



R pina Kindergarten Vikerkaar



Organisation description

R pina Kindergarten is municipality kindergarten in Etonia, R pina (<http://www.rapina.ee/>). Our kindergarten has been established in the year 1985, with 8 groups. Now we have 9 groups, about 160 children, 20 children in each group. One group of 9 is situated 17 km away from R pina, in Ruusa village. Educational activities take place in Estonian language. Also we have teacher for children who speak different languages (Russian, English). We have 2 employees and most of them can speak Russian. We have our own swimming pool in kindergarten and once a week have swimming for each age group.



R pina Kindergarten Vikerkaar is an educational institution for 1,5- to 7-year old children and offers educational activities according to children's age.

Our homestead is surrounded by forests and lakes. We have wonderful possibilities to spend time and learn in nature. Since 2013 our priority is learning in nature. We have done several projects to Environmental Investment Centre and it allows participating in environmental education programs.



Project context

Räpina is a small town which is situated in South-Estonia, near lake Peipsi, with population of 4600 people. It is a safe and friendly place to live and get to know about our culture. One of the most popular establishments is Räpina Competence Centre for Creative Industries (<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/rapina-creative-centre-3>). Also Räpina Youth Centre is operating efficiently – there is possible to spend leisure time. In Cultural centre, theatre performances and concerts take place. There is Räpina Gymnasium, (<https://yg.rapina.ee/avaleht/uudised>) and Räpina Aianduskool (<http://www.aianduskool.ee>), as well we have some cafes to spend free time. Bus transport possibilities are very good to visit Tartu, Tallinn, Võru and Põlva.

Proposed activities

From this project we would like to cooperate and get some experience with working young people from other cultures and it would be a good possibility to introduce our own language and culture. Volunteer is a part of team to assist the teacher in the learning process. He/She will be expected to take part in practical activities- to assist in getting dressed for going out, send children to swimming pool or sport activities, helping kids before and after mid-day sleep and during their meals, to take part in the study visits. Our traditional events should be a good opportunity to learn and practice Estonian language and culture. Volunteer has the opportunity to use modern teaching materials. We



have computer network and WI-FI in each group. The working time for volunteers will be 30 to 35 h per week from Monday to Friday.

The day in Kindergarten is following:

7-8.45 gathering and free play;

8.45 breakfast;

9.00-10.45 lessons-musical/sport activities;

10.45-12.15 outdoor activities;

12.15-15.00 lunch and mid-day sleep

15.00-15.45 free play in room;

15.45-18.00 dinner, individual learning activities and free play.



Profile of Volunteer

Selection of volunteers will be done by our kindergarten in cooperation with our coordinating organisation EstYES. Working experience is not required but we will be pleased to get applications for participation from anyone who are:

- speaking Russian on a basic communication level;
- ready to work with children and have enough patience;
- friendly and open-minded;
- optimistic and cheerful.



Risk Prevention, protection and safety

We try to observe and prevent any problems, conflicts and dangerous situations daily. In case of any occurring problems we try to solve them by discussions between the parties involved. If necessary we will contact the coordinating organisation EstYES.

The Röpina kindergarten Vikerkaar will ensure:

- that volunteers work is safe and been assessed for ris ;
- that every effort is made that project meets high health and safety standards;
- that the volunteers will get all the practical support from the staff.