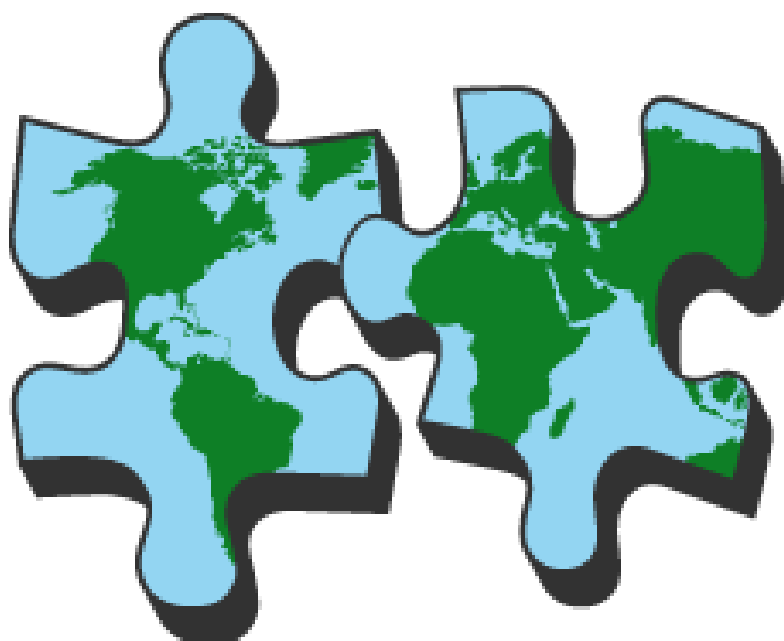


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ABOUT IBG

IBG is a German non-profit organisation founded in 1965 with the aim of contributing to peace and international understanding through international youth community services. IBG is committed to the promotion of respect and openness, the strengthening of democratic awareness through independent and responsible action, the overcoming of disadvantageous social conditions, as well as a lasting positive impact of Workcamps on the local project communities.

IBG is a registered charity and does not have a political, religious or institutional affiliation. IBG receives funds from the European Union and from the German Ministry for Youth.

ABOUT OUR WORKCAMPS

Age limit: 18+ years old (exceptions are mentioned)

Camp language: English is the camp language in most IBG camps. It is important that volunteers speak at least basic English! If the camp language is not English, a special mention is made in the project description.

Work: Volunteers will work about 30 hours a week (for example six hours a day, five days a week). Exceptions are mentioned in the descriptions and are made according to the needs of the project.

Accommodation: Accommodations will usually be in schools, gyms, youth centres, scouts huts or similar. In general, there are basic conditions but all facilities like kitchen, toilets and showers are available. If not, it is mentioned in the description.

Camp Leaders: Usually, our camps have one or two camp leaders who will support the organisation of free time activities, keep an account for the money for food and free time activities as well as provide some support to group processes. Apart from these responsibilities, they are volunteers like the others.

Food: In most Workcamps, meals are prepared in a self-organised manner by participants. Everyone will take turns cooking.

Local population: Extensive contact to the local population is one of the aims of IBG's camps. Of course, the level and intensity depends on the possibilities and cannot be forced, but volunteers should be interested in contact to the local population.

Insurance: All relevant insurance (personal accident, illness, third liability) is provided only within the official camp dates. EU volunteers are not insured against illness, that's why they have to bring the European Health Insurance Card EHIC. We strongly recommend to (non-EU) volunteers who plan to travel beyond these dates to bring their own insurance. More information can be found in our *General Infosheet*.

Visas: Volunteers who need a visa must apply **at least three months in advance**. In addition, German embassies usually ask for an addition of the **paragraphs 66-68 to our official invitations** ("Kosten fuer Rueckbefoerderung und Lebensunterhalt"). We would like to stress that IBG is not able to meet the conditions mentioned therein and that we cannot add these paragraphs to our official invitations.

Special needs: We believe that regardless of nationality, gender, sexual orientation, cultural or social background, income, education, religion and other beliefs, physical and health conditions or limitations, participation in our volunteering projects should be open to any young person. We are therefore **committed to overcoming obstacles and making access to international Workcamps as easy as possible**. If you have volunteers who need individual support to join a camp, please contact us. Together, we will find the best way to support them.

International Trainings:

In 2025, IBG will organise two training courses in Germany that is open to international participants.

- *"Training for Group Leaders in Environmental Projects"*, from April 30 to May 05, 2025. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to participants from EU member countries and all eligible partners.
- *"I am not your mother"*, a training fostering an encouraging independency on workcamp participants. Its from June 18 to June 22, 2025. This training course is funded through the Erasmus+ EU Programme. It is open to participants from EU member countries and all eligible partners.

Workcamp Program 2025

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IBG 01	Forest School Indelhausen (BW)	08.03. - 21.03.2025	ENVI EDUC	12	
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IBG 03	Build Green Minds - Horb	30.06. - 13.07.2025	RENO CONS	12	
IBG 04	Music Festival Pegnitz	06.07. - 14.07.2025	FEST MANU	10	ML 18-26 y.o.
IBG 05	Enjoy being outdoors- Schwarzerden	09.07 - 23.07.2025	RENO ENVI	12	
IBG 06	Black Forest Experience - LAUTERBACH	12.07. - 27.07.2025	MANU ENVI	12	
IBG 07	Bring nature back to Nellschütz	13.07. - 26.07.2025	ENVI	12	
IBG 08	PEACE Work Hötensleben	18.07. - 03.08.2025	RENO HIST PEACE STUDY	11	ML, Bicycle
IBG 09	Celtic House Bopfingen	19.07.- 02.08.25	CONS RENO	12	
IBG 10	Step into Nature, the forests of Heilsbronn	27.07. - 09.08.2025	MANU ENVI	10	

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG 11	Protect and Preserve Biodiversity in the Black Forest	27.07.- 10.08.25	ENVI	9	
IBG 12	Camp Village Bergheim 2 - KidZ & GenerationZ (NRW)	01.08.- 21.08.25	KIDS SOCI MANU	6	CGC, ML
IBG 13	Summer Camp Weil der Stadt	02.08.- 16.08.2025	SOCI KIDS	9	CGC, ML
IBG 14	Mötzingen - Hands On for a Place to Belong	03.08. - 17.08.2025	ENVI RENO	15	
IBG 15	Music Festival Stuttgart	04.08.- 15.08.2025	FEST MANU	12	18-26 y.o.
IBG 16	National Park Hunsrück	10.08. - 30.08.2025	ENVI	15	
IBG 17	Restore Peatlands Morbach	31.08.- 13.09.2025	ENVI	15	
IBG 18	Educational Centre Kell am See	07.09.- 21.09.2025	ENVI MANU	12	
IBG 19	Autumn outdoor adventure on the orchard meadow	29.09.- 13.10.2025	ENVI	12	
IBG 20	Bernau - Skyline Swing	28.06.- 05.07.2025	CON RENO	9	

Code	Name	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks
IBG YE1	Indelhausen Youth Exchange - (BW)	20.07.- 01.08.25	ENVI SOCI	20 +4	
IBG ESC01	Protect the Beavers - Hüfingen	05.07.- 20.07.2025	ENVI MANU	15	
IBG ESC02	Camp Village Bergheim 1	12.07.- 03.08.2025	KIDS SOCI DISA	6	CGC, ML
IBG ESC03	Nature Reserve Maulbronn Monastery	02.08.- 17.08.2025	ENVI	18	
IBG ESC04	Flower Power - Bad Windsheim	10.08.- 31.08.2025	ENVI	15	

Disclaimer

There are more camps set for the season with dates and location which could not be added to this programm because we are still missing some of the specifics.

IBG 01 - Forest School Indelhausen (BW) | 08.03-21.03.2025 | ENVI/EDUC 12 vols

PROJECT: This project is organized in cooperation with the Swabian Alb Biosphere Reserve (Biosphärengebiet Schwäbische Alb), which was awarded UNESCO biosphere reserve status in 2009 and the forest school in Indelhausen. The forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, an educational program about the forest and excursions as well as games, fun and sports. You can take a look at the place here: <https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/>. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

WORK: This workcamp is about helping to maintain a beautiful biosphere area while learning about “Waldpädagogik” (forest education), together with German pupils! During the two weeks, you will support the forest school “Waldschulheim Indelhausen”, a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

This workcamp has two objectives.

- The first one is to help the foresters with diverse environmental tasks every morning (2,5 to 3h), which will help to protect the surrounding biosphere area.
- The second one is to learn about forest education and together with the pupils contribute to the forest school’s educative programme.

You want to learn how the knowledge about forests is transmitted to young people in Germany? Then this is the perfect workcamp for you! In the mornings you will work outside with the foresters and in the afternoons you will participate in different workshops about themes such as climate change, the forest ecosystem and economy or biodiversity conservation. During your workcamp, there will be a German school class (7th class, so 13 years old) staying at the forest school too. During several activities, you will be in contact with them. If you’re interested, you will have the possibility to co-organize workshops relating to forest education for your group and/or the school class.

This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work and how to pass on important knowledge about forests to future generations.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be accommodated in shared rooms (2 to 4 beds) directly in the forest school. There is a dining room, a common room where you can relax or play games, bathroom facilities with shared showers, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself. The forest school tries its best to serve local and bio food. There will be vegetarian and vegan options but we need to know about your needs in advance! Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies you may have. Lastly, there is little phone reception in the forest school. Wifi is provided but it is quite slow – you will be able to exchange messages but streaming videos will most likely not function.

LOCATION: The “Waldschulheim” is located in the small village of Indelhausen in the middle of a geopark (a single, unified geographical area where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development) and at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting. Due to this, visiting bigger cities is quite complicated so the free time activities will be mainly done close-by, enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

REQUIREMENTS: Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany - like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country

TRAVEL:

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Riedlingen

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart

NEXT AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly: Stuttgart (STR)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Riedlingen train station, from there is a bus every two hours to Indelhausen, the last bus of the day departs in Riedlingen some minutes after 6pm. So please try to arrange your journey in a way, that you are in time before 6pm. You can plan your trip by using the German Railway website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 02 – Lights, Curtain, Action! Open-air Theater Heidenheim | 28.04.- 11.05.2025 | MANU | 12 vols

PROJECT: Lights, Curtain, Action! Are you ready to take part in the building of a Theater?

Your host will be the Open-Air Theatre Heidenheim, the 2nd largest one of its kind in Southern Germany. It is situated on the “castle hill” of the town of Heidenheim an der Brenz, surrounded by forests, and can accommodate up to 1100 spectators.

