direction of "Seebad Wendorf, Wismar". Get off at "Werftstraße, Wismar" after a travel time of 8 to 13min.

At the bus station Werftstraße walk 50m in the opposite direction and cross the traffic lights. Turn into the street "Am Köppernitztal" and after 50m turn left into Friedrich-Techen-Straße. Follow this street for 200m and then turn right into the street "Am Hofgarten". After 30m you will reach your accommodation, The Children's and Youth Leisure Centre Wismar (Kinder- und Jugendfreizeitzentrum (KJFZ)), on the left-hand side.

More Information about train and bus connections: www.bahn.com

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible. If you have the option to go by train, bus or carsharing. That can be a great first step for you to become a climate steward.

ijgd 76115 – Building with Natural Materials: Clay & Wood Construction

Location: Welzow (Brandenburg)

When: 19.07. - 31.07.2026

Where: Archäotechnisches Zentrum Welzow, Fabrikstrasse 2, 03119 Welzow (26 km from Cottbus, 85 km from Dresden)

Meeting Point: on sight at the accomodation, travel by train and bus to Welzow. The easiest way is to take the train from Cottbus (RE 18) or from Dresden (RE 18 or 15 & 49) to “Neupetershain” station, then take bus line 23 or 886 to “Am Bahnhof, Welzow.” From there, it’s just a 5-minute walk.

Participants: 15 international participants, aged 16 to 26

Food: We will cook and eat together. Everyone is welcome to contribute recipes and ideas. There will be a food budget managed by the group leaders. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any dietary restrictions when registering.

Accommodation: You will sleep in small groups in tipis or in your own tents on the outdoor grounds of atz Welzow. Showers and toilets are located in a sanitary container. The kitchen is in the main building. There are lockers for valuables. You’ll also enjoy beautiful birdsong in the morning for free.

Nearest Train Station: Neupetershain (4 km away)

Extra Fee: €0

Special Requirements: Physically fit, enjoy camping & campfires, love being and working outdoors

Categories: Nature & Environment, Archaeology, Construction, Education, Craftsmanship, Renovation

Is Wi-Fi and mobile reception available? No. Wi-Fi is limited in the building, but mobile reception is excellent.

Are washing machines available? Yes, but they are not for personal use. We use them for dish towels, tablecloths, etc.

What to Bring: camping mat, sleeping bag, optional: your own tent, headlamp or flashlight, cutlery (spoon, fork, knife), camping plate and bowl, water bottle

Project Description: You’ve probably heard of clay and maybe even enjoyed delicious bread or pizza from a clay oven. But this natural material can do so much more. In this workcamp, we’ll explore some of these possibilities ourselves. In contrast to the still very active and present open-pit mining in Welzow, this project focuses on more traditional work with natural materials: clay and wood. The project site is right on our premises. We plan to build a simple house and construct a gate. The house will be used for educational programs with schools, and the gate will separate the parking lot from the grounds.

For a change of pace, there are many small projects on the site. The garden welcomes love and hard work, the old clay floor needs to be re-stamped, and various wood projects are waiting for you. The focus is always on learning together and exchanging ideas. Additionally, we offer small activities to introduce you to archaeotechnology. From making fire to crafting a flint pocket knife, there’s plenty to try out.

About atz Welzow: We are a hands-on museum with a large outdoor area. In addition to our own exhibition on “Human – Wood – Archaeology” with interactive stations, we invite you to explore a archery range, a herb and epoch garden, and a reconstructed medieval village of Lusatia. As an extracurricular educational institution, we offer project days and weeks for schools, as well as team-building activities for institutions and companies. Our annual program includes events and workshops for the general public.

Leisure Time: In your free time, you can relax on the grounds, sit together by the fire pit in the evening, play a round of Werewolf or simply enjoy the peace. If you are more active, the town of Welzow offers various leisure activities: from visiting the local outdoor pool, taking walks around Lake Clara, to excursions to the nearby active open-pit mining area. Games in the forest like “Capture the Flag” are also possible. If you want to visit larger cities, Cottbus is very close. Berlin, Leipzig or Dresden are great for weekend trips.

ijgd 16014 - City Forest Nature Protection

From: 25.7.2026 To: 8.8.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type (if any): MANU

Project Location City: Wolfsburg

Project host: City forestry office of Wolfsburg

Description of work:

The city forest is a habitat for many (rare) plant and animal species and a recreational area for people who jog, bike, hike or simply enjoy nature there. Due to climate change, many plants and animals are now endangered and the task of the forestry team is to protect the forest and preserve the flora and fauna for the future. You will support the forest rangers in a variety of activities in the areas of nature conservation, forest maintenance and the preservation of recreational areas for forest visitors. These tasks include the removal of non-native plants, the care of young trees and the clearing of watercourses and forest paths. You will also gain an insight into the diverse tasks of a forest ranger's office and the forest ecosystem.

Description of accomodation and food:

In the youth rooms of St Stephen's parish in the Detmerode district of Wolfsburg. Two bedrooms, a large common room and the kitchen are available for you to use. Table football, table tennis, billiards. Barbecue area. You sleep on camp beds. You can walk to the shops on the market square in just five minutes.

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

Wolfsburg's internationally renowned sights include the castle and the art museum, as well as the 'Phaeno' science museum. The mayor of the Wolfsburg city centre district arranges free admission and guided tours of these institutions and the planetarium for the group :-). These activities will take place at the weekend (Fri 31 July - Sun 2 August). You can also chill out in the Allerpark with swimming lake and sandy beach and a high ropes course or in the VW pool.

Remarks (other information):

You will work 4 days a week, 7.5 hours per day. Fridays are off. You need to be fit for physically demanding work. Knowledge of German is helpful for communicating with the work supervisors.

