

Make new friends helping local people in the heart of Estonia!

Project

Pilistvere is very small village in the center of Estonia. Although small it is full of life in summer: several activities make local people busy, and all visitors are warmly welcome to participate! Village is known for the rich history, beautiful landscape mixed pure nature: forests, springs, rivers and small riverlakes. The aim of the project is support life in a countryside through diversity of culture and experience. Also we hope to encourage understanding between different cultures and pass strong message about voluntary service around. Local community - young people and adults - of this rural area will be involved to the project for work, leisure and (inter)cultural activities.

Work

Work will include landscaping, clearing and tidying up green areas and objects of local importance in the village such as taking care of old historical cemetery, work around the local pastorate, etc. It is also possible to participate in local youngster's social-enterprise summer cafeteria. The working day will be 5-7 hours, 6 days. Work will be done under supervision of local technical leaders. Work is mainly physical and outdoors. Local young people will be joining international volunteers for work and leisure time.

Accommodation

Work and accommodation will take place in Pilistvere Pastorate which also acts as camp and seminar centre. Volunteers will sleep in beds but please bring your sleeping bag or bed-sheets. Toilets and showers are available, as well as kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking. Volunteers will have to make breakfast on their own while the rest of the meals will be cooked and served by the local staff. We ask you to bring some snacks for the international evening if possible.

Location

Pilistvere, a village of Viljandi County, lies in central-Estonia, half way from Tallinn to Tartu, where the main road turns to Viljandi. Distance from Tallinn is 140km, from Tartu - 70km, from Viljandi - 40 km. More information: www.viljandimaa.ee , www.visitestonia.com

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn, bus to Poltsamaa, where locals will pick up the volunteers.

Special requirements

Volunteers should be interested in rural life, be ready to participate in the discussions about rural development and to interact local young people. It will be appreciated if volunteers can tell about national voluntary practices and youth work for the benefit of the local development in their own countries. As the work can be quite physical sometimes, the volunteers should be in a good physical shape. Camp is organized by Estonian Lutheran Church Pilistvere congregation, so religious acceptance is appreciated. At the same time, this is NOT a religious camp by any mean.

Leisure time

Swimming in lakes and rivers, hiking to marshes, playing ball games with local youth, partying, joining local festivities and, of course, enjoying vivid international atmosphere of this large camp. It is planned to visit some Estonian towns and participate in local festivals. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy rural life and want to learn more about history and culture of Estonia staying right in the heart of it!

Participation fee

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **50 Euro** each towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

PS! If you are official participant in EstYes camp in Pilistvere join Facebook: Pilistvere EstYes 2019.