The Open-Air Theatre is run by a non-profit association and they are very excited about hosting again a group of international volunteers. This project is perfect for everyone who is interested in theatres and wants to have a look behind the scenes! Have a look at the Theatre here: www.naturtheater.de

The association was first founded by Gustav Müller over 100 years ago, after the first World War, in his quest of dedicating his life to something that would unite people: art. In 1919 not only did Müller materialize this idea, but also managed to host several productions at the concert hall.

Nowadays, with over 500 members of all ages, the Naturtheater Heidenheim association is one of the popular organizations in the city of Heidenheim and its surrounding area.

WORK: This year, you will help with the set construction. During 2025, 2 plays will be performed (The Three Musketeers, an adventure play that tells the story of the young d'Artagnan, who joins the French king's musketeers and fights with them against intrigue, rivalry and danger- and Alice im Wunderland, a surrealist theatre piece that depicts the adventures of young Alice in a fantastical land where she encounters bizarre creatures) the stage needs to be renewed accordingly: In the end, the scenery is supposed to suit both plays- a very interesting and challenging task! You will screw, nail, and paint. Smaller props will need to be built, too.

Apart from that, your work will also entail doing:

- Installing a wooden floor in the prop garage.
- Renewing the cover of the small wooden shelf storage.
- Painting service huts
- Support stage construction
- Clean, repair + paint fence around the perimeter of the site
- Paint hall walls
- Clean the stones around the cold hall with a high-pressure cleaner, replace/refill grit if necessary.
- And some other tasks as needed! Be sure to be always prepared to lend a helping hand

There will be a professional work instructor who helps you with all tasks. For sure it is helpful though, if you have a bit of experience in manual/constructional work and have used tools like cordless screwdrivers before.

ACCOMODATION: You will be accommodated directly on the project site: Next to the stage, there is huge building for administration, a workshop, a café ... here you will have one big room for yourselves, showers, and a kitchen. Mind that there is only one big room for sleeping available to all volunteers – no separation possible! Regarding food, you will be asked to cook for yourselves, and carry out all related activities (grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning after yourselves).

LOCATION: Heidenheim an der Brenz is a town with a bit less than 50.000 inhabitants in the southern region of Baden-Württemberg. The area is rather rural with a beautiful countryside: since it is at the end of the Swabian Albs – a mountain range of about 220km-, there are many hills and forests. Also in the town you will find the Hellenstein Castle, first built on the 12th century, and wildlife park with around 100 animals, very close to your project. If you would like to visit a larger town, you may go to Ulm which is only 30km away. Stuttgart and Munich are just about 2 hours by train.

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT: directly at the accommodation: Naturtheater Heidenheim e. V address: Hugo-Rupf-Platz 3, 89522 Heidenheim an der Brenz .

It is 2 km away from the train station so it should take around 20 minutes to walk there.

CLOSER TRAIN STATION: Heidenheim a. d. Brenz

CLOSE AIRPORTS: Stuttgart (STR), Memmingen, Munich (MUC)

IBG 03 - Build Green Minds (HORB) | 30.06.-13.07.2025 | RENO/CONS | 12 vols

PROJECT: This project is an incredible opportunity for the Horb Youth Department and IBG to collaborate for a third time! They are looking forward to working with you and improve the infrastructure of community nurseries and schools. Some spaces need a bit of attention and care, and with your help, they can be transformed into welcoming places where children and young people in the community can thrive. This year the main focus will be on building a recycling station in the kindergartens. The goal is to establish an effective recycling system but also to help raise awareness about the importance of recycling and spark the interest in children on engaging with environmental issues from an early age.

You will collaborate alongside the municipality, youth welfare office and other helpers to make sustainable public spaces useful for new generations.

WORK: The community of Horb is counting on your help to build a Recycling Station for kids. In addition you will help to extend and improve other parts of the town's public infrastructure. Your specific tasks will be:

- Construction of a recycling station in two municipal kindergartens
- Renovation of a tool shed (woodworking tasks)
- Renovation of the playground area in a kindergarten
- Renovation of the care center building in a primary school

The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak. You will also be divided in smaller groups throughout the days to effectively complete the different tasks.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at Horb's Culture Centre "Kloster" (Marktplatz 28, 72160 Horb) with camp beds provided for sleeping. Please make sure to bring a sleeping bag and a pillow if needed. A Kitchen is available at the Stone House (Hirschgasse 8, 72160 Horb), including a dining room. For shower facilities, you will need to walk approximately 4-5 minutes to the town's indoor swimming pool.

The group of volunteers will be responsible for meal preparation, which includes grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning up afterward. Food will be purchased with the camp budget and tasks will be distributed during the first days to ensure everyone participates. Food will be purchased using the camp budget, and everyone will take turns cooking and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and explore other more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION:

Horb am Neckar is a beautiful town of 25.300 inhabitants, located on the banks on the Neckar River and surrounded by green hills. Horb is about 900 years old! You will feel its long history when exploring the town center. With its church overlooking the town, charming half-timbered houses, old towers, gates and narrow alleys, Horb offers many picturesque sights. On weekends make sure you explore other areas of the region! There are nearby hiking opportunities in the Black Forest. You can also easily reach cities like Tübingen (30 min) or Stuttgart (50 min) or visit Lake Constance (2 to 2.5h) by regional train. The local community is willing to provide plenty of recommendations and spend time with the group on your free time to help you discover their beautiful region.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Meeting point: Please, you should try to arrive at Horb train station between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the 28.06.25. You can check for connections from anywhere to Horb on www.bahn.com/en or <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

Train station: Horb

Convenient international bus stops: Stuttgart, Ulm or Villingen-Schwenningen.

Most convenient airport. Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 04 - Music Festival Pegnitz | 06.07. – 14.07.2025 | FEST/MANU | 10 vols

PROJECT: The local association Waldstock e.V. (<https://waldstock.de/>) promotes local youth activities in Pegnitz, a small town in Franconia, Bavaria, near Nuremberg. Its members are very motivated and involved in organizing projects like concerts, film festivals or soccer cups. For more than 20 years, they have been coordinating the “Waldstock” music festival, also known as “Umsonst und Draussen” festival, which translates to “outside & free of charge”. Waldstock has become a very important event for the cultural life in Pegnitz and the whole region as it attracts thousands of visitors every year. Since 2013 the festival is supported by a small group of international Workcamp volunteers, who can enjoy the truly unique experience of being part of the festival team. This is what the festival looks like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-twnQQC9X0&t=217s>

WORK: You will help the organisers in all phases of the festival. The main tasks will be:

- Setting up the stage and the campground on the site of the festival.
- Help to create the charming and handmade decorations of the festival site and help with the disassembly of the whole structure and surroundings on the last days.
- Be available to assist in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc.

You will work closely with the local people from the association! There is a plan for the build-up of the festival, nevertheless the schedule will be flexible and adapted to the logistics of the event and you are expected to be flexible, patient and work autonomously within this plan. Volunteers should be prepared to work long and unusual hours, but also have some time between their shifts, which can be used to explore the festival and enjoy the music! Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay at the local brewery, it is a small and basic accommodation not far from the festival site that does not provide much comfort, but has very unique charm. The final ceremony afterwards for all the helpers of the festival will also take place there. During the festival, food will be provided by the food stands throughout the day so you have plenty options of exploring new dishes and drinks!

LOCATION: Pegnitz is a small town in Franconia, Bavaria, near Nuremberg. You can find medieval and historic buildings and churches in the centre of the city. The city is known for its beers: It has a long tradition in brewery and the locals are very proud of it. The Bavarian region, in which Pegnitz is located, is called “Little Switzerland” due to its beautiful surrounding that invites extended adventures and hiking trips in the region. There are all kinds of trails and possibilities to experience the unique nature.

CLOSE AIRPORT: Nuremberg, Munich, Frankfurt

CLOSE TRAIN STATION: Pegnitz

MEETING POINT: How to arrive at Pegnitz station: from Nuremberg main station 37 minutes via regional train (RE) to Bayreuth. From Pegnitz station it is only about 1 km to walk to the brewery: <https://goo.gl/maps/GVscNqPkSMGtjt2V6>

REQUIREMENTS: AGE: 18-26 years old Motivation letter to be sent with the application!

IBG 05 - Enjoy being outdoors- Schwarzerden | 09.07. – 23.07.2025 | RENO/ENVI | 12 vols

PROJECT:

Schwarzerden is a small village with 430 inhabitants and already experienced in welcoming international volunteers. After six successful international IBG workcamps they again invite a group of volunteers to support them to improve the local infrastructure and to enrich the village festival on July 12th to 14th. The previous camps have always been a big fun for the volunteers and the locals.

WORK:

Enjoy being outdoors! The main task of the project will be to improve the outdoor infrastructure so that even more people enjoy spending their leisure time outdoors and in nature.

- You will be installing benches at various points along the edge of paths or forests - in some places this will first require clearing work and the construction of a foundation, while in other places existing wooden benches or picnic areas will simply be renovated.
- You will renovate a wooden shelter for hikers. This includes woodwork and painting as well as wood and roof maintenance.
- To motivate children in particular to spend their free time outdoors, you will maintain an existing playground in the middle of the forest and add some new play equipment.
- To complete all these small tasks you will also improve the surrounding of your accommodation. This will include landscape gardening and renovation work.

The group of volunteers will be split up in the two different tasks every day. You are also invited to support the local festival team during their village party.

ACCOMMODATION:

The accommodation provided is the former centre of the sports club of Schwarzerden. It is now in public use for bigger events in this village. All necessary facilities are provided but there is no public internet. Attention: This place is quite isolated; the village of Schwarzerden is 1km away. Next to the accommodation you can find the sports ground, you can use it whenever you want. You will have a beautiful view over the valley; you will be surrounded by forests and meadows. Just make a campfire and enjoy nature.

Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow (if required). Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes:

LOCATION:

The workcamp will take place in the small village Schwarzerden, which belongs to the community of Freisen. Freisen is situated in the north of Saarland in a rural area. You can find many interesting places in Freisen: a historical railway, cultural and natural sights, a small zoo, a spa bath (but only few of them in Schwarzerden). The local villagers are already looking forward to getting to know you and to welcoming you at the local village festival. We will do our best to arrange excursions with the support of locals but due to the poor public transport they will for sure be limited. The project is perfect for volunteers who enjoy being outside and in nature.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

MEETING POINT: Please check www.bahn.com for a connection from anywhere in Germany to "Schwarzerden Bahnhof, Freisen". This bus stop is only 300m from your accommodation. You will travel by train to St. Wendel and change to the bus No. 604.

