

DaLaa Work Camp Program 2025

THAILAND



**International Volunteers
for
Social Development Association
(DaLaa)**

“Thrive through authenticity, responsibility, and inclusion”

Work camps Calendar 2025

| <i>Dates</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Transport</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 12- 25 | Watpikulthong School 1 | Activities with kids at a primary school | <i>2 hours north from Hat Yai airport (Pattalung province)</i> |
| March 16-29 | Voluntary Service Community (VSC) 1 | Kids holiday camps | <i>15 minutes from Hat Yai airport (Songkhla province)</i> |
| April 6-19 | Voluntary Service Community (VSC) 2 | Kids holiday camps & Songkran festival | <i>15 minutes from Hat Yai airport (Songkhla province)</i> |
| June 8-21 | Watpikulthong School 2 | Activities with kids at a primary school | <i>2 hours north from Hat Yai airport (Pattalung province)</i> |

Down there you will find the main information from each workcamp. We can provide you with a complete infosheet for each workcamp.

Watpikulthong School

(Activities with kids at a primary school)

Dates: 12 -25 January 2025

and 8-21 June 2025

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Phikulthong School is a very small Buddhism school in Chamuang, Khuan Khanun district, Phatthalung province, Southern Thailand. We got to know this school through the director that we use to work with in his former school. The school director who shares the same values as Dalaa would like to provide the chance for the students to improve their English by using the language in real life with foreign volunteers. There are 162 students in this school. Volunteers can help organize English lessons or other fun activities with the students from kindergarten to Grade 6 (6-12 years old). The English skills of the students are very poor, and they are not familiar with foreigners. Here you can experience the locals' way of life, exchange your cultures with other volunteers and villagers, and support the children's education.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Watwipulthong School in Phatthalung province was founded in 1915. Nowadays, there are 162 students with 12 teachers, teaching from kindergarten to Grade 6 (6-12 years old). The director, Mr.Preecha Pannum, sees that his students are in need of exposure to English speaking atmosphere and different cultures of people around the world. Therefore, he contacted us to see if there is the possibility to cooperate with DaLaa and have some volunteers to help at his school. After a survey visit, DaLaa could organized first work camp in July 2024 and this time will be a second time to organize the work camp in this community.



AIMS of the PROJECT

- 1- To support Watphikulthong School
- 2- To be a part of the community of Chamuang village
- 3- To help children be familiar with volunteers and learn in international/multi-culture atmosphere
- 4- To improve students' English skills



WORK AND ACTIVITIES

- 1- Provide a non-formal English classes and other fun activities for the students
- 2- Create teaching materials for teachers and kids
- 3- Activities with villagers: cleaning the temple area, sport activities, homemade dessert

** We'll keep you update 1 month or 2 weeks before the camp starts for a more detailed schedule**

** You will be supervised by DaLaa's coordinator which will help you and people in this community to connect with one another.

We can't guarantee about the number of participants (both Thai and international) We will keep informed during the application process.



REQUIREMENTS

The volunteers should be ready to stay in a local area, and to adapt to the local conditions with only basic facilities. Be prepared that very few local people are able to speak English. Volunteers should be able to be with the kids, and prepare some games and materials for teaching.



FOOD and ACCOMODATION

Volunteers will sleep in the classroom. There will be only some yoga mats, pillows, and mosquito nets. We suggest you bring your own sleeping bag, inflatable mattress, or another yoga mat. It's ok if you don't bring any of those, but you need to be sure that you will be comfortable in such condition.

There are basic toilets, showers and a kitchen at the school canteen. The teachers and villagers are willing to help you to cook as well. Local people eat rice (or noodles) 3 times a day with side dishes like curries, omelets, local leaves and vegetables. Volunteers will be welcome to cook their own food using the ingredients available there. (No oven, only a gas and woks or pans).



