

CATMON Workcamp 2025 Information Sheet

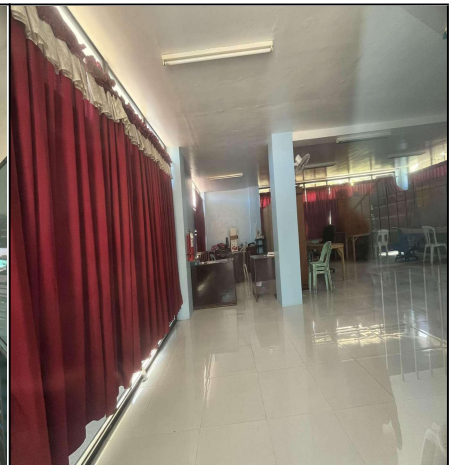
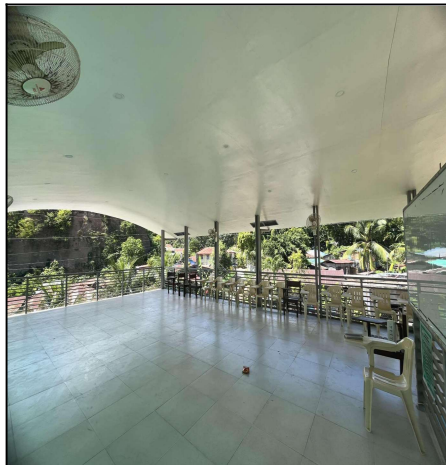
CODE	GIEDWC 003
Project Title	School Festival and Ecological Camp
Partner Sending Organizations & Country	Never-ending International workCamps Exchange (NICE), Japan ALLIANCE & NVDA
Host Partner Coordinating Organization & Country	Global Initiative for Exchange and Development, Inc. (GIED), Philippines
Host Project / Local Partner Institution (LPI) and Location	St. William Cooperative School Corazon, Catmon , Cebu, Philippines
Project Dates and Venue	April 27 to May 5, 2025 (9 days) or April 27 to May 2, 2025 (6 Days)
No. of People	14 International Participants
Type of Project	Festival, Education and Environment
Participation Fees	9 Days: Euro 270 6 Days : Euro 200 Include. round trip local transportation from Cebu City to camp site
Contents	Details
Project brief	<p>Enhancing the school's visual attractiveness, this project provides an opportunity for the IVS participants and the students the chance to interact in a rural school community set-up. Alongside students, volunteers will facilitate learning and interaction, building a strong feeling of teamwork and shared accountability.</p> <p>Encouraging students to participate in activities that foster responsibility, teamwork and environmental awareness is another important goal of this project. The group will be able to actively interact and learn about environmental sustainability through gardening, which is an essential pastime in work camps like hands-on experience in environmental stewardship, including the value of plant care and waste reduction. These encounters will reinforce the importance of sustainability in everyday activities while building a sense of pride and ownership in their school.</p> <p>This camp will offer volunteers the chance to mentor students, strengthening bonds and creating a feeling of community within the school. In addition to enhancing the school's aesthetic appeal, this partnership will help students grow socially and emotionally and foster their development into responsible, engaged adults who take pleasure in giving back to the community and school.</p>