Please make sure to arrive in St. Wendel before 20.25 p.m. to reach the last bus of the day to Schwarzerden

CLOSEST TRAIN STATION: St.Wendel. Please make sure to arrive in St. Wendel before 20.25 p.m. to reach the last bus of the day to Schwarzerden.

CLOSEST BUS STOP: Schwarzerden Bahnhof

CLOSE AIRPORT: Frankfurt (FRA)

COORDINATES:

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IBG 06 - Black Forest Experience - LAUTERBACH | 12.07. – 27.07.2025 | MANU/ENVI | 12 vols

PROJECT:

This will be the 16th time that the community of Lauterbach and the local Landscape Development Association host a workcamp. They appreciate the contributions of international volunteers and are very excited to welcome support for different environmental construction tasks in protected natural area! Besides the obvious valuable help from the workcamp group, they are also very happy to share their knowledge about forest preservation to foreign volunteers. By volunteering in this project, you are actively protecting nature and biodiversity (UN SDG 15).

WORK:

Help the community of Lauterbach in preserving its beautiful forest and wildlife-rich open land! Lauterbach has many nature conservation areas to offer and your support is needed for various tasks. During this workcamp, you will work in the forest and open land, helping the municipality maintain wet meadow; an important habitat for rare species of flora and fauna. This involves removing mown material from the meadow by hand. The municipality is also responsible of the preservation of a hiking trail, so additionally, you may also assist in sanding, cutting or paving paths, renewing steps and painting hiking trail bridges.

Be prepared for hard physical work! Due to working in swampy (boggy) and steep areas, sturdy boots are required for effective work! The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. You will work 30 hours per week, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION:

You will stay at the nice community house in the middle of the forest, called "Mosenmättle Guest House". There, you will find sanitary facilities, showers a common room with sofas, tables and also a well equipped kitchen for you to use. You will sleep in 4 multi bed rooms (with bunkbeds). As the house is located in a very rural area, the internet access and mobile phone coverage will most probably be limited. Just be prepared to spend two wonderful, adventurous weeks away from your busy and usual life.

LOCATION:

Lauterbach is a village with 3000 inhabitants located on the edge of the Black Forest nature park, surrounded by greenery and breath-taking landscapes right at your doorstep! The village has so many scenic viewpoints to enjoy the beauty of the countryside. You will have many possibilities for hiking and immersing yourself in nature. In your free time, you can also visit the popular nearby cities like Rottweil, Schramberg or the student city of Freiburg

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Closer train station: Hausach Bahnhof

Closer international train stations:

- Stuttgart (2 to 2,5 from Stuttgart main station to Hausach)
- Switzerland: Basel (about 2 hours from Basel train station to Hausach)
- France: Strasbourg (1 to 1,5 hours from Strasbourg train station to Hausach)

Closer airports: all connected by train to Hausach

- Stuttgart (STR) – 3h
- Strasbourg (SXB) – 1h50
- Basel (BSL) – 2h10

MEETING POINT AND TIME: On July 12, there will be pickups from Hausach train station in the afternoon. The exact times of the pickups will be given in the specific infosheet.

Find the best connection to Hausach on the German railway company's website:

<https://www.bahn.com/en>

COORDINATES:

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PROJECT:

With your commitment, you will make an important contribution to the biodiversity and the transformation of former industrial brownfield sites. There are many places in the area south-west of Leipzig where gravel is extracted. This is done in open-cast mining. As soon as a site is exhausted, large desolate-looking holes are left in the landscape. In cooperation with the local nature conservation authorities and the Nellschütz gravel company, we will support the revitalisation of such a gravel pit with this volunteering project. Many people in the region are looking forward to this renaturation and to you. They will support you at work, in your free time, with food etc. and they are looking forward to meeting you.

The site will also be used for environmental education by school classes and kindergartens, so a circular route through the site and an outdoor classroom will be build.

WORK:

Bring nature back to an old gravel mine! You will support the transformation of an abandoned gravel pit into an ecologically valuable habitat and thus give back to nature what humans have taken from it. The Nellschütz gravel company is creating a habitat with a pond, deadwood, rocks and steep slopes on an area of 4 hectares, providing a new habitat for amphibians, insects and various plants. All these tasks are done in close cooperation with the local authorities for nature protection. The site will also be used for environmental education work with children and young people in the future.

Specific tasks will include the construction of a circular path and a green classroom, the creation of a pond, deadwood areas, etc. You will be digging, straightening, planting, sawing and nailing. There will be a wide variety of work with different levels of difficulty. If necessary, workers from the gravel company will support you with heavy machines. A landscape gardener will provide professional guidance.

ACCOMMODATION:

The living conditions will be very basic and sustainable. You will live right next to the gravel pit, about 1km away from the small hamlet of Nellschütz. Specifically, there will be several sleeping tents with camping beds and a pavilion with tables and benches as a common room. Cooking will take place in an improvised outdoor kitchen on an open fire. Instead of a fridge, there will be a dug-out earth cellar. There is a compost toilet and solar showers. Of course there is no wifi. You can also use the showers in the public swimming pool from time to time or swim in the lake. Please bring your sleeping bag.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION:

Nellschütz is located in the south-west of Leipzig. The nearest larger town is Weißenfels, the meeting point on arrival. Weißenfels is worth a visit, there is a historic old town with various baroque-style buildings, a castle, but also nice shops, bars and cafés... but also many lost places due to the structural change in the region. We will try to offer various excursions. Due to the poor public transport most activities and excursions will be realized with the support of locals. They are already excited in showing you their highlights of the region.

REQUIREMENTS.

The project is only suitable for people who are comfortable with living and working in the simplest of conditions and want to try out this way of living for a fortnight without too many comforts.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

MEETING POINT WILL BE AT WEIßENFELS TRAIN STATION: Here you will be picked up by your campleaders. We will arrange several pick-up times in the afternoon and early evening. Please arrange your journey in a way that you arrive between 3 pm and 9 pm in Weißenfels. You can check for connections from anywhere to on: www.bahn.com/en.

Next train station: Weißenfels

Next Airports: Leipzig (LEJ) or Berlin

COORDINATES:

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IBG 08 - PEACE work Höstensleben | 18.07.- 03.08.2025 | RENO/HIST/PEACE/STUDY | 11 vols

PROJECT: You will be hosted in a very special village. From 1961 to 1989, the Wall with its martial border fortifications ran right next to the village. It divided Germany into two parts and was part of the so-called Iron Curtain. The people of Höstensleben lived in a restricted zone for almost 30 years and always had the Wall in view. To this day, 400 metres of the border fortifications have been preserved as a memorial and are visited by many visitors. Here you can find an impression of the border memorial: <http://www.grenzdenkmal.com>

2025 marks the 35th anniversary of German reunification. This should be taken as a sign of hope for Germany, Korea and the whole world and form the basis for further discussions. Questions about war and peace, migration and its causes, isolation and violence are unfortunately still very topical issues today. This project in Höstensleben gives you the opportunity to learn more about the time of the Iron Curtain and the division of Germany and to reflect on what peace means to you and how you can contribute to it. At the end, you will present your personal perspective on the topic of "peace" to the local villagers and discuss it with them. German speakers are therefore particularly welcome.

WORK: PEACE is the main theme of this project. The workcamp combines volunteering, learning from history, thinking about peace and the exchange with the local villagers in a special way.

Volunteering: There will be various smaller tasks in Höstensleben. You will be doing some maintenance work at the border memorial, mowing and building new wooden seating areas. Other small jobs for the local infrastructure will be added.

Learning from history: You will not only work on the border memorial, but will of course also be given a lot of background information on the history of the Iron Curtain and the division of Germany, as well as going on excursions to other thematically relevant places of interest.

Thinking about peace: What is Peace for you? When and how is peace in danger? Share your personal point of view and the reality in your home country with other volunteers and with local villagers.

Exchange with local villagers: Peace will be one topic to share and to discuss, but you will also get to know local associations and be able to exchange ideas about everyday life today. They are very excited to meet you and will be glad to share stories with you about their experience in this border area. It would be great if you can speak a bit of German and/or are able to communicate with a phone translator.

ACCOMODATION: You will stay in the former village hall that is renovated now and includes several holiday apartments'. They offer a quite comfortable stay and ensure enough room for everyone. There are different sleeping rooms with beds provided and a good equipped kitchen as well. Wifi-access is limited. Bear in mind that the ground floor of the building is used for different activities during the week, and don't be scared if you see some unfamiliar faces roaming around!

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Hötensleben is a little village with about 2,500 inhabitants. International workcamps have been taking place there for some 25 years, so local inhabitants are looking forward to welcome the volunteers. Many activities will be done together with locals, e.g. the voluntary fire brigade of Hötensleben. Volunteers should be interested in German contemporary history. We will work at and visit historical places and commemoration sites related to Germany's history.

You will be given bicycles so that you can be mobile in your free time and, for example, go to the swimming pool.

REQUIREMENTS: Please add a short **motivation letter** to your application, describing your interest in this special project. **You should be able to ride a bicycle!**

TRAVEL INFO:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Meeting point will be the bus stop "ZOB, Schöningen". Your camp leaders will arrange several pick-ups from there (probably between 4pm and 9pm). To reach the meeting point please use bus No 370 from Helmstedt train station. For connections from anywhere to "ZOB, Schöningen", please check www.bahn.com.

TRAIN STATION: Helmstedt

CLOSER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Berlin

COORDINATES

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IBG 09 - Celtic House Bopfingen | 19.07.-02.08.2025 | CONS/RENO | 12 vols

PROJECT: The town of Bopfingen invites an international workcamp for the seventh time this year! A couple years back, researchers found archaeological evidence from the Celtic people that used to live here thousands of years ago in the Iron Age. The town's project for the next years is to rebuild some of the houses in Celtic style to show tourists how the Celts may have lived in this area. By participating to this project you contribute to protecting the local cultural heritage in a sustainable way (UN SDG 9 and 11). You will also be part of the strong partnership between international volunteers and this project in Bopfingen, as international workcamps have helped with building the complex almost every year.