Total volunteers: 10

Volunteers below 18 years: 3

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English

Language 2 German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (13) Climate Action

Nearest International airport: Hannover

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Wolfsburg main station/bus station: Detmeroder Markt (Bus 202)

Meeting point and time: The group will meet inside the accommodation, the local parish hall. Please try to arrive by 18:00

Ijgd 16010 - Nature Conservation in the Wildlife Park in Springe

From: 25.7.2026

To: 8.8.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type (if any): MANU

Project Location City: Springe

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

Forestry Office Saupark

Description of work:

The bison enclosure in Springe is one of the most popular destinations in the Hanover region. The main purpose of the wildlife park is to ensure the survival of endangered species, such as bison, through breeding programmes. The Forest Education Centre runs sustainable educational courses for school classes of all ages there. The programme ranges from workshops, animal observation, learning stations, exploration tours, activity days and project weeks to holiday pass activities and children's birthday parties. Your group supports the staff of the Education Centre in various environmental and nature conservation activities on the premises. The main task is to remove fast-growing plants such as ivy and blackberries, which overgrow everything. This creates light and space for more plant diversity. You will help to remove poisonous plants such as belladonna and clear ivy and blackberry vines from part of the historic Saupark wall, which at 16.3 km is the longest architectural monument in Lower Saxony. Climate change is also clearly noticeable in the bison enclosure. To prevent the soil from drying out too much, 'wood islands' made of dead branches are being created under the large trees. You will also be supporting the wildlife park team with this task.

Description of accomodation and food:

In the parish hall of the Andreasgemeinde in Springe: a bedroom with air beds will be set up for you on the upper floor of the former parish widow's house. The kitchen and a dining and common room are located in the parish hall directly opposite. Wi-Fi and a washing machine are available in the house. Shower facilities are available at the swimming pool, which you can reach in 6 minutes by bicycle. Your place of work in the bison enclosure can be reached by bicycle in just 16 minutes (5.2 km).

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

Springe is a town with around 30,000 inhabitants in the Hanover region. Its biggest attraction is the bison enclosure. The town is surrounded by the Deister hills, a popular destination for hikers and mountain bikers, which you can explore on foot or by bike. The hunting residence, which also houses the forestry office, has an exhibition on nature and hunting in its historic rooms. The Springe museum provides information about the history of the region, interior design and various craft techniques. The nearest outdoor swimming pool in Bennigsen can be reached by bike in 35 minutes. You are invited to take part in the events of the parish's summer academy.

At weekends and in the evenings, it is worth taking a trip to Hanover, the capital of Lower Saxony, or to Hameln, the town of the Pied Piper, which offer a wide range of leisure activities. The S 5 train takes 30 minutes to Hanover and 14 minutes to Hameln.

<https://www.visit-hannover.com/>

<https://www.hameln.de/en>

Remarks (other information): Fitness for physically demanding work. Interest in practical work in the forest. You must be able to ride a bike

Total volunteers: 12

Volunteers below 18 years: 4

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English **Language 2** German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: 13 Climate action

Nearest International airport: Hannover

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Springe

Walking distance: 1.3 km (15 min) on foot from the station to the accommodation

Meeting point and time: on 25 July between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the accommodation

ijgd 76111 – Your summer in green oasis

From: 25.07.2026 **To:** 15.08.2026

Primary Work Type: MANU (manual work)

Secondary Work Type (if any): ENVI (Environmental)

Tertiary Work Type (if any): RENO (renovation)

Project Location City: Gahlen, Brandenburg

Social Media Project Partner:

Alte Ziegelei Gahlen: <https://spreewaldverein.de/projekt/umweltbildungsstaette-alte-ziegelei/>

Description of work:

If you want to spend your summer in a very special place surrounded by greenery, then come to the Old Brickworks Gahlen: There you will find the integrative environmental education institution Interforum e.V. It is a meeting place and action space for various target groups. Your task will be to take care of this special place. There will be a variety of tasks depending on your needs and interests. Possible tasks are e.g. helping with construction projects to beautify the area in the field of garden and landscape art = LandArt or with renovation work, but also nature-related work such as the care and harvesting of the many gardens.

We would like this year to produce replicas of bed edging, salvage and refurbish demolition bricks, advance permaculture and shoreline reinforcement, and protect wooden walls with reclaimed/old linseed oil.

One of the unique aspects of this project is its openness to the development of new ideas and the flexibility of the work. This project therefore aims to encourage creativity in various directions, to foster the independence as well as the self-organisation of the group, but also provide practical support in the process of putting ideas into practice.

Description of accomodation and food:

You cook together. Money for the food shopping is provided to you. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any allergies when registering.

You sleep in small, very simple bungalows on the premises. In the main house there are sanitary rooms with toilets and showers. The kitchen is in a separate small house.

Description of location and leisure:

You will spend your work camp in the middle of nature on the grounds of the old brickyard that feel like a little paradise. You are invited to try out everything you can do outdoors: swimming in the lake or in the small pool, biking, playing soccer and table tennis, and in the evening sitting around the campfire and looking at the stars.

By bike you can quickly reach a swimming lake. In addition, there are sheep, cats and dogs with which you can possibly even go for a walk! And of course you can also bike to the nearby small towns of Calau or Gahlen or go on weekend trips to Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig or even Poland and the Czech Republic.

Remarks (other information):

Bring warm clothes, a warm sleeping bag and bug spray. Especially at night it can get cold.

Total volunteers: 12-15

Volunteers below 18 years: 4

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English **Language 2** German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: unfortunately no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (12) Responsible Consumption and Production, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International airport:

BER (airport Berlin)
Airport Halle/Leipzig

Nearest terminal (train or bus station):

Train station Calau.

From there you will be picked up and taken to the camp site.

Time: in the afternoon – more details will be provided for you later

Directions to meeting point:

From Berlin you can take the the RB22 train to Königs Wusterhausen station. There you change into the RE7 train to Senftenberg and stop at Calau (Niederlausitz) station.

More Information about train and bus connections: www.bahn.com.

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible. If you have the option to go by train, bus, car share or bicycle that can be a great first step for you to become a climate steward.

You will receive more detailed information with the specific information sheet for your camp after your enrolment has been confirmed.

ijgd 16012 - Nature Protection and Survival

From: 26.7.2026 To: 8.8.2026

Primary Work Type: TEEN

Secondary Work Type (if any): ENVI

Project Location: Schwaförden; Lower Saxony; Bremen 60 km, Hannover 80 km

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

Waldpädagogikzentrum Hahnhorst/Hahnhorst Forest Education Centre (WPZ)

The WPZ's mission is to provide environmental education for children and young people. It offers a variety of programs, such as youth forest projects and adventure school trips.