Project Aims	<p>The project aims the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide support in the creative and artistic preparation of school closing ceremony events by decorating and beautifying venues ● Introduce the participants’s country about education, culture, arts, etc. centered on interaction with students ● Contribute to the creation of a more lively, welcoming and ecologically friendly new campus.
About the Host Project/LPI	<p>Saint William Cooperative School (SWCS) believes in the holistic development of every aspect of the child. Their philosophy centers around the idea that education encompasses the physical, psychological, social, ethical and spiritual development of each student. Strive to create a learning environment where students are nurtured and can thrive and become well-balanced individuals.</p> <p>SWCS strives to be an educational institution which develops socially responsible, open-minded, innovative and emphatic learners. It also strives to prepare and train their learners to become worthy leaders in their community, their country and the world.</p> <p>They closely coordinate with the local government and related sectors for community projects either led by the school or the community to promote awareness to students regarding the basic needs of the community and the same time provide them hands-on experience on how to be a socially responsible citizen. They also organize events about promoting physical, emotional and psychological well-being such as but not limited to health and nutrition drive arts and meditation courses, physical fitness programs, and counseling programs.</p> <p>They provide students with opportunities to study and/or integrate into different areas of society like exchange student programs and/scholarships both locally and globally.</p>
Meeting Time and Place	<p>A. Meet-up at GIED office 10:00 AM by 11:00 AM travel from Cebu City to Catmon, Cebu.</p> <p>B. For participants who cannot join on time he/she may proceed to Cebu City North Bus Terminal and take the public bus from Cebu City to Catmon, Cebu. Meeting point will be at the Saint William School</p>
Hostel options before and after the camp	<p>For international participants arriving earlier/a day or few days before the meet up date or who wants to stay longer after the camp, you may stay at YMCA hostel, located across the GIED office. Rate per person is from Php 450-900 depending on type of accommodation. Reach out to the GIED Workcamp Coordinator via whatsapp to check availability or request for reservation of the room/s at least one week before the official start of the Workcamp.</p>
Food	<p>Food will be prepared by everyone. The participants are encouraged to assist in the preparations of the meals. Filipino food would be mostly served in all meals</p>

Accommodation	The participants will be accommodated at the Catmon Community Multi Purpose Cooperative (CCMC) near the project site. It is built of concrete materials and with basic facilities. Personal sleeping bags/blankets and pillows are needed.
Other facilities in Accommodation & working place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The location has nice natural places for organizing outdoor activities like sports and fun games with kids and young people. - WIFI connection is accessible in the community using mobile data or limited internet connection in the school and accommodation. Volunteers may access wifi facilities within Saint William Schools - The mobile phone number of the local coordinator will be provided for more convenience.
Leisure activities and cultural visit	<p>Going around the local village</p> <p>Nature lovers have many options to do nature walks, hiking, swimming in cold/hot natural springs, rivers and the sea or visit local heritage sites like churches, etc.</p>

Any request to bring? (International Volunteer)	<p>For Participants: Sleeping bags, toiletries, toilet paper, personal medicines, comfortable light clothes, swimwear, aqua shoes/sleepers, working gloves, comfort food and drinks, small flag of country, etc.</p> <p>Optional: May bring local snacks/food, souvenir, etc. to be shared with participants/locals May donate agricultural tools, music/sports equipment, 2nd hand clothes, shoes, toys, educational supplies, art/educ materials if you like give to the children/youth/locals</p>
Contact Information	<p>Global Initiative for Exchange and Development Inc.</p> <p>Person in charge : Meriam B. Catay</p> <p>Position : Workcamp Coordinator</p> <p>Email : workcamps@volunteergied.org</p> <p>Phone: +63 32 2658997</p> <p>Mobile : +63 9664989235 (Whatsapp/Viber) +63 09219391904 (Telegram/Line)</p> <p>Address : D4, 2F Causing Feria Bldg., Block 145, Osmeña Blvd., Cebu City, Philippines</p>

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<Draft Schedule>

Date (M/D)	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
04/27 Sun	10 AM Meet-up at GIED office 11 AM Departure to Catmon, Cebu	13:00 PM Arrival at Saint William School, Catmon, Cebu Orientation, Getting to know the Community and work preparations	Acquaintance Night with Participants and local host
04/28 Mon	8 AM School Welcome Activity	Intercultural Activity with High School students	Practice Time for School presentation

	9 AM Intercultural Activity with Elementary students		
04/29 Tues	Decoration, preparation and practice for Intermission dance presentation during graduation		Practice Time
04/30 Wed	Assist the School's Graduation Ceremony- Present Intermission Dance * 1 international participant will share experience during their elementary life * 1 international participant will share experience during their high school life		Free Time
05/01 Thurs	Free time (Excursion Activities)		
05/02 Fri	School Gardening work	International participants Sports, Arts and Games	Cultural night with students and local youth
05/03 Sat	School Gardening work	Filipino Sports, Arts and Games	Filipino Cultural night
05/04 Sun	School Gardening work	Final time with Community and preparations for farewell activity	Farewell Party
05/05 Mon	Evaluation time and cleaning	Departure at 14:00 (any later time/days)	

NOTE: Activity schedule may change without prior notice. We request the participants to have an open mind and enjoy the experience in the community.