**DALAA PROGRAM FOR 2020**

**SHORT-TERM WORK CAMPS (STC)**

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General information about Work camps

- International volunteers/participants should apply through our partners in their residence country. Thai volunteers can contact DaLaa directly.
- There will always be a DaLaa work camp Leader who will coordinate the work camp and who will be responsible for the participants.
- Participants have to be 18 years or older.
- Besides the main activities of the work camp (topic-related), there will be time for learning Thai language/culture and other leisure activities.
- Participants should be willing to work and live together, make friends with local people and with other volunteers.
- No professional skills are required to participate in a work camp, only positive motivation and being open-minded (respect and willingness to understand other cultures and backgrounds).
- The living conditions will be arranged in Thai style, so participants are expected to show willingness to adapt and to enjoy simple conditions of living.
- Participants are responsible for their own travel and visa cost and all personal expenses during free time (additional trips, fees for visits, travel insurance, etc.).
- Participants are responsible for taking care of their own insurance.
- No drugs are allowed in Thailand.
DESCRIPTION of the Short Term Camps

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SHORT DESCRIPTION
Ban Prang Mu School is a very small school in Ban Prang Mu sub district, Phatthalung province, Southern Thailand. The school director, who shares our values, would like to welcome volunteers, to improve English skills for students to be able to communicate in this language. Volunteers can help to organize English lessons or other fun activities with the 91 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 (6-12 years old) during these 2 weeks. The English skills of the students are very poor. They are not familiar with foreigners. You can experience the local way of life, exchange with other volunteers, villagers and support the children education.

HISTORY and REASONS OF THE PROJECT
Ban Prang Mu School, Phatthalung Province was founded in 1921 in Prang Mueng Nai temple. There are nowadays 91 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 (6-12 years old). The kids have very few chances for interaction with foreigners and English language is more and more needed for their future. The director Mr. Suriyasak Vorakanjananon know us (DaLaa association) through our volunteer placement in a nearby school (Wat Pho) and contacted us to see the possibility to start a cooperation and to have volunteers joining their work. After a survey visit, we decided to start a workcamp in this community.

AIMS of the PROJECT
1- To support Ban Prang Mu School
2- To be part of the community of Ban Prang Mu village
3- To let children be familiar with volunteers and learn in international/multi-culture atmosphere
4- To improve English skills for students to be able to communicate with foreigners

WORK AND ACTIVITIES
1- Give non-formal English classes and other fun activities with the students
2- Create teaching materials for teacher and kids
3- Activities with villagers: cleaning the temple area, sport activities, homemade cooking dessert

REQUIREMENTS
The volunteers should be ready to stay in a local area, to adapt to the local conditions with only basic facilities. Very few local people are able to speak in English. Volunteers should be able to be with the kids and prepare some games and material for teaching.

FOOD and ACCOMODATION
Volunteers will sleep in the classroom. There will be simple mats, pillow and mosquito net. You will need to bring your sleeping bag and a small mattress. There are basic toilets, showers and a kitchen at the school canteen. The teachers and villagers will help the volunteers to cook. Local people eat rice (or noodles) 3 times a day with side dishes like curries, omelets, local leaves and vegetables. Volunteers will be welcome to cook their own food using the ingredients available there. (No oven, only a gas and woks or pans).

PARTICIPATION FEE: **8,000 Baht per person**
INFO SHEET: available
Meeting point: Sunday 12th of January, 2020 at 9 AM at Hat Yai airport, in front of the international flights exit inside the building.
Baan Plakkla School is a small school in Kok Muang sub district, Songkhla province, Southern Thailand. The school director, who shares our values, would like to welcome volunteers, to improve English skills for students to be able to communicate in this language. Volunteers can help to organize English lessons or other fun activities with the 78 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 (6-12 years old) during these 2 weeks. The English skills of the students are very poor. They are not familiar with foreigners. You can experience the local way of life, exchange with other volunteers, villagers and support the children education.

HISTORY and REASONS OF THE PROJECT
Baan Plakkla School was founded in 1934 by the abbot of Plakkla temple. There are nowadays 78 students from kindergarten to Grade 6 (6-12 years old). The kids have very few chances for interaction with foreigners and English language is more and more needed for their future.

This school is situated close to our association office and we wish to improve our cooperation with the local community through this workcamp.

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PARTICIPATION FEE: 8,000 Baht per person
INFO SHEET: available
Meeting point: Sunday 2nd of February 2020 at 9 AM at Hat Yai airport, in front of the international flights exit inside the building.
PROJECT PAGE: http://www.dala-thailand.com/wordpress/baan-plakkla-school
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**SHORT DESCRIPTION**

Volunteers will join hands with local communities of South Thailand to raise awareness about the rich ecosystem of tropical peat swamp. This event is organized after the big fire of July-Aug 2019 that damaged an important part of the swamp by two local organizations “Withee Tai” community and “Kon Rak Tin” (=People love the local).

**Why does the peat swamp require our intervention?**

Forested peat swamp forests cover more than 9,900 hectares on the borders of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Patthalung, and Songkhla Provinces. About 800 hectares of the peat swamp have been destroyed by 88 fires in the first half of 2019. The Royal Forest Department says that most of the fires in the Khuan Khreng peat swamp forest were man-made. Criminals clear the forest for the illegal expansion of rubber and oil palm plantations. Honey collectors and fishermen were also complicit as they burn grass to catch fish or to collect wild honey. Khuan Khreng peat swamp was hit by drought in what is normally the rainy season, making it susceptible to arson. The forest is surrounded by oil palm plantations and surface water in the forest has been drained out to feed the plantations.

The main objectives of the workcamp are:

- To spread awareness regarding the preservation of peat swamps among locals and international visitors;
- To educate local people, including children how to prevent fires and how to help the area recover;
- To bring the locals together and inspire them to take action against the destruction of the peat swamps
- To propagate the local wisdom by encouraging the villagers to share their crafting skills with the participants.

The activities of the workcamp will be the following:

- Learning about the swamp ecosystem through walking and animal/tree watching;
- Learning and practicing local crafts from the wisdom of villagers using raw materials: mattresses, bags, fishing tools, natural straws, etc.
- Making signs and other awareness-related art and exhibiting it in a 1-day installation;
- Practicing healthy and sustainable daily lifestyle, planting trees.

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**PARTICIPATION FEE:** 6,500 Baht per person

**INFO SHEET:** available

**Meeting point:** Sunday 1st of March 2020 at 9 AM at Hat Yai airport, in front of the international flights exit inside the building.