Description of work:

If you like being outdoors in nature, spending evenings around the campfire, exploring the forest with people from all over the world in adventure activities and working hands-on in the forest together with the foresters, then this project at the Hahnhorst Forest Education Centre is exactly the one for you. In the mornings (early start), you will be driven to the forest sites. There, you will assist foresters and forest workers for around four hours with various nature conservation projects, thereby contributing to improving the habitat quality for rare animal and plant species and to climate protection.

The study part of the project takes place in the afternoons and consists of various workshops such as making a fire, reading tracks, carving course, bow and arrow, adventure night hike, herbs/forest fruits excursion and orienteering. By taking part in the workshops, you will be well prepared for an overnight stay in the forest.

Description of accommodation and food:

Forest education centre with multi-bed rooms. Dining room, lounge with table football, table tennis, fireplace and seating area. Large outdoor area with football pitch, volleyball net, basketball hoop and fire pit.

Full catering. The group participates in the cooking, kitchen and housekeeping. Vegetarian and vegan catering is possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

Play and sports activities on the large outdoor area, group games, campfire. You will spend the weekend with a trip to Bremen on Saturday and with chilling out and free time on Sunday. Schwaförden itself is a village with only 1,500 inhabitants.

Remarks (other information):

Interest in practical work in the forest and outdoor activities; physical fitness

Total volunteers: 20

Volunteers below 18 years: 17

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 17

Extra Fee (if any): 450 €

Language 1 English

Language 2 German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: 4 Quality Education, 13 Climate action

Nearest International airport: Bremen

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Bassum

Meeting point and time:

On 26 July at 17:35 at the railway station in Bassum. From there, there will be a bus transfer to the accommodation in Schwaförden. The train from Bremen main station to Bassum departs at 17:14.

ijgd 76102 – Against Oblivion

From: 26.07.26-08.08.26

Primary Work Type: MANU

Secondary Work Type (if any): ENVI

Tertiary Work Type (if any): RENO

Project Location City: Berlin, Reinickendorf (North-West-Belin)

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

Friedhofscontrolling
Waidmannsluster Damm 13,
13509 Berlin

Description of work:

Berlin is known for its culture, energy and offering great adventures. In this project, you will also experience some of the quieter sides of the city that only a few people get to see. You are actively engaged in the preservation of the culture of remembrance. Specifically, you are dedicated to the repair and maintenance of graves of victims of war and tyranny (German and non-German soldiers and civilians) at the state-owned cemetery in Berlin-Reinickendorf / the Reinickendorf war gravesite. This workcamp is an opportunity to get to know the heritage of the past and learn more about how to promote a culture of peace through memorialisation and remembrance. Your work includes very practical tasks like cleaning the graves and grave marker frames. The maintenance of the grounds also includes the seeding of the lawn and the pruning of woody plants such as bushes, shrubs and trees.

Description of accomodation and food:

You will cook together. Money for food will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please state any intolerances during registration.

Please Note: Self-organization is also a key point of the camp during your daily camp routines. Shopping, cooking, and cleaning are all planned and done independently within the group. Each participant is expected to take part in the CCC (cooking-cleaning-crew). The advantage is, of course, that you will have the opportunity to eat international dishes and cuisine at every meal and realize that cleaning yourselves can lead to a great deal of fun in the group.

Description of location and leisure:

At the accommodation you can make yourselves comfortable and enjoy a great time together slightly outside of the buzz of the big city. Berlin offers many great opportunities. After your work assignment, you can explore Berlin's city center, visit museums or simply relax at a lake. Your accommodation is also a great place to calm down and chill after an active day. In order to be able to pursue the diverse interests of your group, you will be provided with a city ticket for the duration of the camp, which will allow you to use public transportation throughout the city. If Berlin isn't enough for you, you can also get to other cities like Potsdam and Dresden super quickly or take a day trip to the Baltic.

Please Note:

While thinking about your free time together, SELF-ORGANIZATION is the key idea. The group leaders will gladly assist with tips and advice, but will not organize your free time for you.

We expect that all participants will be prepared to actively help plan and decide on elements of the team's group life.

Remarks (other information):

Even if the workcamp takes place in Berlin, this is not a vacation and you are not a tourist.

As in many other European countries, there are unfortunately also racist, anti-Semitic and discriminatory incidents in Germany. If you experience something like this, please inform the group leader and report it together directly to the Berlin IJGD office.

Total volunteers: 12

Volunteers below 18 years: no

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 50€ (for public transport ticket)

Language 1 English

Language 2 German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities:

Unfortunately no

Nearest International airport: BER – Berlin Brandenburg Airport

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Berlin Main Station – Berlin Hauptbahnhof

Meeting point and time: 26.07.2026 at Gäste-Etage, you will discuss the details with your group leaders.

ijgd 76140 - Mittelbau-Dora: Making Visible - Remembering and Shaping

From: 26.07.2026 **To:** 09.08.2026

Primary Work Type: HIST

Secondary Work Type (if any): CONS

Tertiary Work Type (if any): RENO

Project Location City: Nordhausen

Free State of Thuringia, 75 km to Erfurt, 85 km to Göttingen

Description of work:

The two-week international encounter project on the site of the former Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp has the motto 'Making visible' and is thus actively involved in the design of the site of today's memorial.

The work during the summer camp will consist of excavation work and the visualisation of a barrack foundation in the infirmary of the former prison camp. The work will take place outdoors, in a wooded area, and large and heavy stones will have to be cut. These stones are turned into flat Outline walls set. The work is part of a larger project: the remains of the foundations on the sites of former barracks are to be gradually made visible again so that visitors to the memorial site can recognise the camp structure, which barely exists any more. This year, work will continue on a foundation that has already been started.

The education and communication part of the project will focus on the history of the Nazi concentration camps and the use of concentration camp prisoners in the underground relocation of the armaments industry - using the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp as an example. This topic will be approached through tours, working with various sources, exchanging ideas with each other and joint digitally supported project work.