VSC (Kids holiday camps)

Dates: 16 - 29 March 2025

and 6-19 April 2025 (+ Songkran festival)



SHORT DESCRIPTION

During those 2 weeks, we want to organize children's activities at DaLaa Voluntary Service Community in Kok Sak village for Thai children from 7 to 13 years old. The activities and camp's daily life organized by volunteers should be strongly connected with our community values, authenticity, responsibility and inclusion. Besides, they should allow children to be in a harmonious and safe environment. English language is poorly understood by the children, so we'll have to find possibilities to overcome this challenge with the help from our coordinator and Thai volunteers.

Only for the 6-19 April workcamp

During 13-15 April, it's time of the most important festival in Thai culture: Songkran festival that volunteers will have the chance to experience.

BACKGROUND

DaLaa Voluntary Service Community (VSC) is the first door for outsiders to get to know DaLaa organization. The main mission of DaLaa is to coordinate between the hosts and volunteers for working together in the active communities for social growth and environmental preservation.

This new work camp idea is born from a few reasons:

1-Every year, we organize a kids' camp during summer holidays (March and April) in VSC welcoming the kids from each of the long-term volunteer placements we have.

2- We have organized kids' camp with children from SOS Children's village. It is an international independent non-governmental social organization that helps children without parental care and families living in difficult conditions.

3- We used to organize activities with children around our village for 3 years during March and April and October as it is school holidays in Thailand.



ACTIVITIES

- 4- Create fun activities for the kid such as games, sports, art etc.
- 5- Provide a non-formal English classes for the kid.
- 6- Activities with villagers: cleaning the temple area, sport activities, homemade dessert

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**** You will be supervised by DaLaa's coordinator which will help you and people in this community to connect with one another.**

AIMS of the PROJECT

- 5- To spread our love and values to local children
- 6- To let children be familiar with volunteers and learn in international/multi-culture atmosphere
- 7- To develop our VSC activities

REQUIREMENTS

The volunteers should be ready to stay in a local area, and to adapt to the local conditions with only basic facilities. Be prepared of the kids' poor English skills. Volunteers should be able to be with the kids and prepare some games and materials for activities.

FOOD and ACCOMODATION

Volunteers will sleep in the tents and small huts. There will be thin mattresses, yoga mats, pillows, and mosquito nets. There are basic toilets, showers, and a kitchen. We will take time to cook together. Volunteers will be welcome to cook their own food using the ingredients available there. (No oven, only a gas and woks or pans).



For the 4 workcamps:

PARTICIPATION FEE

For each workcamp, the fee is fixed to 9,500 Baht per person for 2 weeks. The fee will be used for living expenses (gas, water, electricity, food, transportation), materials used in projects/activities, and financial support of our organization.

*Volunteers' fee is our only income. We are not funded by any governmental sectors.

**Participants are responsible for their own travel, and all personal expenses during the free time.

OFFICIAL MATTERS (VISA, IMMIGRATION, INSURANCE)

- Most of the western countries passports holders can get 60 days stay for free in Thailand. It's called "on arrival visa". Immigration officers may ask for a valid return ticket and sufficient funds.
- Participants are responsible for their own insurance. You should talk to your company or working place about what is covered, and how to get your expenses back in case you need it. Be aware that only few hospitals in big cities will directly reimburse the medical fees. It is more likely that you will need to pay first.
- There is no vaccination required to come to Thailand. There is also no malaria history at the project place.

DALAA organization

We are officially recognized and known as “International Volunteers for Social Development Association (DaLaa)”. Our office is situated close to Hatyai city in the south of Thailand, less than 2 hours from the project. Our main aim is to contribute to long lasting social development. Our secondary aims are support, preserving and friendship. This is achieved through projects and activities that create opportunities where volunteers and local people can work, live, and have fun together.

Please take a look at our web-site (www.dalaa-thailand.com) to learn more about us.



DaLaa is a member of international voluntary networks: CCIVS (Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service) and NVDA (Network for Voluntary Development in Asia). We desire to support local communities and existing development projects, to create mutual understanding between both international and Thai volunteers as well as local people, and to preserve nature and culture as good as possible.