WORK: We invite 12 international volunteers to help continue the construction of the Celtic housing complex in Bopfingen. So far, seven workcamp groups, local volunteers of the community of Bopfingen and a team of professional craftsmen have been working on the three houses of the Celtic housing complex. Your task will be to continue the work there by finishing the walls and floors. The working place is set on the top of the hill "Ipf", so you will be working outside a lot with a wonderful view over the region. All the materials you work with are natural materials like clay, wood, and stone. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed. Expect manual work! You will work around 30 hours per week, somewhere between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a 1-2 hour lunchbreak.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at a local gym hall at about 10 minutes walking distance from the city center and 15 minutes from the train station. You will all sleep in the very big main room of the gym hall. Camp beds are provided but please bring your own sleeping bag! In the gym hall there is also a kitchen which you can use for cooking, tables and chairs, different toilets which can be separated by gender and one bathroom with one shower. Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Bopfingen is a small town in southern Germany. It has a beautiful centre with a lot of houses in old German style. What makes Bopfingen special is the hill next to the town which is called "Ipf" with its flat plateau on the top. The "Ipf" has an important historical meaning in this area. In former times, the Celts lived there and until today a lot of archaeologists and historians come to explore the region. It is surrounded by beautiful nature where you can go for a walk or hike. Around Bopfingen, you will find various museums, the romantic historic city of Nördlingen, and the Ries (a large circular meteor impact crater with a diameter of 24 km). If you would like to visit a bigger city, Ulm is not far away with its famous cathedral and the highest church tower in the world.

TRAVEL

CLOSE TRAIN STATION: Bopfingen

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Stuttgart (about 2h away), Ulm (about 2h away), Augsburg (about 3h away), Munich (about 3h away)

CLOSE AIRPORTS, in case you really need to fly: Stuttgart (STR), Munich (MUC)

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at Bopfingen train station between 1pm and 7pm on July 19th. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 10- Step into Nature, the forests of Heilsbronn | 27.07-09.08.2025 | MANU/ENVI | 10 vols

PROJECT: The town of Heilsbronn has 13 years of experience hosting workcamps and is eagerly looking forward to welcoming the next group of international volunteers. The enthusiasm and commitment of the local community have inspired neighbouring towns, which are now hosting their own workcamps. Connecting with the community couldn't be easier!

This year, the community is embarking on an exciting project to ensure that its infrastructure is accessible to everyone. Part of this exciting development includes a fitness trail which residents use year-round for outdoor sports activities. Additionally, for those who enjoy the sensation of grass beneath their feet, there's a special path called the 'Barfußpfad', where you can walk barefoot and experience a variety of textures. Your efforts will contribute to this recognized, sensational experience known across Germany!

WORK: The municipality of Heilsbronn will focus on two different projects to renovate and maintain the town's infrastructure, with the help of international volunteers:

- Preservation tasks for the "Vita Parcours" fitness trail: Clear the over-grown plants along the paths and across the different stations, make signs visible, and clean the stations and trails of any leftover trash.
- Renovate the "Barfußpfad" (barefoot path): This path is highly valued and used by the local community, especially by children and families. It includes many different textures such as pebbles, moss, and pine cones. The tasks will require emptying and refilling different sections of the path.

Additional similar projects may be added. You should expect to be working outdoors alongside municipal workers in renovation or construction tasks. Do not worry! No previous experience is required since a professional instructor will be there to provide support and guidance through the different tasks. You will work 30 hours per week between 8am to 4pm from Monday to Friday with a lunchbreak on site.

ACCOMODATION: You will be staying at the local youth club called "JUZ". The accommodation consists of two large rooms and a smaller one where you will sleep on camp beds or mattresses on the floor. Please bring a sleeping bag! There is a small kitchen, a common room with sofas and games to relax and get to know the rest of the team, two toilets and one bathroom. A washing machine and Wi-Fi connection will also be available in the facility.

As we mentioned, local community is excited about your arrival! Expect local youth to visit the club to welcome, show you around, and spend time connecting with the group.

The group of volunteers will be responsible for meal preparation, which includes grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning up afterward. Food will be purchased with the camp budget and tasks will be distributed during the first days to ensure everyone participates. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and explore other more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Heilsbronn is a town of 9,300 inhabitants, located in the idyllic Bavarian region of Franken (Franconia). As it sits along one of the routes to the famous pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, it is frequently visited by tourists as well as pilgrims.

Heilsbronn has some historic buildings, including traditional half-timbered houses and the unique "Heilsbronn Abbey"—a 12th-century Cistercian monastery and local cathedral. However, Heilsbronn city centre has also a lot to offer! You will find supermarkets, various shops, pubs, youth centre, a barbecue area, and other amenities. Additionally, the town can offer free access to the outdoor swimming pool for your group. Nature lovers will enjoy several hiking trails in the beautiful surrounding landscape.

The nearby cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg, and Rothenburg are also within easy reach and can be visited on weekends using public transportation..

TRAVEL INFORMATION

CLOSEST TRAIN STATION: Heilsbronn is a 20min walk away from the accommodation. Attention!! Please do not confuse it with another German city called Heilbronn (same but WITHOUT an s) which is more than 2 hours away from Heilsbronn!

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Nuremberg – around 25min away by train from Heilsbronn.

CLOSE AIRPORT: Nuremberg (NUE), Stuttgart (STR), Frankfurt (FRAU). To reach Heilsbronn by train it takes 45min from Nuremberg airport, 2h45 from Stuttgart airport and 3h30 from Frankfurt.

- Nuremberg (NUE) 45min by train
- Stuttgart (STR) 2h45 by train
- Frankfurt (FRAU) 3h30 by train

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, you should arrive at the Heilsbronn train station between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on July 27. Find the best connection on the German railway company's website: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

IBG 11 - Protect and Preserve Biodiversity in the Black Forest | 27.07.- 10.08.2025 | ENVI | 10 vols

PROJECT: This project is born from a direct collaboration between IBG and the Forest Baden-Württemberg. The main objective of this project is to help preserve and enhance Biodiversity in the rich ecosystem of the amazing Black Forest. You will be working at the gates of a national park in the middle of the Black Forest. You will support the foresters and their trainees in their work to protect the local flora and fauna.

WORK: There are three main tasks to this project:

- **Mowing the protected mountain Meadows:** The Meadows are open fields or grasslands, often filled with wildflowers, herbs, and grasses. They can be natural or maintained by man and they serve as important habitats for wildlife, including insects, birds, and small mammals. Meadows are commonly found in valleys, foothills, and near forests, playing a key role in biodiversity and ecosystems. In order to protect all the wildlife here, driving with machines is not permitted, so all the mowing needs to be done by hand. This is a very good way to connect with the land but it can also be a quite physical work.
- **Maintaining Capercaillie habitats:** Capercaillies are ground-dwelling birds that feed mainly on buds, leaves, berries, and insects. Their populations have declined due to habitat loss and human disturbance, making conservation efforts crucial, especially in regions like the Black Forest, where they are endangered. It is one of the largest chicken bird species in Europe and is threatened with extinction in Germany. You will be removing wood and cutting branches in strategic zones and areas of the Black Forest to promote better conditions in their habitat, increasing their chances of survival, breeding success, and overall population stability.
- **Forest maintenance:** You will be removing branches from trees (with and without a ladder). Removing branches from trees in the Black Forest helps improve light penetration and biodiversity, creating a healthier habitat for wildlife like the capercaillie, while preventing overcrowding, disease, and reducing the risk of wildfires. The work will be led by a professional instructor, so no previous experience is needed.

The work will be around 30 hours per week, (including a lunchbreak), from Monday to Friday. We begin our work early at 8:00 am to make the most of the cooler morning temperatures. The work site is just a short walk from the accommodation, so it's easy to get there walking.

ACCOMMODATION: The accommodation is in the base building of the forest district, on the first floor. The building is called "Kriesenhof" and the forest district is called "Allerheiligen". It is nice and cozy flat that has all the facilities that you might need, such as a kitchen, a shower, a bathroom, a washing machine and even WIFI. You will sleep on mattresses, in one shared room. Please bring a sleeping bag (and a pillow if you want one) with you!

There is also a barbecue area that you can use and enjoy with the group. If you want to spend a same time on your own you will be at the perfect location as it is a very remote place with beautiful surroundings.

All volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat consumption and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The "Allerheiligen" forest district is located in south-west Germany, approx. 30 km from the French border as the crow flies. You will live and work in the middle of nature, in the direct neighbourhood of the Black Forest National Park. There are many hiking opportunities, some of which start directly from the accommodation (Karlsruher Grat, Allerheiligen waterfalls, the national park). Easily accessible by car: Mummelsee, Baden-Baden, Strasbourg, Freudenstadt, summer toboggan runs etc. There's a lot to explore and a cool town to live in!

REMARKS: This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in nature protection work. Sturdy work shoes and clothing as well as sun and rain protection are required. Please note that because the area is quite remote, it's not easily accessible, so the number of excursions and outside trips will be limited.

REQUIREMENTS: Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany -like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home count sturdy working shoes and clothes, as well as sun and rain protection.

Be aware of basic accommodation and equipment, volunteers loving nature and hiking are especially welcome!

TRAVEL

MEETING POINT: Please try to arrive between 1 and 7pm at Allerheiligen train station. You can check for connections from anywhere to Allerheiligen on www.bahn.com/en or <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

CLOSER TRAIN STATION: Ottenhöfen

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATIONS: Karlsruhe

MOST CONVENIENT AIRPORTS: Karlsruhe Baden-Baden (FKB), Strasbourg – France (SXB) or Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 12 - Camp Village Bergheim 2 - KidZ & GenerationZ (NRW) | 01.08.- 21.08.2025 | KIDS/SOCI/MANU

PROJECT: Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups: This workcamp starts with a week of camping for children (07-12 years old), which is followed by a week for families. The last week of the project is dedicated to dismantling the whole area, because the summer is ending.

(Before this workcamp the program started with another 3 weeks of divers program for children and teenagers. The first group of volunteers is staying until 3rd of August and will help in facilitating your arrival phase.)

You can find the camp village schedule here:
www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/

Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! 3 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children and young families near Cologne! The summer village officially opens on the 13th of July and several weeks of program for children and teenagers have already happened when your camp starts. Your project starts with the arrival of a children group aged 7 to 12 (KidZ 4.-9.8.) and a week full of activities with and for the young participants. Your job will be to help with different types of workshops, where the children can try out different types of sport, creative activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games. The second week (GenerationZ 11.-16.8.) is dedicated to families and presents a mix of generations from parents to small children and everything in between.

In the last days your job will be helping with the dismantling of the infrastructure, which gets stored away until the next year.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as taking shifts in the “bar” or cleaning the sanitary facilities. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers.