The 'Dora labour camp' was founded at the end of August 1943 as a satellite camp of the Buchenwald concentration camp. As part of the underground relocation of German armaments production in the last two years of the Second World War, concentration camp prisoners had to develop a tunnel system in the Kohnstein mountain near Nordhausen into an underground rocket factory. Series production of the rocket propagated by the Nazi state as 'Retaliation Weapon 2' began in January 1944. During the first few months, the prisoners had to live and work in the tunnels. It was not until spring 1944 that an above-ground barracks camp was built and the Dora satellite camp became the Mittelbau concentration camp in its own right. More than 60,000 people from almost every country in Europe, mainly from the Soviet Union, Poland and France, had to perform forced labour for the German armaments industry in the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp complex between 1943 and 1945. One in three of them died.

Description of accomodation and food:

WLAN is only available in the memorial centre. Mobile phone reception is average and you will be staying in the Rüstzeithaus of the Protestant parish of Salza in Nordhausen ([Evangelischer Kirchenkreis Südharz LKEM](#)). You will stay overnight and live in a separate house on the parish grounds. There are up to 16 beds in the house. There are three-bed rooms and two-bed rooms available. The house also has washrooms with showers, toilets, a washing machine and a large lounge. The accommodation is approx. 15 minutes by bike from the memorial.

WLAN is only available in the memorial centre. Mobile phone reception is average.

Description of location and leisure:

Around 40,000 people live in Nordhausen. The town has a large hospital, a theatre, a cinema, several museums, a university and a tram. Excursions into the surrounding area are possible, as bicycles are

provided. Nordhausen is located south of the Harz Mountains. A tourist highlight is the Harz narrow-gauge railway (Harzer Schmalspurbahnen | Home | Home). This is a historic train with a steam locomotive that travels up the highest mountain in the Harz Mountains, the Brocken, every day. Hikes or excursions into the countryside are very easy. There are open-air swimming pools and lakes on the outskirts of the city. Cities such as Leipzig, Göttingen and Weimar are easily accessible by train. Excursions to the Buchenwald Memorial and the Forced Labour Museum in Weimar are planned.

Remarks (other information):

- A visit to the Buchenwald concentration camp is planned for the first weekend together with the project partner. You will learn more about the details of this visit from the group leaders.
- You should know how to ride a bicycle, as you will need to travel by bike from the accommodation to Mittelbau-Dora.

Interest in the history of National Socialism, good English language skills. Safe cycling in road traffic is a prerequisite! A desire for physically demanding work, weatherproof clothing, as the work also takes place outdoors. Mosquito repellent and sun protection are also advisable. Sturdy shoes that can withstand water or are suitable for hiking are a good idea.

The Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp memorial is an international place of remembrance and learning. In summer, the memorial is visited by many tourists from countries such as the Netherlands, France and Denmark. Relatives of former prisoners are also regular guests. The equipment in the seminar rooms is modern and iPads are provided for digital project work during the camp.

Total volunteers: 12**Volunteers below 18 years: 2 from Germany****Minimum age required for participation: 18****Maximum age required for participation: 26****Extra Fee (if any): 0 €****Language 1** *English***Language 2** German**Participation of volunteers with disabilities:****Vegetarian food available?:** yes**SDG's:****Nearest International airport:**

Leipzig/Halle Airport

Nearest terminal (train or bus station):

Nordhausen-Salza (200 metres from the accommodation, regional train RB 80, runs between Göttingen and Nordhausen), Nordhausen main station (3 km from the accommodation, connections to Kassel, Frankfurt am Main, Erfurt, Halle an der Saale and Leipzig)

Meeting point and time: Arrive at the accommodation (address: St Laurentius Salza Church, Pfarrstraße 8, 99734 Nordhausen), you can arrive the whole Saturday.

ijgd 76110 - Märkische Schweiz I: Nature conservation and wild bees

From: 02.08.2026 **To:** 21.08.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type (if any): MANU

Project Location City: Buckow-Märkische Schweiz, Brandenburg (ca. 50km from Berlin)

Description of work:

The Märkische Schweiz Nature Park, 40 km east of Berlin, offers a unique natural and cultural landscape as well as an area for our project in and around the 'Drei Eichen' environmental education centre. By cooperating with the nature park administration, we will not only get to know the nature park and its surroundings, but also actively help to shape it.

We are offering this work camp because it is fun to have young people from all over the world with us and because we simply need a lot of hands for some of the work!

People and pets live on the grounds of the Drei Eichen environmental education centre - and there are almost always lots of guests: children, families, seminar groups.

We also want to reintroduce wild honeybees that originally lived in cavities in old trees back into our nature park. To do this, we build cavities in sections of tree trunks. You'll help us with that. You'll learn about the different types of bee tree-cavities, and how the bees are observed and cared for. This old art of beekeeping is called Zeidlererei.

For activities in between, Drei Eichen and its grounds offer many opportunities to learn about plants and animals, nature conservation and alternative ways of life and to actively participate. These include the tipi village and the wilderness education centre, the Zeidlererei station and a pottery workshop. Excursions or courses can be organised here by prior arrangement.

On some days, through your work on the farm you'll be "giving something back to Drei Eichen" — because sometimes we need many helping hands, for example to build a small boardwalk for the pond, remove excessive plant growth from the pond, carry out construction and repair projects, or prepare areas for new planting in late autumn. We'll decide this at short notice, depending on the weather.

At various locations in the Märkische Schweiz Nature Park, we will spend a few days helping to carry out various landscape maintenance tasks in different natural areas. The aim is to protect or promote either particularly dry or particularly wet sites, their soil and the native plants that grow there. Historically, these sites were created and maintained through a lot of manual labour - seasonal mowing and grazing by sheep and goats. Today, we help with this. There are many lakes that invite you to take a refreshing dip after work!

We also want to focus on the topic of water at the camp. The idea is to revitalise a dried-up pond by adding clay, thus keeping the water in the nature park and creating new habitats for amphibians, for example.

All work, whether in landscape conservation, craftsmanship or creative design, takes place outdoors. We plan together on site, depending on the current weather conditions, on which days we do which work and which days we take off.