DaLaa desire to gather people all around the world for working, living and being happily time together in order to make a better world with more multi-cultural understanding.

DaLaa organizes work-camps as well as Middle and Long Term projects (MLTV). Furthermore, the organization support and empower Thai members and youth to take parts in our projects and to join work-camps and MLTV organized by our partner organizations abroad (Outgoing).

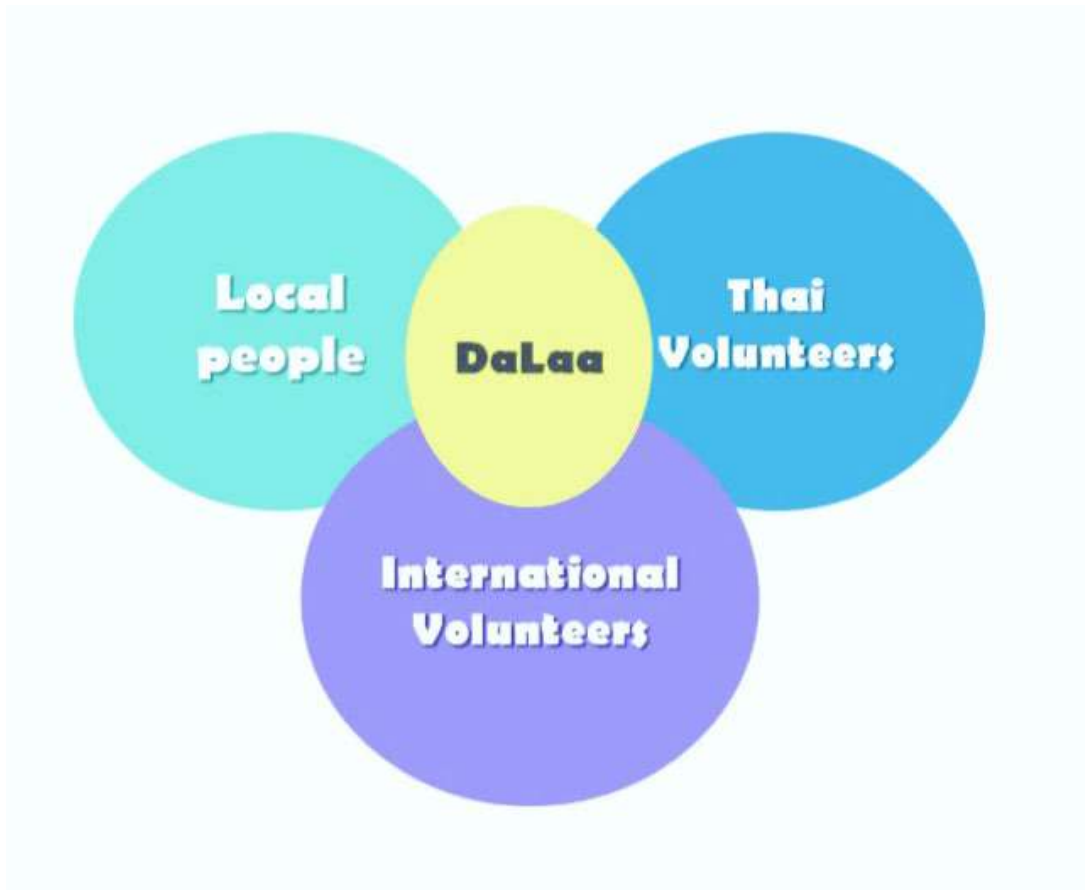
Our Mission

To coordinate the hosting of volunteers in active communities working for social growth and environmental preservation

Our Vision

Thriving through authenticity, responsibility, and inclusion.

Living Learning Working TOGETHER



Our Activities

Workcamps

Work-camps last usually about 2 weeks. The projects can be as various as teaching English, environmental activities, constructional work, and art & music camps. These camps are organized together with local organizations, local government, schools and dedicated individuals in order to meet local's needs and be a part of volunteers and communities.