ACCOMMODATION: You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag! There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on. You can get a glimpse of the project area on the homepage of the association, where you can find pictures from the previous years:

<https://www.woanders.org/fotos/>

LOCATION: The camp village is situated on a meadow surrounded by trees a bit outside of the town of Bergheim. In Bergheim, you can find different shops and cafés, and Bergheim itself is only 20km away from Cologne. On your days off you can therefore visit Cologne, which is the fourth most populous city of Germany, famous for its cathedral and the Roman-Germanic museum. You can also go on trips to other nearby towns, for example to Bonn.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project

TRAVEL:

MEETING POINT: You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Paffendorf www.bahn.com/en from there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you.

CLOSEST TRAIN STATION: Paffendorf

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS: Convenient international bus stops are in Cologne, Düsseldorf or Bonn

CLOSE AIRPORTS: Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

IBG 13 - Summer Camp Weil der Stadt | 02.08.-16.08.2025 | SOCIAL/KIDS | 9 vols

PROJECT

Every year, the lovely people at the Weil der Stadt Youth Centre organise a summer camp for children, and it's a real hit! About 95 children aged 6-12 years old, take part in the camp, which is full of fun activities like dancing, sports, graffiti, hiking... The great thing about this camp is that it offers children from all backgrounds the opportunity to spend a vacation time while supporting working parents during the first part of the school summer vacations. What's really heartening is that for the past three years, international volunteers and caregivers from the town have been supporting the summer activities and local communities, making a huge impact on the children's lives and development.

WORK

In the first two weeks of summer holidays, the children who participate in this summer camp program get picked up in the morning; they spend their day from 9 am at the summer camp and holiday house and return home in the afternoon around 5pm. On Fridays, there is an overnight-stay and a common breakfast with the team and the children. Saturday afternoons and Sundays are free. Your tasks include:

1. Taking care of the children: You'll be working with other local caregivers to take care of a group of 12 to 15 children.
2. You will be leading workshops in dance, football and painting: If you have any ideas you'd like to include, please feel free to do so in advance!
3. Support with set-up and dismantling, as well as logistics: To make it possible, it would be great if you could help in setting up some tents or other things needed.

Be aware that specific tasks will be defined spontaneously depending on the needs and interests of the children. The summer camp is located next to a forest and a sportsground which allow for many outdoor adventures. Please be prepared that, due to the nature of the project, working hours may be longer than in usual workcamps - but work and fun will be mixed.

ACCOMODATION

You will stay directly in the Sporthalle in Hausen. In the building, there is a big room where you will sleep. The floor will be covered by soft floor mats, so it would be good to bring your own sleeping and pillow! Inside of the building you will find sanitary facilities and a fully equipped kitchen. There is no Wi-Fi or washing machine, so remember that you will need to wash your clothes by hand and buy a Sim Card for Data.

During the week you won't need to worry about lunch! You will have lunch together with all the kids. For dinners and during the weekend, your group will be responsible for going grocery shopping (covered with the camp budget), cooking and cleaning after yourselves.

LOCATION: Weil der Stadt is a town with almost 20.000 inhabitants. It has a very nice historical centre and is located at the outskirts of the Black Forest – perfect for hiking, if you are up to it! Also public transportation is good, so you can easily reach the regional capital Stuttgart, as well as Karlsruhe or Pforzheim. Free time will be used for trips with the whole group, so please let your camp leader know if you want to do anything individually.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: You don't have to speak German to join, but it's definitely a plus! Tell us why you're excited to participate in this project, any experience you have, and if you know any German (even just a little). Oh, and since you'll be hanging out with minors, we'll need you to provide us with Certificate of good conduct before the camp kicks off.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

CLOSER TRAIN STATION: Weil der Stadt

CLOSER INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart – from Stuttgart main train station, it takes you 40 minutes. You can buy your ticket at the train station.

CLOSER AIRPORT: Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 14 - Mötzingen - Hands On for a Place to Belong | 03.08.-17.08.2025 | RENO/ENVI| 15 vols

PROJECT: Become part of the first international volunteering project in Mötzingen - your support is urgently needed. Many local volunteers have built together with the municipality a large recreational area for all generations: The citizens are proud of it and it is very well used by children, young people, families and local associations. It is a place to be outside, meet up and have fun. On the grounds you will find a barbecue hut, a great adventure playground with a rope net pyramid, pirate ship, slide tower with tube slide, a football pitch, two beach volleyball courts, a small playing field with a synthetic surface, two beach volleyball courts, a mud area for small children, a chess field, a table tennis table and a boccia court.

However, maintaining the large facility is more time-consuming than previously thought. That's why everyone is looking forward to your international support. Other tasks for and with children, young people, families and senior citizens in Mötzingen will complement the project. In addition to the work, the international dimension is an important motivation for the project - be prepared for a lot of exchange and immerse yourself in the everyday life of a German village.

WORK: For kids, youth, families and senior citizens - be ready for a colourful mix of tasks. The whole village of Mötzingen will benefit from your work. The focus will be on care and maintenance work on the large leisure area for all generations. You will maintain and renew play equipment, restore the sports facilities such as the two beach volleyball courts or the boccia court, create benches and picnic areas and much more. There is plenty to do on the huge site, you will be sawing, painting, hammering, drilling, shovelling, mowing.... The work will be supervised by community workers and local volunteers. Other smaller projects in the area of landscape maintenance and public green spaces will complement your tasks. You will probably also be able to support holiday activities for children in Mötzingen on individual days, but this is not yet entirely clear.

ACCOMODATION: You will stay in a building of the municipality, which until June is still home to the 'Villa Pustebume' kindergarten. Here you will find everything you need for everyday life, a small kitchen, space to sleep and chill out, a small outdoor area and sanitary facilities with a shower. If required, additional showers can be used in the neighbouring fire station. Of course, you can also enjoy the leisure area yourself, which is only a few metres away.

Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow (if required). Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Mötzingen is an up-and-coming municipality with just under 4,000 inhabitants between Stuttgart and the Black Forest. Many young families move here to combine a life in the countryside with a good infrastructure and work in the industrial region of Stuttgart. Mötzingen itself has everything you need for your daily needs: a supermarket, other shops, a pharmacy, schools, a library, a youth club and many leisure activities. The neighbouring towns of Nagold and Herrenberg with their historic old towns are well worth a visit.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please arrange your journey to the bus stop 'Rathaus, Mötzingen', for which you will be directed via Stuttgart and Herrenberg railway stations. From Herrenberg the bus 790 goes once an hour to Mötzingen. You can check for connections from anywhere to Mötzingen on: www.bahn.com/en.

Closest bus stop: Rathaus, Mötzingen

Closest train Station: Herrenberg

Closest Airport: Stuttgart (STR)

Coordinates:

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IBG 15 - Music Festival Stuttgart (BW) | 04.08.-15.08.2025 | FEST/MANU | 12 vols

VERY BASIC CONDITIONS!

AGE: 18-26 years old!

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application!

PROJECT: In summer, Stuttgart hosts a variety of music festivals and events. One of those festivals – called “Umsonst & Draussen” (free of charge & outdoors) – will take place in the middle of Vaihingen, an outer city student- district of Stuttgart. The festival will run for three days, from 2nd to 4th of August (www.ud-stuttgart.de). It is the biggest non-commercial music-politics-culture festival in Stuttgart. “Umsonst & Draussen” is organized in a participative way, where everyone can come and take part. It has been running in that unique and quite anarchic way for over 40 years now! Since 2013, the festival has been hosting workcamps and the international volunteers have become an important part in the festival organisation. By helping to organize this communal festival, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community.

WORK: The main tasks will be:

- Setting up of stage, stalls and tents on the festival site, and its disassembly at the end.
- Assistance in different areas: bar, stage, organisation, catering etc.

You will also have time to enjoy the festival yourself! Volunteers should be flexible enough to work long and unusual hours – and enjoy music! Speaking or understanding basic German will be a plus. Your group might be asked to give a short presentation of their workcamp on stage!

ACCOMMODATION: In the first two days, you will be hosted in a cultural centre in Stuttgart, where there is a kitchen and sanitary facilities. You will be sleeping in the building’s hall, where a stage is. We advise sightseeing in the first two days (Monday and Tuesday). On the third day, you will move to the site of the festival. There you will be camping in a big tent, all together. Please bring your own camping mat and sleeping bag. We encourage you to bring your own tent, if possible!

Food will be available through the food stands, until the end of the camp, so you will not have to cook for yourselves. Sanitary facilities are given, but be aware of very basic festival standards: You will most likely be able to use the showers in the youth centre nearby, otherwise only cold, outdoor showers available and there is limited privacy compared to “regular” accommodations!

LOCATION: With 600,000 inhabitants, Stuttgart is the state-capital of Baden-Württemberg. From museums, to castles and parks, to an afternoon spent shopping, this city offers something for everyone to see! Within a short train ride, you can also enjoy the variety of nature around Stuttgart. The city is surrounded by beautiful vineyards and hills.

You could also visit some of the other interesting towns in the area, like Tübingen (approximately 1 hour away) and Ludwigsburg (approximately 30 minutes away), both accessible by public transportation.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

CLOSER TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart – you can reach the meeting point using the city's public transportation.

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Stuttgart

CLOSE AIRPORT: Stuttgart, Frankfurt (1h15 from Frankfurt airport to Stuttgart main train station).

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Please, try and arrive at the accommodation between 11am and 8pm on Monday August, 4th.

IBG 16 - National Park Hunsrück | 10.08.-30.08.2025 | ENVI | 15 vols

PROJECT: The National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald is the newest German National Park to protect the nature. The park was just founded in 2015. The landscape is dominated by huge forests, steep hills, small brooks and ponds, rocks and marshes. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will support the National Park Rangers in their work to preserve the habitat of endangered species and to protect ecologically valuable ecosystems. This workcamp will continue the mission of several Workcamps in the past years.

WORK: The Park Rangers of the National Park Hunsrück-Hochwald are waiting for your support to preserve the fauna and flora in this unique natural environment and to provide endangered species with their original habitats again. At the same time it is a great opportunity for you to learn a lot about this ecosystem, the rangers will show and explain a lot. Three main tasks are waiting for you:

1. Care of the nutrient-poor grassland and arnica meadows (mowing works, work to stop spreading of shrubs etc.). With this work you can protect a valuable habitat with a very high biodiversity. This is especially the case for insects such as bees and butterflies and flowering plants such as orchids.
2. You will work on the wildlife park of Wildenburg Castle. Here you can find wolves, deer, wild boars, wildcats, mouflons and many other animals. Your task will mainly be to renew wooden fences and to build elements where the animals can hide behind. You will also construct wooden barriers to protect small trees from damage through the animals.
3. Let's give water its natural space back! Within the National Park there are many places where the natural flow of water was changed (through cutting the curves of the streams or drainage channels etc.). In many cases this alteration is negatively impacting the biodiversity of these creeks. You will therefore help to restore the natural flow of the water by closing the channels and revitalizing natural flow elements.