Description of accomodation and food:

You will stay at the Drei Eichen environmental education centre, located in the middle of the forest, 4km from Buckow (www.dreichen.de). As a group, you will have a flat with kitchen, bathroom, toilet, lounge-kitchen, large balcony and 3 simple multi-bed rooms. We can also provide tents on request. You cook together. Money for shopping will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

For activities in between, Drei Eichen with its terrain offers many opportunities to learn about plants and animals, nature conservation and alternative ways of life and to actively participate.

There are many great options for spending your free time. Among them are GPS tour(s) in the nature park, guided hikes on biodiversity, a visit to the bat museum, trips to surrounding lakes, going to the movies, visiting the pub "lokal." in Buckow, making a campfire; going to an artificial climbing forest or doing a canoe tour in the area. Those who long for more urban hustle and bustle on the weekend can also take a day trip to Berlin or even go to Poland, which is not that far away.

We plan together on site, depending on the current weather conditions, among other things, on which days we do what work and on which days we take off.

Remarks (other information):

It helps if you have an interest in physical work and some strength. Please bring weatherproof work clothes/long sleeves and pants, the work takes place outdoors. Mosquito repellent, sunscreen are also essential. Shoes that can withstand water are good - outdoor sandals or similar.

Total volunteers: 12

Volunteers below 18 years: 3

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English **Language 2** German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: unfortunately no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (12) Responsible Consumption and Production, (13) Climate Action, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International airport: BER airport (Berlin-Brandenburg Airport)

Nearest terminal (train or bus station):

Obersdorf (approx. 1 hr 20 min from Berlin); pickup by shuttle from the train station; please come in groups.

Meeting point and time:

On site at Drei Eichen or at "Obersdorf" train station (Märkische Schweiz). From there, we will organize a shuttle, likely at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Please remember to go to the correct Buckow with the post code 15377 when planning your trip.

More Information about train and bus connections: www.bahn.com.

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible. If you have the option to go by train, bus, car share or bicycle that can be a great first step for you to become a climate steward.

You will receive more detailed information with the specific information sheet for your camp after your enrolment has been confirmed.

ijgd 26333 - Summer in the city - build a playground for kids

From: 1.8.2026

To: 22.8.2026

Primary Work Type: CONS

Secondary Work Type: MANU

Project Location/ City: Bielefeld, North Rhine-Westphalia; 50 km east of Münster, Hanover 80 km

Description of work: With your help, a playground in Bielefeld will be renovated and redesigned so that it is once again attractive and appealing to the children in the neighborhood. You will refurbish the old play equipment, repair the sandpit and other defective equipment, renew the surface of heavily used play areas, pave paths and install new safety measures to protect the children. In addition, your creativity is also required, as you can redesign this and other playgrounds with paintbrushes and imagination. At the end, there will be a big opening party with the children and parents from the surrounding area, which you will organize.

Description of accomodation and food: You will be accommodated on an idyllic farm in a hay sleeping area.

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: Bielefeld, a city with 300,000 inhabitants, is located on the edge of the Teutoburg Forest. The city offers you a good range of leisure and cultural activities, e.g. music and theater, cinemas, pubs, etc. The Teutoburg Forest is ideal for hiking. There are excursion possibilities to Hanover, Osnabrück or Münster.

Remarks (other information): work can be physically demanding. **This camp is not suitable for participants with a hay allergy!!!**

Total volunteers: 15

Volunteers below 18 years: 0

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Language 1: English

Language 2:

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: work can be physically demanding. **This camp is not suitable for participants with a hay allergy!!!**

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities

Nearest International airport: Hanover

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Bielefeld, We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus, car sharing or bicycle, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Meeting point and time: At the accommodation at the latest at 6pm

Directions to Meeting Point: From Hannover Airport you should take the S-Bahn S5 in the direction of Hameln to Hauptbahnhof Hannover (main train station). By train: From there you should take an ICE or IC train in the direction of Cologne until "Bielefeld-Hauptbahnhof". Once you get to Bielefeld station, you still need to walk around 20-30 minutes. Further train and bus information can be found under www.bahn.de or www.efa.de. From the train station to the camp: From Bielefeld train station you should take the STB 1 tram in the direction of "Schildesche" until the last stop, "Schildesche". There you should get off and continue on with the 27 bus in the direction of Heepen Baumheide until the stop "Heepen Halhof". The bus stop is directly next to the grounds where you'll be staying.

ijgd 26330 - Join in – experience life in the Bavarian Forest!

From: 14.8.2026

To: 29.8.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type: HiSTO

Project Location/ City: Bayern, Regensburg 70 km, Straubing 50 km, Pilsen 90 km

Description of work:

Would you like to work in a friendly community in the heart of the Bavarian Forest Nature Park, make new friends, and experience the Bavarian way of life up close? Then Runding is the place for you! In Runding, you will work together with other international volunteers to help with maintenance work around the castle ruins. At the beginning, you will receive an introduction to ecology. The castle ruins also provide breeding grounds, which need to be marked out. There are also plants that need to be protected. You will receive all the important information about this as well. Taller hedges need to be cut, then pulled out and removed. There is also mowing and simple weeding to be done. You will work together with an employee from the building yard. The aim of the project is to clear the moat of overgrowth so that sheep can graze there. There will also be a big show at the castle on the weekend you arrive. You will also help the community with the dismantling. It is important to know that Runding is a small village. This means you will experience rural tranquility and cozy village life. There is no hustle and bustle of a metropolis, but you will get to know an active and open community and discover a real piece of Bavaria.

Description of accommodation and food: You will be staying at the school in Runding.

You will cook together. Money for shopping will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are available. Please indicate any food intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: Runding is located in the Bavarian Forest. On the weekend of your arrival, the Bavarian adaptation of the Rocky Horror Picture Show will be performed on the open-air stage of the Runding castle ruins. You will receive free tickets for the event. This weekend is also a Christian holiday: Assumption Day. Various church festivals will take place. On this day, in addition to church services, there are also folk festivals, markets, and traditional customs. And the Gäubodenvolksfest is also taking place in Straubing. It is Bavaria's second largest folk festival after Oktoberfest, a mixture of tradition and modernity with over 120 shops and 7 large beer tents. On the second weekend, it's worth taking a trip to the beautiful city of Regensburg or driving to Pilsen in Czechia. If you like hiking, there are of course many opportunities in the Bavarian Forest. You can also visit the observatory in Roßberg. The municipality certainly has a few more excursion tips.