Middle and Long Term Projects

Middle and Long Term Volunteer (MLTV) Projects need good preparation and independence of the volunteers. The teams are usually small (up to six volunteers). In the Long Term Projects, volunteers also have some freedom to introduce their own activities and small projects with the community. Volunteers should stay at least 2 or 3 months

In each project, there is a host who is the initiator and the one responsible for the whole project.

The host assure the continuity and the spirit of the project. The hosts are also the DaLaa's advisors.

Out-going Projects

DaLaa has been preparing and sending Thai volunteers to join the work-camps or projects with our international partners. We recruit directly from Thai residents who want to become volunteers with our partners or with us.

Voluntary Service Center (VSC)

Voluntary Service Center is our own community that includes daily activities and members' support for continuous and short activities; we call it VSC, it is the open gate for new interested people to become a volunteer.

Passport Holders who can enter Thailand without a Visa



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VISA EXEMPTION (60 DAYS)

Effective on 15 July 2024, nationals of **93 countries and territories** are entitled to visa exemption for the purpose of tourism, business engagements or urgent work/ad-hoc work, **for up to 60-day period of stay and can be extended for another period not exceeding 30 days**. Extension of stay is solely at the discretion of the immigration officer.

List of Countries and Territories:

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| Albania | Finland | Lithuania | San Marino |
| Andorra | France | Luxembourg | Saudi Arabia |
| Australia | Georgia | Macao | Singapore |
| Austria | Germany | Malaysia | Slovakia |
| Bahrain | Greece | Maldives | Slovenia |
| Belgium | Guatemala | Malta | South Africa |
| Bhutan | Hong Kong | Mauritius | Spain |
| Brazil | Hungary | Mexico | Sri Lanka |
| Brunei | Iceland | Monaco | Sweden |
| Bulgaria | India | Mongolia | Switzerland |
| Cambodia | Indonesia | Morocco | Taiwan |
| Canada | Ireland | Netherlands | Tonga |
| China | Israel | New Zealand | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Colombia | Italy | Norway | Türkiye |
| Croatia | Jamaica | Oman | Ukraine |
| Cuba | Japan | Panama | UAE |
| Cyprus | Jordan | Papua New Guinea | UK |
| Czechia | Kazakhstan | Peru | USA |
| Denmark | Korea (ROK) | Philippines | Uruguay |
| Dominica | Kosovo | Poland | Uzbekistan |
| Dominican Republic | Kuwait | Portugal | Vietnam |
| Ecuador | Laos | Qatar | |
| Estonia | Latvia | Romania | |
| Fiji | Liechtenstein | Russia | |



The following countries have bilateral agreements for visa exemption with Thailand
Argentina, Chile, Myanmar (International airports only)
(The period of stay is based on respective bilateral agreements)

Tips for Volunteers

- Volunteers are expected to take full commitment in the voluntary project in which he/she is attending. However, try not to create big expectations about the work you will do. Instead, please bear in mind that you are not coming to save the project from its problem, but you are coming to learn about the host country and to lend a hand in the process.

You will have to be flexible with limitation or some certain condition that something might not be able to be done or changed.

- Try to take as much initiative as possible. This is one of the qualities you are expected to show in your project and it is a basic tool for your development in the project.

- Responsibility is essential. The projects may not have specific rules but when the hosts ask you to do or not to do something, please follow their instructions. If you follow them, people will be impressed by and appreciate your cooperation, respect and goodwill.

- Do your best to become a part of the team. This is very important and will help ensure that your placement is a positive and rewarding experience. In your role as the newcomer, you will have to make the effort to reach out to the project hosts, community members, and other volunteers in order to develop a good and healthy relationship.

- Give yourself time to understand the reasons why things are done the way they are. Sometimes the reasons will not be easy to understand from your point of view but you need to be patient and accepting.

- Be creative but at the same time always be respectful.

- Volunteers should take care of their own belongings such as money, passport, flight tickets, electrical devices, etc. DaLaa will not be responsible for any losses. However, volunteers can leave a copy of their passport and flight ticket at DaLaa Office, in case of emergency.