Other environmental protection tasks can be added. Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots and working clothes.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets and showers. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Wifi and even a washing machine are available. Please bring your sleeping bag.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take place in the western part of Rhineland-Palatinate. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 260 inhabitants. The local villagers are very much interested to welcome you, many parties and events will happen. Deuselbach has a pub but no shops. The next bigger village (Thalfang) is 4km far, here you can find everything you need (shops, swimming pool...). There are also many tourists in the area as it is well known for hiking all over the year and for skiing in winter. The next bigger city is Trier (40 km), the oldest German city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of things to do (vineyard, shopping, clubs...). You will do several excursions with the support of the Park Rangers, e.g. to Trier, the oldest German city with many famous sights:

REQUIREMENTS: Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany - like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Meeting point: You will be picked up from the bus stop called "Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Hilscheid". Please inform your camp leader about your arrival time on Aug 10th. Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach www.bahn.com. There are regular buses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

International bus stops: suitable international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrücken and Trier

Most convenient airports: Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX)

Koordinaten:

Lat. 49.753484

Lon. 7.053552

IBG 17 - Restore Peatlands Morbach | 31.08.-13.09.2025 | ENVI | 15 vols

WORK: Active for climate protection and biodiversity – save the peatlands in the Hunsrück area.

You will actively contribute to protecting some special peatlands, which are situated on the slopes of the lower mountain range called “Hunsrück”. These areas were drained more than 100 years ago for forestry use but they are a valuable and natural Co2 storage. Therefore the revitalisation of these peatlands was started, Under the supervision of a Park Ranger you will improve the water balance in the moor areas in order to renature the moors, and also to help the moors to arrange better with the consequences of climate change . The measures will include closing some ditches as well as other small interventions to control the water flow. The work is expected to take place in two different Hunsrück peatland areas: A peatland forest area near the tiny village of Hochscheid and an area of open moorland near Morbach. As this one moor has been opened up for tourism, one task might be the closure of a ditch under a footbridge used along a hiking trail. This will make the revitalised moor more visible for hikers and offers the opportunity for environmental education activities. During the work and on some excursions, the park ranger will introduce you to many aspects of the ecological background.

Attention: The work might be physically hard and you will get wet and muddy for sure! Please bring hiking boots, rubber boots and working clothes.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in the community centre of Deuselbach. The accommodation is spacious, has a huge kitchen including a dish-washer and a living room, toilets and showers. There is one big sleeping room with camping beds. Wifi and even a washing machine are available. Please bring your sleeping bag.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: The workcamp will take places in the western part of Rhineland-Palatinate. You will stay in Deuselbach, a small village with 260 inhabitants. The local villagers are very much interested to welcome you, many parties and events will happen. Deuselbach has a pub but no shops. The next bigger village (Thalfang) is 4km far, here you can find everything you need (shops, swimming pool...). There are also many tourists in the area as it is well known for hiking all over the year and for skiing in winter. The next bigger city it Trier (40 km), the oldest Germany city with many Roman sights, a huge cathedral and plenty of this to do (vineyard, shopping, clubs...). You will do several excursions with the support of the Park Rangers, e.g. to Trier, the oldest German city with many famous sights.

REQUIREMENTS: Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany - like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

MEETING POINT You will be picked up from the bus stop called "*Hunsrückhaus/Erbeskopf, Hilscheid*". Please inform your camplader about your arrival time on Aug 31 . Please check for connections from anywhere to Deuselbach www.bahn.com There are regular busses to Deuselbach from the train stations of Idar-Oberstein, Trier and Neubrücke(Nahe).

INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS: Convenient international bus stops are in Mainz, Saarbrücken and Trier

MOST CONVENIENT AIRPORTS: Frankfurt (FRA), Luxembourg (LUX)

COORDINATES:

Lat. 49.753484

Lon. 7.053552

IBG 18 - Educational Centre Kell am See | 07.09.-21.09.2025 | ENVI/MANU 12 vols

PROJECT: Kell am See is a touristic village not far from Trier, the oldest German city. The regional youth department runs an educational centre in this village, which offers different environmental educational activities for youth groups and school classes. Also, school classes or youth associations can come here for several days and run own seminars or trainings. The centre was just renovated a couple of years ago and different new outdoor and training facilities were installed. For them it is important to get the support of international volunteer for their centre but at the same time they share the aims of international volunteering and want to offer a nice opportunity to you. By participating in this project, you are supporting education on environmental issues (UN SDG 4 and 13).

WORK: Support the educational centre Kell am See, an important place for youth work in the whole area of Trier, by doing environmental and maintenance works! The educational centre is public, non-profit and offers the opportunity for youth groups, associations and schools to spend some days or weeks here, running a seminar or some other projects. One focus of the offer is on environmental education and outdoor activities. You will be working to take care and maintain the green areas around the regional education centre. Your tasks will include:

- cutting the grass and bushes;
- renovating/taking care of the playground and its big swing, the low rope course, the tree houses and the sports grounds;
- tending the herbs garden and the insect hotel;
- building wooden benches;
- cleaning the grounds of the centre.

In addition, you will continue to upgrade the outdoor area pedagogically and create new offers. One of the workcamps set up an outdoor kitchen with pizza oven, which is used for different educational actions with youngsters.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in five several wooden tepees for max. five persons each. It is really great to stay here surrounded by pure nature, with the campfire in the middle of the circle of tepees. In the centre you will have your own kitchen including a dish-washer, a living room and sanitary facilities. For your free time you will find plenty of outdoor facilities (campfire, basketball, football, volleyball...) and a nice indoor room. Please be aware that the tepees have beds and electricity but no heating, so it might be cold at night. Bring a warm sleeping bag! In the different facilities of the centre as the kitchen and the living room, there is heating. Wifi is available.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Kell am See is a village 30 km from Trier, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other ways of outdoor activities. In Kell, there is a holiday resort, which offers more than 200 holiday bungalows next to a lake (close to the educational centre). The area is not just appreciated by tourists: People from the area also come here for cycling (there is a 45 km cycling path on a former railway roadbed) or to spend a nice day outside. In addition, the region offers plenty of historic sites (castles, museums....). You will get the opportunity to come in contact with local associations, e.g. the local voluntary fire brigade. Since public transport is poor, the number of excursions will be limited but you will for sure visit Trier, famous for its Roman sites, its cathedral and for being the birth place of Karl-Marx.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT: You will be picked up from the bus stop in Kell am See. There is the bus No. 230 from Trier to Kell am See every 2 hours. Please inform your campleaders about your arrival time on Sep 07. You can check for connections from anywhere to Kell am See on: www.bahn.com/en.

NEXT TRAIN STATION: Trier

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL BUS STOP: Convenient international bus stops are in Trier, Saarbrucken and Luxembourg.

MOST CONVENIENT AIRPORT: Luxembourg (LUX)

IBG 19 Autumn outdoor adventure on the orchard meadow | 29.09.- 13.10.2025 | ENVI | 12 vols

PROJECT: This workcamp is the result of a collaboration between IBG and the "*Naturpark Schwäbisch-Fränkischer Wald*," in partnership with the local forestry administration. It is a relatively new initiative and an exceptional opportunity, as such workcamps are a rarity.

WORK: Help support tree health and longevity while contributing to increase biodiversity. You will work with the other volunteers on an extensively productive orchard with over 100 different fruit trees. These fruit orchards have shaped the landscape for centuries and are still used today for both fruit (apples and pears) and hay. Your task will be to trim branches. You will receive a detailed introduction, as there is a lot to consider. You will be equipped with tools and climb ladders to reach the uppermost parts of the tree. Since there will probably be some fruits still on the trees, you should also harvest those before. The task is very important as pruning trees improves their lifespan and old trees are a perfect habitat for various animals. In general orchard meadows play an outstanding role for biodiversity in Central Europe and are crucial for the future of biodiversity. They are among the most species-rich habitats in Central Europe. You will work five days per week with two days off.

ACCOMMODATION:

You will spend the night on a youth campsite about 50 meters from the orchard (run by the local forestry administration). It will be an outdoor adventure, because in October the weather is already very autumnal, which means it can also rain, the temperatures drop and the hours of sunshine become fewer. There will be showers and toilets in a house, as well as a barn where you can set up your lounge. If it pours with rain, you can also spend the night here if necessary. There is an outdoor gas cooker for cooking. You don't need to bring a tent, but you do need a sleeping bag, a sleeping mat, warm, weatherproof clothing and sturdy shoes. So if you want to be active in increasing biodiversity, love nature and enjoy simple accommodation, almost like a kind of survival camp, then this work camp is perfect for you.

Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION:

The workcamp will take place in a single settlement approx. 10 km west of Schwäbisch Hall. The landscape in this area is very beautiful! It is dominated by forests, steep hills. Only small hamlets interrupt the nature, which makes it a perfect region for plenty of different species but also for hiking. You will really feel different here! At your accommodation is a barbecue area, several hiking trails, a special cultural landscape trail and a swimming lake (if it's still warm enough) that can be reached on a short hike. You can also reach a lot by bus: There is a brewery that can be visited; the old town of Schwäbisch Hall has museums, shops and some traditional German historical buildings.

REMARKS: This project is really for adventurers and nature lovers who want to try out living in nature and with nature even in autumn. You will be outside a lot, there will be campfires, improvised cooking, hikes and special nature experiences. Please be prepared that October can either be warm and sunny or quite fresh and rainy.

REQUIREMENTS: Bring a warm sleeping bag (pillow if needed), a sleeping mat, warm, weatherproof clothing and sturdy shoes.

Please be aware that ticks can be an issue when you spend a lot of time outdoors in natural areas in Germany - like in this camp. In our General Infosheet you will find suggestions on how you can protect yourself against them. You are also welcome to check whether a vaccination against the tick-borne disease TBE makes sense and is possible in your home country

TRAVEL:

Meeting point: You can check for connections from anywhere to "*Baierbach Abzw., Michelfeld*" on: www.bahn.com/en

Train station: Schwäbisch Hall

International bus stops: Convenient international bus stops are in Stuttgart.