Remarks (other information): Physically demanding work. Only for participants who enjoy working outdoors and doing physically demanding work. Openness to living in a rural community.

Total volunteers: 15

Volunteers below 18 years: 0

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Language 1: English

Language 2:

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: -

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (13) Climate Action, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International Airport: Nürnberg

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus or car sharing, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Cham train station.

Meeting point and time: You will be picked up in Cham at the station at the main entrance.

Directions to Meeting Point: You will be picked up in Cham at the station at the main entrance.

ijgd 26345 ESC - From Forced Labor to a Sustainable Future: A Walk through the History and Present of Exploitation

From: 15.8.2026

To: 29.8.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type: STUDY

Tertiary Work Type: ESC

Project Location/ City: Egelsbach, Hesse; Frankfurt 20 km, Heidelberg 70 km

Description of work: How do we want to live together in the future? In an increasingly complex world, democracy is the foundation for freedom, mutual respect, and genuine participation. Our camp invites you to reflect on these issues together with young people from different countries and to exchange ideas in workshops. We have also planned an excursion. You will visit the Adlerwerke historical site in Frankfurt: this place commemorates forced labor in Frankfurt am Main during the Nazi era and the “Katzbach” concentration camp, which was located at the Adlerwerke from August 1944 onwards. Due to current political developments, it is important to us to visit this memorial site with you as a place of exploitation.

The second excursion will be to. In addition to the intensive exchange and excursions, there will be plenty of time during the weekend to go on trips or explore Frankfurt in the evenings during the week.

This project is supported by the European Solidarity Corps of the European Commission.

Description of accommodation and food: Self-catering house of the Naturefriends in Egelsbach, in the middle of nature with very good S-Bahn connections

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: You'll be staying in the beautiful countryside in Egelsbach in the “Naturfreundehaus”, yet just outside the metropolis of Frankfurt. Egelsbach is very well connected to Frankfurt by S-Bahn. Frankfurt has a lot to offer, culture, going out, shopping, events. You can visit other cities such as Heidelberg and Cologne. In Langen there is a beautiful natural outdoor pool where you can chill out and swim.

Remarks (other information): Active participation in the workshops is required. This is an ESC project, more precisely a volunteering team, which is supported by the European Solidarity Corps program of the European Commission. There are some significant financial and administrative differences compared to the usual workcamp: PLEASE NOTE: This project is open to 18-30-year-old participants from Germany and other ESC partner countries - You do not have to pay any (participation) fees to participate in the project - You must be present for the entire duration of the camp in order to be reimbursed your pocket money (7€/day) for common leisure activities as well as travel expenses. The maximum amount of financial support for your travel expenses depends on the distance traveled and the presentation of original tickets. - Volunteers must complete a participation report, which is submitted online via the ESC portal.

This project is funded by the European Solidarity Corps of the European Commission.

Total volunteers: 15

Volunteers below 18 years: 0

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 30

Language 1: English

Language 2:

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: -

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (13) Climate Action, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International Airport: Frankfurt International Airport

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus or car sharing, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Egelsbach

Meeting point and time: Directly at the accommodation at the latest 18h

Directions to Meeting Point: From Frankfurt Airport Regional Train station (IMPORTANT! Please don't use Frankfurt Flughafen Fernbahnhof) please take any train in the direction of Frankfurt Main station. Change there in into the S6 (S) in the direction of "Darmstadt" and get off in "Egelsbach". From there you will be able to walk.

ijgd 25320 - Cooking pot or melting pot? The Nuremberg region as an intercultural space

From: 16.8.2026

To: 29.8.2026

Primary Work Type: CONS

Secondary Work Type: ENVI

Project Location/ City: Hersbruck, Bavaria; Nuremberg 30 km, Regensburg 100 km

Description of work: The project description will follow.

Description of accommodation and food: You will spend the night in shared rooms in the Edelweißhütte learning and experience room. A modern guest house. There is a well-equipped kitchen.

You cook together. You will be provided with money for shopping. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure: Hersbruck is not far from Nuremberg and has 2 train stations (Hersbruck (l Pegnitz) and Hersbruck (r Pegnitz)). You can travel from both in the direction of Nuremberg. You also have many opportunities to spend your free time on the grounds of the Edelweißhütte: Soccer, table tennis, table soccer, a lovely campfire site and a pizza oven, which was created in a previous project. There are also several lakes nearby (Happurger Stausee and the "Baggersee" swimming lake), the outdoor pool in Hersbruck and many paths where you can hike to your heart's content. The city of Nuremberg with its many sights is easily accessible by S-Bahn. A visit to the Museum of the Future is highly recommended!

The history of Hersbruck: From July 1944 to April 1945, Hersbruck was home to the second largest satellite camp of the Flossenbürg concentration camp. 9,000 prisoners from all over Europe were held here. They had to build an underground tunnel system for an armaments factory in neighboring Happurg. The Hersbruck/Happurg documentation site commemorates this camp with two installations: one is located at the former site where the concentration camp prisoners were housed in Hersbruck; the other at the former site of forced labor in Happurg. The Flossenbürg Concentration Camp Memorial offers free public tours every first Sunday of the month at 2 pm. The meeting point is the documentation site in Hersbruck (Badstraße, in the immediate vicinity of the Fackelmann-Therme), where excursions are also available if you would like to take a short historical detour with your group.

Remarks (other information):

Total volunteers: 18

Volunteers below 18 years: 0

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Language 1: English

Language 2:

Extra Fee (if any): 0,-€

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: No

Vegetarian food available? Yes

Description of any specific requirements: -

SDG's: (11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International airport: Nuremberg

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible, e.g. by train, bus or car sharing, and thus make an active contribution to climate protection.

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Train: Hersbruck (I Pegnitz)

Meeting point and time: At the train station in Hersbruck (I Pegnitz) Attention! There also is a train station called "Hersbruck (r Pegnitz)", this will NOT be the meeting point! You will be picked up in a minibus by the camp leaders. The camp leaders will ask for your arrival times beforehand. Please let the camp leaders know if there are any last-minute changes. We ask for an arrival until 6pm.

