Voluntary Service Community

(Community life/ Education/Asian voluntary Network)

Work Camp - code: DaLaa 7003

Dates: 04 - 10 March 2027 (Max. number of volunteers: 10)





DESCRIPTION

During those 7 days, we want to help to adjust the surroundings around our voluntary Service center, a bit of gardening, a bit of repairing or construction, organizing 1-day English camp with local students and get some training from our Asian network (NVDA) leaders and a communication specialist. Our community values are authenticity, responsibility and inclusion, we will share the daily tasks like shopping, cooking and cleaning the place. The inclusion of this workcamp in our Asian network leader gathering make it an invaluable experience to get to know active leaders from different Asia countries.

DaLaa Voluntary Service Community (VSC) is the center of our association where our office is and where we welcome 4-6 middle and long-term volunteers and 2- 3 staff all the year along. We experiment living together as a family and volunteers are teaching at the local primary, secondary, nursery and autistic Schools. We are taking care of our community compounds and welcoming the children who enjoy to visit and play at our center.





AIMS of the PROJECT

1- **To develop our VSC activities and include every participant in our community**
2- **To inspire and get inspired by volunteers from different backgrounds and experience**
3- **To actively support our Asian NVDA network**

REQUIREMENTS

The volunteers should be ready to be actively part of the community, stay in a local area, and to adapt to the local conditions with basic facilities. Volunteers should be able to be responsible for themselves and the kids and have ideas to prepare some games and materials for activities.

FOOD and ACCOMODATION

Volunteers will sleep in the tents and small huts. There will be thin mattresses, yoga mats, pillows, and mosquito nets. There are basic toilets, showers, and a kitchen. We will take time to cook together. Volunteers will be welcome to cook their own food using the ingredients available there.





OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Laundry: there is a washing machine and laundromat in the village.
- Water supply and electricity: available
- Internet/phone access: there are WIFI at our place and mobile phone network is available

- Hatyai city is about 20 km away. There are good quality hospitals.
- ATM and markets are easy to reach around our place.
- Clothes worn in the village: You can dress casually however you want here. However, your clothes shouldn't be too revealing when the kids come such as deep necked shirts, super short shorts, singlets, or wearing shirts with no bras.
- Language: We use English in the volunteer team. Learning basic Thai and body language could be useful.

- **Few things not to forget: Flash light, mosquito repellent (nature friendly if possible), light long sleeves shirts, closed shoes, flip flops, rain jacket, hat, something to show your culture, teaching materials, food, pictures, games, music, … your motivation and beautiful smiles.**

- You will have some free time in the evening that can be spent on daily meetings, or building group dynamic by playing various games, discussion. We will have one or half day holiday- Personal expenditure on camp holiday is covered by volunteers themselves.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The fee is fixed to 5,000 Baht (about 150 USD) per person for 7 days. The fee will be used for living expenses (gas, water, electricity, food, transportation), materials used in projects/activities, and financial support of our organization.

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

**Volunteers should bring their fee payment in cash on the arrival day. We prefer Thai currency. No other currencies, so please exchange it before. In case saving it on international credit card, you should make sure with your bank if your card really works with any Thai ATM machines.

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

OFFICIAL MATTERS (VISA, IMMIGRATION, INSURANCE)

- Most of the western countries passports holders can get 30 days stay for free in Thailand. It's called "on arrival visa". There is also a 60 days-tourist visa you can apply for at the Thai Embassy-consulate in your country.
- When you cross the border into Thailand, you may be asked to write the address where you are going to stay in Thailand. You can use the address of DaLaa association written down on this info sheet.
- Participants are responsible for their own insurance. They should make sure in advance with their company what is covered and how to get their expenses back in case they need it. Be aware that only few hospitals in big cities will directly reimburse the medical fees. It is more likely that you will need to pay first.
- There is no mandatory vaccination needed to come to Thailand. There is no malaria history at the project place. Volunteers are responsible for this matter.

Meeting point: Thursday 4th of March at 10 AM at Hat Yai airport, in front of the on arrival gate inside the building.





TRAVELLING TO THE MEETING POINT: HAT YAI AIRPORT (หาดใหญ่)

You can reach Hat yai from Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore by plane, train and bus. (There are also planes from Phuket, UdonThani and Chiang Mai)

In Bangkok, be careful which airport you are flying to and from: Suwannaphumi International Airport or Donmuang Domestic Airport. They are linked by free buses, but it takes over 1 hour or more. Thai Airways and Thai smile companies will fly from Suwannaphumi to Hatyai. Other companies like Air Asia or Lion Air will leave from Donmuang. When taking domestic flights, be careful of luggage weight limits (sometimes 15 kilograms for your check-in luggage and 7 kilograms for hand luggage). There will be an extra charge if you go over these limits.

If you wish to come by bus, you must go to the Southern Bus Terminal in Bangkok then ask for the bus to Hat Yai. Travelling by bus is faster than train, and there will also be air conditioning. You will leave in the late afternoon/evening and arrive in Hat Yai early morning. Prices are about 700-900 baht.

To come here by train, go to the main railway station in Bangkok called Krung Thep Aphiwat Station. Prices depend on the class of your train. It is 600 Baht for sleeping couch with fan up to 1000 THB with air conditioned.

You can check the schedule of the trains from Bangkok (Krung Thep Aphiwat station) to Hat Yai Junction .– Southern Line via this link: https://dticket.railway.co.th/DTicketPublicWeb/home/Home

Most trains heading to Hat Yai will depart in the afternoon and arrive in late morning.

DALAA organization

We are officially recognized and known as "International Volunteers for Social Development Association (DaLaa)". Our main aim is to contribute to long lasting social development. Our secondary aims are support, preserving and friendship. This is achieved through projects and activities that create opportunities where volunteers and local people can work, live, and have fun together.
Please take a look at our web-site (www.dalaa-thailand.com) to learn more about us.





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