Most convenient airport (if you really have to take the plane): Stuttgart (STR)

IBG 20 - Bernau - Skyline Swing | 28.06.-05.07.2025 | CON/RENO | 9 vols

PROJECT: This is the perfect project for people loving simple life and outdoor activities in the mountains. It is surrounded by beautiful nature with high moors, forests and mountain pastures. You will stay in a mountain hut and improve a hiking hut. The village attracts many tourists, hikers in summer and people doing Nordic skiing during winter. Parts of this fantastic landscape are a nature protected area. Therefore, it is very important to make it accessible to people but at the same time, it is important to make the paths attractive and guide visitors so that they don't leave the established paths and damage the nature. Part of this experience at hiking there is being able to have spaces to rest. The Neumannshütte, that you will help renovate, is one of them. To make the experience more unique, the village has decided to build a panoramic swing to swing into the landscape and to be used on social media.

WORK: You will work on the "Hochtalsteig" (High Valley Trail), a 16km award-winning circular hiking trail through the heights of the Black Forest with beautiful views. There is the Neumannshütte, a hiking/shelter hut, situated at a wonderful vantage point above our valley and directly on the much-travelled 'Hochtalsteig' premium hiking trail. This hut needs to be renovated. Additionally, you will help to build the panoramic swing. Tasks:

- Replacing the wood panelling: Remove old wood panelling, cut new wood to size and seal it with protective coating.
- Upgrading the barbecue area: Create new seating made of wood or natural stone.
- Building the panoramic swing: Prepare the site, manufacture, assemble and secure the wooden swing and create a visual design as an 'insta-spot' with panoramic orientation.

You will work under the professional guidance of staff from the municipal service department. But please be aware that autumn can be cold and windy in the mountains – so please be prepared for long outdoor activities.

LOCATION: Bernau is located in the highest part of the black forest. The accommodation is at an altitude of more than 1.000m. As many tourists visit the area in summer and winter, you can find many attractive places, sights and leisure time offers. But of course the nature is the highlight in itself. A perfect camp for nature lovers.

TRAVEL: The place is quite isolated and approx. 3 km from the tiny village, but by chance there is a bus stop for hikers nearby called "Rotes Kreuz, Bernau im Schwarzwald". Please check www.bahn.com for a connection from anywhere in Germany to this bus stop. There is a bus every two hours on Sunday afternoons. But the last bus of the day arrives already at 6pm. Please do your best to arrange your travel in a way that you can reach the campsite with public transport.

- **Bus stop:** Rotes Kreuz, Bernau im Schwarzwald
- **Next train stations:** Seebrugg or Waldshut
- **Next international bus stop:** Freiburg
- **Next airports** (if you absolutely have to take a flight): Zurich (Switzerland), EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg (BSL/EAP/MLH), Karlsruhe (FKB) or Stuttgart (STR)

**IBG YE1 - Indelhausen Youth Exchange - (BW) | 20.07.-01.08.24 |
ENVI/EDU | 20 vols (16 to 20) + 4 group leaders. COCAT, SJ, LUNARIA**

PROJECT: This youth exchange is designed for volunteers from Italy, France, Germany and Catalonia aged between 16 and 20 years old. It is organised in cooperation with the forest school Indelhausen (Waldschulheim Indelhausen). The forest school is a pedagogical institution founded in 1977. The building used to be the village school and now serves 1,000 students and teachers every year as a non-formal learning place on the topic of forest and nature. Groups of students of the grades 7 to 9 of all school types usually stay here for two weeks and participate in different tasks of simple forest work, they take part to the school's educational program about the forest, go on excursions or play games, have fun and do sports. You can take a look at the place here: <https://waldschulheim-indelhausen.forstbw.de/>. By participating in this workcamp, you are actively supporting biodiversity (UN SDG 15) and help us work against climate change (UN SDG 13).

WORK: This youth exchange is about helping to maintain a beautiful biosphere area while learning about "Waldpädagogik" (forest education)! During two weeks, you will support the forest school "Waldschulheim Indelhausen", a place of non-formal environmental education for school classes.

This project has two objectives.

- The first one is to help the foresters with diverse environmental tasks every morning (2,5 to 3h), which will help to protect the surrounding biosphere area.
- The second one is to learn about forest education and if you are interested, contribute to the forest school's educative programme yourself.

You want to increase your knowledge about forests and learn about how it is transmitted to young people in Germany? Then this is the perfect camp for you! In the mornings you will work outside with the foresters, gaining experience and know-how about how to preserve a forest, and in the afternoons you will participate to different workshops about themes such as climate change, the forest ecosystem and forest economy or biodiversity conservation. Actively preserving the forest and learning why it is essential to do it go hand in hand; this is why the workshops about forest education in the afternoons are as important as the practical work outside in the mornings! If you're interested, you will have the possibility to co-organise workshops relating to forest education for your group. This is a special project for nature lovers and people interested in learning about nature protection work and how to pass on important knowledge about forests to future generations.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at the forest school from July 21 until the end of the work camp. On the first night (July 20-21), you will stay at a youth hostel located in Blaubeuren. The Jugendherberge Blaubeuren International offers shared rooms, common rooms, sanitary facilities and an outside area. On July 21 you will all leave after breakfast to travel together to Indelhausen. You will be picked up by a bus.

At the forest school you will be accommodated in shared rooms (2 to 8 beds). The building is quite big, there is a dining room, a common room where you can relax or play games, bathroom facilities with shared showers, as well as a gym hall, a volleyball court, table tennis tables and two climbing walls. Meals will be provided by the school, so you don't have to cook by yourself. The forest school tries its best to serve local and bio food. There will be vegetarian and vegan options but we need to know about your needs in advance! Please inform us of any dietary restrictions or allergies you may have. Lastly, there is little phone reception in the forest school. Wifi is provided but it is quite slow – you will be able to exchange messages but streaming videos will most likely not function. Be ready for a digital detox!

LOCATION: The “Waldschulheim Indelhausen” is located in the small village of Hayingen in the middle of a geopark, at the southern end of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve “Schwaebische Alb” in southern Germany. This area features diverse mountainous and cultural landscapes, protected ecosystems with rare plants and animals and notable forest, meadow and orchard habitats. The surroundings are perfect for outdoors activities like hiking. It is very rural, and there are many great view-points and various old castle ruins that are worth visiting. Because Hayingen is quite far from bigger cities, the free time activities will be mainly done close-by in the nature, enjoying the beautiful surroundings and getting to know the local culture.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

MEETING POINT AND TIME: Blaubeuren main train station in the afternoon. The accommodation is 700m away from the main train station. Please try to be there between 1pm and 8pm. Your camp leaders will come and pick you up at the train station. You can plan your trip to “Blaubeuren bf” by using the German Railway website:
<https://www.bahn.com/en>

NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION or AIRPORT: Stuttgart

COORDINATES: 47.9261° N, 8.4915° E

IBG ESC 01 - Protect the Beavers - HÜFINGEN |05.07.-20.07.2025| ENVI/MANU | 15 vols

PROJECT: This workcamp is organized in collaboration with Freunde der Natur Hüfingen e.V. and the City of Hüfingen. It contributes to nature conservation and sustainability efforts in the region. By participating, you support environmental education and practical conservation work aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 13 – Climate Action and SDG 15 – Life on Land).

WORK: this workcamp focuses on protecting the local environment, especially in areas affected by beaver activities. The growing beaver population in Hüfingen is expanding into populated areas, creating challenges for their survival. One of the goals of your contribution will be to help guide them toward forested areas and away from busy streets, houses, and other potential dangers.

You will work closely with local conservation groups and environmental experts to implement protective measures for trees and landscapes. Together you will support both the beavers and the natural world around us!

Your tasks will include:

- Protecting trees along Berg, Mühlkanal, and Steinerbächle from beaver damage using mesh wire and wooden posts;
- Applying protective coatings (Wöbra) to smaller trees;
- Cleaning up litter along nature paths;
- Potentially planting container trees such as alder, willow, poplar, birch, and elm;
- Receiving guidance from the regional beaver expert and other environmental specialists.
- This is a great opportunity to learn about nature conservation, biodiversity, and local wildlife while making a real impact!

ACCOMMODATION: You will be staying at the Tennisheim Hüfingen (Tennis Association), where you will have access to cooking facilities, sleeping arrangements, and sanitary amenities. There are separate showers, bathrooms, and changing rooms for all genders. The group will share a large room with camp beds for sleeping, creating a cozy and communal atmosphere.

There's an outdoor area ideal for social activities, and everyone will take turns cooking meals together. Basic kitchen supplies and utensils are provided. Just bring your sleeping bag and any personal essentials you may need.

LOCATION: Hüfingen is a small town located in the Black Forest region of Germany, known for its picturesque landscapes and historical sites. The area offers various outdoor activities such as hiking and exploring local nature reserves. The town also hosts cultural events, including the 850-year anniversary of Hüfingen-Fürstenberg, which will take place during the workcamp. A highlight of the event is the large Naturparkmarkt happening on July 13. Volunteers will also have the chance to visit the Roman Bath museum and explore the beautiful Gauchachschlucht hiking trail.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

TRAVEL: You should get to Hüfingen from Rottweil. Rottweil is well-connected and easy to reach, and there are trains to Hüfingen every hour. Just be mindful that the last train departs at 21:49.

Meeting point: Volunteers will be picked up from a designated meeting point in Hüfingen. The closest train station is Hüfingen Bahnhof. Public transport options connect Hüfingen with larger cities such as Freiburg and Stuttgart.

Nearest train station: Hüfingen Bahnhof

International bus stops: Freiburg, Stuttgart

Most convenient airport: Stuttgart (STR) or Zurich (ZRH)

Koordinaten: 47.9261° N, 8.4915° E

IBG ESC 02 - Camp Village Bergheim 1 –TogeZer, KidZ & TeenZ (NRW) |12.07.- 03.08.2025| KIDS/SOCI/DISA | 6 vols

PROJECT: Woanders e.V. is a non-profit organization which wants to reach people of all ages, support cross-generational interaction and contact between people from different areas of life. Their work intends to reduce fear of contact and support tolerance and curiosity for other people, by strengthening the team-spirit “We”. Each summer for over a month, they organize a camping village full of activities for different age groups. This year the program starts with a week dedicated to children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. The next week contains a kids-program for children aged 7 to 12, which is followed by a week of camping for teenagers (12-15 years old) which ends in long weekend for adolescents (14+). (After the end of this project the program does continue with a second week of camping for children, followed by a week for families and finally the dismantling of the whole area until next year. The second group of volunteers is arriving on the 1st of August you will help in facilitating their arrival phase.)