Directions to Meeting Point: From airport Nürnberg take the U-Bahn (U2 directed to „Nürnberg Röthenbach“) to „Nürnberg Hauptbahnhof“, this is Nürnberg central station. At the central station you need to change into the S-Bahn (S2 directed to "Hersbruck(I Pegnitz)") and get off at your destination Hersbruck (I Pegnitz).

ijgd 16007 - Nature conservation in the city

From: 5.9.2026 To: 19.9.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type (if any): MANU

Tertiary Work Type (if any): EDU

Project Location: Gifhorn, Lower Saxony

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project: Department of Environment and Youth Department of the district of Gifhorn

Description of work:

Nature conservation in the city? You might think that there is no room for nature in the city between concrete and tarmac. But if you take a closer look, you are often amazed at what lives there. Where people work, dwell and live, small nature conservation gems are hidden.

Forests located directly in and around cities have a special role to play. Not only do they serve as green lungs for the city, they are also heavily used by visitors who come there to relax. Climate change, storms, beetles and drought are changing the face of the forest. To continue creating good conditions for the future, you will help the team from the Environment Department in Gifhorn to implement environmental protection measures in the district forest. The aim is to avoid damaging the soil with large machines. Working hand in hand, you will remove tree species such as spruce and black cherry, which leave no room for oak trees.

You will then plant young oak trees and build fences to protect the plants from animals (especially deer). To improve the water balance in the forest, a ditch will also be filled in so that valuable water can no longer simply flow out of the forest unused. The rivers that flow through the urban area are also special habitats that are very important for biotope networking. Unfortunately, flooding and careless people mean that rubbish repeatedly ends up in the water, which can also be dangerous for other areas. So, into the boats! One day, you will remove rubbish from the water and embankments along the river. Staff from the Environment Department will supervise and assist you in this work. Your programme will also include an information day about wildlife in near-natural watercourses and a discovery tour into the hidden world of bats.

Description of accomodation and food:

You will stay at the youth hostel in the city center, which has shared bedrooms, a group room, and a well-equipped kitchen. Right next door, the neighboring youth center "Die Grille" offers leisure activities such as an internet café and table soccer, cozy seating areas, and a beautiful outdoor area for relaxing. Shopping facilities are just a few minutes' walk away.

You will cook together. Money for food will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please state any intolerances during registration.

Description of location and leisure:

A playground and a football pitch are available directly on site. The surrounding area invites you to go hiking, cycling and canoeing. You can meet young people at the youth centre and spend time there at events and concerts in the evenings. Other leisure activities are swimming, bowling or canoeing. The mill museum and the castle museum are well worth a visit. On Fridays there are sports activities such as football and climbing in the neighbouring sports hall. At the weekend, it is worth visiting the 'Gifhorn International' cultural festival on 12 September in the town centre and taking a trip to Hanover, Wolfsburg or Braunschweig.

Remarks (other information):

- Fitness for physically demanding work
- Closeness to nature
- You must be able to ride a bike. You must be able to swim.

Total volunteers: 12

Volunteers below 18 years: 4

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English Language 2 German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (13) Climate Action

Nearest International airport: Hannover

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Gifhorn

Meeting point and time: At 16:30 or 18:30 at the railway station in Gifhorn.

ijgd 16005 - Animal and plant protection in northern German moor and heathland areas

From: 05/09/26 **To:** 19/09/26

Primary Work Type: ENVI (Environmental)

Project Location City: Badenstedt (Zeven)

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

Ecological NABU Station Oste-Region (German: Ökologischen NABU-Station Oste-Region)

The Ecological NABU- Station Oste Region is an institution of NABU Lower Saxony. The station provides local support to the Rotenburg and Stade districts in their management of protected areas. Its core tasks are primarily the recording of animal and plant species, the initiation, planning, implementation and success monitoring of maintenance and development measures, as well as the planning and implementation of species protection measures.

The station not only works closely with the nature conservation authorities, but also with the NABU Bremervörde-Zeven and Stade district groups to coordinate and initiate necessary measures.

Description of work:

You will work with your workcamp group in seven protected areas. In the Fauna-Flora Habitat areas (FFH – habitats of animals and plants protected under EU law) and nature reserves (NSG) "Bullensee and Hemelsmoor", "Hohes Moor", "Großes and Weißes Moor", "Huvenhoopsmoor", you will remove felled trees from former peat cutting areas and heathland to create habitat for endangered and moor-relevant plant species such as sphagnum moss, cranberry and smooth snake.

In the Stellingsmoor landscape conservation area (LSG), your group will clear sensitive moorland areas to preserve the moorland development and habitat for the protected smooth snake. In the Bevern Forest nature reserve, you will check bat boxes.

All activities are professionally supervised by the staff and volunteers of the NABU Ecological Station Oste-Region. In addition to the practical work, you will learn a lot about nature conservation and environmental protection in general as well as the natural habitat of moors and heaths and their protection in particular from the staff and volunteers. You will learn a lot about the local flora and fauna, their relevance for the ecosystem and the various measures to protect them.

The cooperation partners for this work camp are the nature conservation authorities of the districts of Rotenburg (Wümme) and Stade, as well as the NABU groups Bremervörde-Zeven and Stade.

Description of accommodation and food:

You will stay in the Badenstedt school hostel, a self-catering house with 4 and 6-bed rooms in the middle of nature. The house has a large kitchen, toilets, communal showers and two common rooms for eating and group activities. You cook together. Money for shopping will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

In your leisure time, you can enjoy your quiet accommodation and the beautiful surroundings by playing sports and spending evenings together around the campfire. There is a table football in the house and outside there is a goal wall, a basketball hoop, a table tennis table, a football pitch with two goals, a barbecue and a campfire area with seating.

After work you can also take the hourly bus to the neighbouring town of Zeven within 10 minutes. At the weekend trips to Bremen and Hamburg are worthwhile.

