VIVE19.06 Rescuing the Lake of Apizaco 07/08/19 - 20/08/19 SOCI/ENVI Vols: 15

Project

The state of Tlaxcala is a hidden gem located just two hours car-ride from Mexico City and thirty minutes from Puebla. The workcamp will be organized by the Youth Institute of the Municipality of Apizaco. Around the town, the lagoon of Apizaquito can be found. This lake is particularly important because certain species of migrant animals lodge there. It is also the home of endemic species of fish. Unfortunately, due to climate change, certain types of plants such as the "tule" plant grow rapidly and damage the nature of the lake. In order to fight this problem, the municipality, other associations and the foreign volunteers will engage in the rescue of this water body.

Work

The volunteers will be taking part in the efforts to clean the lake. The activities will be reforestation, preservation of flora and fauna, raising awareness of the community regarding the situation.

Skills and Certifications

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

Accommodation

Food and hosting will be provided during the workcamp.

Location

Apizaco is located in the state of Tlaxcala and it is around half hour away by car from the capital, Tlaxcala. The name of Apizaco comes from the local indigenous language of Nahuatl from the words "ATL" (water), "pitzāhuac" (thin, smooth), and the suffix "co" (local).

Where to Arrive

CLOSEST STATION: Bus Station at Tlaxcala, Apizaco, Humantla

(ATAH) CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Mexico City

International Airport OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Puebla

International Airport

Special Requirements

This camp is open for young motivated people who would like to help the development of local communities!

CAMP LANGUAGE: English

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

Leisure time

During their free time, the volunteers can spend time in Tlaxcala which is the capital of the smallest state of Mexico. The state's name is Tlaxcala as well. It has a small colonial downtown with a large student population, good restaurants and cafes with vibrant cultural life. As it is not far from the state of Mexico and Puebla, the volunteers can travel to both states by bus and discover the beautiful Mexico City and Puebla. To have more information about Tlaxcala;

https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/east-of-mexico-city/

tlaxcala https://www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/

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Participation fee

There is no participation fee for this project.

SPECIAL NOTES: For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 110 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.