You can find the camp village schedule here: www.woanders.org/zeltstadt/

Participants usually stay there for a full week, most of them will stay overnight in tents and have their meals there as well. It is a project aimed mostly towards children and teens with fewer opportunities but it is open to people from all backgrounds. Priority is given to participants from nearby communities. Since 2020 we successfully support this project with small groups of international volunteers and the local team is looking forward to meet new international friends. By volunteering in this project, you are contributing to a sustainable and inclusive community (UN SDG 11).

WORK: Come and volunteer in a summer village for different (age) groups! Over 2 weeks of various activities await you while you assist in a summer camp for children, teenagers and young families near Cologne!

The summer village officially opens on the 13th of July. Prior to that, the local team has already built up the infrastructure of the area. All the tents, sanitary facilities and common areas are mostly set up on your arrival the day before the official opening. You might be asked to lend a hand in the very final stages of preparation. Your job then will be to work together with the local team and provide different types of activities and workshops for the participants.

The children should be able to try out different types of sport, creative (group) activities, do arts and crafting or simply chill or play games.

In the first week (TogeZer 14.-18.7.) the participants are children and young people with or without mental disabilities. The young people might be older (up to 18), but the developmental age is up to 12. For this week the team is also supported by professionals from an NGO working with people with disabilities and integration assistants.

In the second week (KidZ 21.-26.7.) the program caters for children aged 7 to 12. The third week (TeenZ 27.7.-01.8.) consists of a program for teenagers.

Aside from helping with the program, there will also be “backstage” tasks, such as taking shifts in the “bar” or cleaning the sanitary facilities. Another responsibility is the night duty: Since the participants are under-age, someone always needs to stay awake. Don’t worry, you won’t need to stay up the whole night and you won’t need to do it alone. It can easily turn into a nice long campfire-evening with friends. It is very important to the local team that you feel and become part of one big group of teamers.

ACCOMMODATION: You will sleep in big group tents on the camp village site. Camp mats will be provided, but please bring your own sleeping bag! There are showers and sanitary facilities available, but the accommodation itself is quite basic. There will be no need for cooking since you will be eating together with the local team and the participants, so everything will be provided, but of course it is expected that you may help with cleaning and so on. You can get a glimpse of the project area on the homepage of the association, where you can find pictures from the previous years:

<https://www.woanders.org/fotos/>

LOCATION: The camp village is situated on a meadow surrounded by trees a bit outside of the town of Bergheim. In Bergheim, you can find different shops and cafés, and Bergheim itself is only 20km away from Cologne. On your days off you can therefore visit Cologne, which is the fourth most populous city of Germany, famous for its cathedral and the Roman-Germanic museum. You can also go on trips to other nearby towns, for example to Bonn.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We ask for a motivation letter to be sent with the application! Previous experience in working with children and/or people with disabilities will be very helpful. Since the project involves children, you need to provide a certificate of good conduct before the start of the project.

This project is a Volunteering Team within the European Solidarity Corps program. Volunteers have to have legal residency in an EU country, there is a strict age limit of 18 to 30 years. The participation to the ESC Volunteering Teams is subject to several principles and conditions, presented on the ESC webpage:

https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/mission_en

- volunteers do not have to pay any fee (not sending, nor participation fee) to attend the project and will receive a financial support for their travel, according to a maximum amount established in accordance with their travel distance and upon the presentation of original tickets;
- volunteers need to enroll in the PASS, the ESC Portal; then IBG will organise their matching, on the online system, with the volunteering project;
- volunteers will receive pocket money, calculated on basis of 7€/day, once they arrive on the project;
- volunteers will have to complete a participation report, submitted online through the portal.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

MEETING POINT: You have to arrive in Paffendorf train station. Please check for connections from anywhere to Paffendorf www.bahn.com/en from there it is only a 15 minute walk to the camp village. There will be someone waiting to accompany you.

CLOSEST TRAIN STATION: Paffendorf

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL BUS STOPS: Suitable international bus stops are in Cologne, Düsseldorf or Bonn

CLOSE AIRPORTS: Cologne (CGN), Düsseldorf (DUS)

IBG ESC 03 - Nature Reserve Maulbronn Monastery |02.08.-17.08.2025| ENVI | 18 vols

WORK: You will work in the monastery forest of Maulbronn Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the early Middle Ages, the Cistercian monks built an extensive network of drainage and irrigation ditches, ponds and lakes here. The aim was to ensure sufficient water all year round for drinking, milling, farming and fish farming. Large parts of this system are still preserved. Today, they are not only part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, but also a nature reserve, as a very special biodiversity has developed here over the centuries.

Concrete tasks: A variety of interesting tasks await you at this famed site.

Ditch maintenance: Where necessary, the ditches are made functional again. This involves removing obstacles to drainage and disturbing vegetation. Stones, soil and sediment are removed to restore the ditch bed to its historical state.

Construction of leaf rakes: The ditch system has been crossed by connecting paths since the beginning of its construction. The flotsam of the water-bearing ditches, consisting of brushwood and leaves, can lead to blockages in front of the culverts and prevent the flow of water. The accumulated water then flows over the paths and causes great damage. This is remedied by so-called leaf rakes made of oak wood, which are installed in the ditches upstream of the culvert. In several places, you will replace defective leaf rakes with new ones made from local oak wood.

Inventory and documentation: While the location of the ditches is well documented using a La-serscan aerial survey, there is a lack of data on their current condition. All maintenance measures are therefore documented and the permeability of the watercourse described (major obstacles). In particular, the risk of incipient erosion at dams and the like is recorded.

Repair of dams: The Cistercians changed the natural flow direction not only by means of ditches, but also by building smaller dams. Some of these are damaged and are being repaired. For this purpose, earth has to be brought into the existing outlets by hand and compacted.

The work will be supervised by two forest workers. All the different tasks are coordinated with both the environmental protection authority and the heritage protection authority. **Attention:** In case the weather is rainy there might be water in the ditches, so please bring sturdy working boots and rubber boots as well.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay in a hikers' lodge in a neighbourhood of Maulbronn also used for youth activities. In the house you will find everything what you need for your stay - several dormitories with beds, showers, toilets and a kitchen. Together with three similar buildings this house had been a tiny hamlet for forest workers - still today they are isolated in a forest clearing. So you will have perfect opportunities to enjoy living in nature, make a campfire, watch the stars at night. Your accommodation is 7km from the worksite, you will be transferred there every morning with two mini-busses.

Please bring your own sleeping bag and pillow (if required). Your group of volunteers will be responsible for grocery shopping and cooking together. The food will be bought with the camp budget and everybody will take turns for cooking, washing the dishes and cleaning. In order to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, we encourage volunteers to reduce meat and try more sustainable dishes.

LOCATION: Maulbronn is a town in the district of Karlsruhe, in Baden-Wurttemberg. The town is very famous for its monastery, of which you can take a guided tour. The territory of Maulbronn is very rural with a nice mixture of forests, fruit orchards and vineyards. Many hiking or biking trails can be found here. As different local initiatives are involved in the project there will be shared activities and parties with locals and they will be happy to show the most interesting places of the area. Maulbronn is conveniently situated near many towns like: Pforzheim, Bruchsal, Ludwigsburg, Stuttgart and Karlsruhe.

TRAVEL:

CLOSETRAIN STATION: Mühlacker

CLOSE INTERNATIONAL TRAIN STATION: Frankfurt (FRA), Stuttgart (STR), Karlsruhe-Baden (FKB)

Please check www.bahn.com for a connection from anywhere in Germany to "Mühlacker". We will offer probably two pick-up times from Mühlacker (afternoon/evening of Aug 3rd). If you don't want to wait you can also take a local bus to the village near the accommodation, there is one bus per hour. You will get more information in the infosheet.

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IBG ESC 04 Bad Windsheim – Flower Power! | 10.08.-31.08.2025 | RENO/MANU | 15 vols

PROJECT: The town Bad Windsheim is already preparing for its role as the host of the Bavarian State Garden Show in 2027. Living in a city with appealing parks, a favourable climate, and green residential areas has never been more crucial. State Garden Shows is the best opportunity for towns and cities to enhance urban landscapes, promote sustainable development, and leave a lasting impact. They can create new parks, revitalize riverbanks, connect landscapes, establish playgrounds, recreational facilities, improve transportation, sidewalks, and create more space for flora and fauna. The year of the State Garden Show will serve as a spectacular culmination of efforts, marked by the unveiling of permanent open spaces. It is like a summer-long garden party, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors to enjoy the festivities. Your contribution will be vital in ensuring the success and aesthetic appeal of the event.

WORK: The focus of the project is to create vibrant floral oases for people of all ages and backgrounds, offering a glimpse of what the garden show will entail. The Bavarian State Garden brings life to the city by adding green spaces where people can relax, improving their quality of life. During the Workcamp:

- You will join in the design of various raised flower beds in key locations around the city, such as in front of the Spa and Congress Centre, as well as at the train station and monastery square.
- Around 25 flower beds will be built, painted, and planted. It is not just about getting your hands dirty; there is also plenty of room for you to use and share your creativity without a limit. These floral oases, a sneak peek before the big State Garden Show, will build excitement for the main event that takes place in 2027.

ACCOMMODATION: You will stay at the European School Hostel. Even if it is called “hostel”, the building only hosts students and school classes. There is the main building with a big dining hall and shared rooms along with two more buildings with also shared rooms available. All are equipped with sanitary facilities (toilets and showers). The main building also has an area where the group can use to relax.

Meals will be taken in the dining hall, with other school groups, which means the group will not have to cook. Please be aware that you will be in contact with more than 60 children or teenagers every day! However, how much you interact with them in your free-time is up to you.

For your free time you will find perfect conditions on site: football, table tennis, billiard and plenty of outdoor activities like campfire, basketball, football and handball.

LOCATION: Bad Windsheim is a town 50 km away from Nuremberg in Franconia, surrounded by beautiful landscapes. The city itself has a beautiful old town with many cafés, an open air museum and a swimming pool which you can use for free. The area is well known for cycling, hiking and other outdoor activities like mini golf. In your free time

you can also make excursions to bigger cities nearby like Würzburg or Nuremberg! As you will stay in European School Hostel, there will be many options to do some activities with the local youth like playing darts or billiards, use the outdoor sportsgrounds or barbecue area.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Meeting point: You can walk to the accommodation from the Bad Windsheim train station (it is only 1.5 km). You can check for connections from anywhere to Bad Windsheim on: www.bahn.com/en.

Train station: Bad Windsheim

Close International bus stops: convenient international bus stops are in Würzburg and Nuremberg

Most convenient airport (if you really have to take a plane): Nuremberg (NUE) 1h20, Frankfurt (FRA) 2h45 and Munich (MUC) 3h45.