Remarks (other information): fitness for physically demanding work

Total volunteers: 15

Volunteers below 18 years: 4

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 English **Language 2** German

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: 13 Climate Action

Nearest International airport: Bremen and Hamburg

Nearest terminal (train or bus station): Bremen Hbf (main train station) - Bademühlen Großes Holz in Badenstedt (Zeven) (bus station)

Meeting point and time: at accommodation until 6:45pm on 05/09/2026

Directions to Meeting Point:

A)

From Hamburg airport (travel time to workcamp 3,5h)

From Hamburg airport take S-Bahn S1 (direction Wedel or Hamburg-Blankenese) to Hamburg Hauptbahnhof (Hamburg main train station, about 25 min travel time). The S1 is running every 10min.

From Hamburg main station (travel time to workcamp 3h)

At Hamburg Hauptbahnhof (Hamburg main train station) you have two options: you can take (at least at 3:36pm) the train RB41 in direction Bremen Hbf and get off at last station Bremen Hbf (travel time 90-92min). You can also take (at least at 3:45pm) the ICE or IC to München (Munich) or Köln (Cologne) and get off at the station Bremen Hbf (travel time 54-58min).

B)

From Bremen Airport (travel time to workcamp 1,5h)

From Bremen airport please take the tram line 6 (direction "Universität") to the stop Bremen Hbf (main station) (travel time 19min).

From Bremen Hauptbahnhof (Hbf) (main train station)

At Bremen Hbf (main station) take the bus 630 in the direction "Zeven" and leave the bus at the station "Bademühlen Großes Holz" in Badenstedt (Zeven) after 71min.

From bus station "Bademühlen Großes Holz"

After leaving the bus, walk 200m in the opposite direction of travel along the road. On the other side of the road is a red brick building, your accommodation, the Schullandheim Badenstedt.

More Information about train and bus connections: www.bahn.com.

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible. If you have the option to go by train, bus or carsharing. That can be a great first step for you to become a climate steward.

ijgd 76120 - Märkische Schweiz II: Diversity, plants, care

From: 01.11.2026 **To:** 13.11.2026

Primary Work Type: ENVI

Secondary Work Type (if any): MANU

Project Location City: Buckow-Märkische Schweiz, Brandenburg (ca. 50km from Berlin)

Description of work:

The Märkische Schweiz Nature Park, 40 km east of Berlin, offers a unique natural and cultural landscape as well as an area for our project in and around the 'Drei Eichen' environmental education centre. By cooperating with the nature park administration, we will not only get to know the nature park and its surroundings, but also actively help to shape it.

We are offering this work camp because it is fun to have young people from all over the world with us and because we simply need a lot of hands for some of the work!

People and pets live on the grounds of the Drei Eichen environmental education centre - and there are almost always lots of guests: children, families, seminar groups.

For activities in between, Drei Eichen and its grounds offer many opportunities to learn about plants and animals, nature conservation and alternative ways of life and to actively participate. These include the tipi village and the wilderness education centre, the Zeidlerei station and a pottery workshop. Excursions or courses can be organised here by prior arrangement.

On some days, you'll give something back to "Drei Eichen" by helping out on the farm—because sometimes we need many hands, for example for woodworking, construction projects and repairs, building nest boxes, or planting new vegetation. We decide this at short notice and depending on the weather.

At various locations in the Märkische Schweiz Nature Park, we will spend a few days helping to carry out various landscape conservation work in different natural areas. Autumn is the time when trees and shrubs are pruned, but also when planting takes place and bulbs are put in the ground. We are happy to help here! We also want to tackle invasive species.

There are many lakes and beautiful scenic areas that invite you to explore and relax after work! In autumn, there are also large migrations of cranes and geese, which rest and feed in large numbers on the nearby lakes. It would be possible to organise an excursion with an expert.

All work, whether in landscape conservation, crafts or creative design, takes place outdoors. We plan together on site, depending on the current weather conditions, on which days we do which work and which days we take off.

Description of accomodation and food:

You will stay at the Drei Eichen environmental education centre, located in the middle of the forest, 4km from Buckow (www.dreichen.de). As a group, you will have a flat with kitchen, bathroom, toilet, lounge-kitchen, large balcony and 3 simple multi-bed rooms. We can also provide tents on request. You cook together. Money for shopping will be provided. Vegetarian or vegan meals are possible. Please indicate any intolerances when registering.

Description of location and leisure:

For activities in between, Drei Eichen with its terrain offers many opportunities to learn about plants and animals, nature conservation and alternative ways of life and to actively participate.

There are many great options for spending your free time. Among them are GPS tour(s) in the nature park, guided hikes on biodiversity, a visit to the bat museum, trips to surrounding lakes, going to the movies, visiting the pub "lokal." in Buckow, making a campfire; going to an artificial climbing forest or doing a canoe tour in the area. Those who long for more urban hustle and bustle on the weekend can also take a day trip to Berlin or even go to Poland, which is not that far away.

We plan together on site, depending on the current weather conditions, among other things, on which days we do what work and on which days we take off.

Remarks (other information):

It helps if you have an interest in physical work and some strength. Please bring weatherproof and warm work clothes/long sleeves and pants, the work takes place outdoors. Shoes that can withstand water are good - outdoor boots or similar.

Total volunteers: 12

Volunteers below 18 years: 3

Minimum age required for participation: 16

Maximum age required for participation: 26

Extra Fee (if any): 0 €

Language 1 **English** **Language 2** **German**

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: unfortunately no

Vegetarian food available?: yes

SDG's: (12) Responsible Consumption and Production, (13) Climate Action, (15) Life On Land

Nearest International airport: BER airport (Berlin-Brandenburg Airport)

Nearest terminal (train or bus station):

Obersdorf (approx.. 1 hr 20 min from Berlin); pickup by shuttle from the train station; please come in groups.

Meeting point and time:

On the site at Drei Eichen or at `Obersdorf` train station (Märkische Schweiz). From there, we will organize a shuttle, likely at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

More Information about train and bus connections: www.bahn.com.

We would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible. If you have the option to go by train, bus, car share or bicycle that can be a great first step for you to become a climate steward.

You will receive more detailed information with the specific information sheet for your camp after your enrolment has been confirmed.