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Planting trees and flowers in the wonderful Zoo of Tallinn

Project

Tallinn Zoo www.loomaaed.ee was founded in 1939 and during 80 years of existence it has managed to assemble the most fascinating zoo collection in Northern Europe. Zoo participates in a numerous conservation projects, playing a leading role in the reintroduction project of the European mink and the Black vulture. Tallinn Zoo introduces the public to a variety of animals and conveys information about wildlife through interpretative signs and boards, interactive devices, printed handouts and media representations. From autumn through spring, classes for young animal lovers - schoolchildren of different age are regularly conducted in the Zoo. For over 12 years ESTYES has been supporting Zoo running various voluntary service activities and projects there. The workcamp, you are going to take part in, is one of them.

The camp is organised in cooperation with the Pohja Tallinn Open Youth Centre <http://ptnk.ee/et/> which kindly provides accommodation to participants.

Work

The work mainly consists of doing various gardening jobs in the green areas on the large Zoo territory: clearing and tidying up, mowing grass, cutting bushes, planting flowers. Most of the work will be outdoors. In case of rainy weather alternative work indoors will be found. The work is planned for 5-6 hours a day. Please note that the work does not include direct contact with the animals. In addition, there might be some simple administrative work like helping to run a survey of Zoo visitors.

Accommodation:

You will stay in the North Tallinn Open Youth Centre of Tallinn. It takes about 10 min by tram to get from there to the city centre and around 30 min by bus to get to the Zoo. Public transport passes will be provided. Volunteers will have one big sleeping room, common room, equipped kitchen, shower and toilets. There is also shower in the Zoo which can be used after the work. You will sleep on mattresses on the floor. Please bring your sleeping bags! Volunteers have to prepare their own meals for breakfasts and dinners. Lunches will be organised the Zoo.

Location

Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, the largest city with 450 000 inhabitants and times more tourists during summer season. It is proud for its well-preserved Old Town included to the UNESCO World Heritage List. You can get a lot of information on <https://www.visittallinn.ee/eng> . Zoo lies to the west from the city centre, about 15 min by public transport.

Terminal

Airport, bus or train station, harbour in Tallinn.

Special requirements

No special skills required, but you have to be ready for some physical work. This camp is not suitable for volunteers allergic to hay or plants. Tools will be provided, just take your working clothes & gloves.

Leisure time

Besides, that volunteers will get well acquainted with the zoo and its inhabitants, there are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities since camp will take place in the capital, where one can find attractions for any taste: sightseeing & museums, countless festivals and concerts, live music, pubs, etc. This camp provides an excellent opportunity to experience vivid life of Tallinn in summer.

Participation fee

As EstYES does not have funds to support your participation in this camp neither from the state nor from the private sponsors, you are asked to contribute **120 Euro towards cost of board and lodging, local transport and the program**. The fee has to be paid by volunteers upon arrival to the camp or by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.