

WORKCAMPS PROGRAMME 2009

NATATÉ



San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México

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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS

NAT 1 Los Chorros 1

05/04-18/04

EDU/CONS

4 volunteers

PROJECT: Habitat for Humanity-Mexico is developing a program of housing construction projects in several rural communities in the state of Chiapas. Support local communities in southern Mexico, particularly to indigenous communities of Chiapas and Tabasco. The volunteers will do some construction work and improvement of houses in the community of Los Chorros. The volunteers will organize activities with the local population.

ACCOMMODATION: In a house in the town.

LOCATION: Los Chorros is situated 2 hours from San Cristobal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: Chenalho, which is 1 hour from San Cristóbal de las Casas.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 2700 Mexican pesos (aprox. 140 euros)

NAT 5 San Felipe Ecatepec

03/05-16/05

ENVI/CONS

4 volunteers

PROJECT: Habitat for Humanity-Mexico is developing a program of housing construction projects in several rural communities in the state of Chiapas in southern Mexico, particularly in the indigenous communities. The volunteers will do some construction work and improvement of houses in the community of San Felipe Ecatepec. Also, the volunteers will participate in the construction of a Lorena stove (mud and sand) and will develop activities with the local people. The volunteers will move to another village to work in the finishing of several houses.

ACCOMMODATION: In a house in San Cristobal de las Casas.

LOCATION: San Felipe Ecatepec is situated to 10 km from San Cristobal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 2700 Mexican pesos (aprox. 140 euros)

NAT 6 San Jose Flora

04/07-25/07

ENVIROMENT

10 Volunteers

PROJECT: The San Jose Educational Eco-Park, is a natural reserve and an educational park and is part of the State Natural History Institute of Chiapas. This has as mission the protection, preservation and exhibition of the flora and fauna of the region of the highlands of Chiapas. In 2008, the IHN and Nataté started the project "RECREARTE" (Redesigning, Growth and Regional Interaction, Ecotourism) in order to rehabilitate and expand the structure of the park, the spaces not used to transform them into an eco-cultural place with activities that contribute to the conservation of natural resources in the region and sustainable lifestyles.

Volunteers will work on renovation the infrastructure used by biologists for the study of orchids and bromeliads. They will also make information panels and will work on improving a track mountain biking. The activities will include the Preparation of the epifitario and the development of the botanical garden,.

ACCOMMODATION: In a house inside of the park

LOCATION: In Zinacantán town 6 Km. from San Cristóbal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas.

PARTICIPACION FEE: 3000 Mexican pesos (aprox 160 euros)

NAT 7 Oxchuc

04/07-18/07

EDU/CONS

15 Volunteers

PROJECT: La Vanguardia is one youth club in the Tzeltal community of Oxchuc that has appropriated of the problem of waste management in the city. The volunteers will prepare a awareness campaign about recycling and the environment and will collect garbage with the members of the club. Other renovation works in different areas will be done. They will also realize different activities with local children and youth.

ACCOMMODATION: A house in the city

LOCATION: Oxchuc is situated to 48 Km. from San Cristobal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas.

PARTICIPACION FEE: 2700 Mexican pesos (aprox. 140 euros)

NAT 8 Tecpatán – World Heritage - Patrimonito

04/07-18/07

ENVIRONMENT

15 Volunteers

PROJECT: The Zoque route covers northern mountain range of Tuxtla Gutierrez is the land of the ethnic group Zoque. In the region there is the Dominican church Tecpatán, in this church and ex-monastery of Santo Domingo, where this project will realize it. The complex is Mudejar style but there is a strong medieval influence. The volunteers will participate in an awareness campaign to the local population on the preservation of the site, clearing the area around the ex- convent and church which includes cleaning the moss and vegetation growing on the walls of several facades and that are damaged. They will participate in some renovation works as well as in the inventory of some of the pieces stored in the ex-convent.

NOTE : this project is part of the Patrimonito programme which is supported by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the CCIYS plate-form.

ACCOMMODATION: to be determined

LOCATION: Tecpatán is situated to 80 km to North of Tuxtla Gutierrez.

NEAREST STATION: Tuxtla Gutierrez.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 2700 Mexican pesos (aprox. 140 euros)

NAT 9 Growing together

08/07-31/07

EDU/CONS

9 Volunteers

PROJECT: The Foundation Yirtrak A.C. has an experience in urban summer Workcamps since 2004. This year, the experience will be renewed and we have the facilities of the Center "Mahatma Gandhi: Pinguin@s" belongs to the foundation. This year, the urban intercultural workcamp is dedicated to: *Games-songs and recycling of the World*, in order to develop an intercultural experience, which also provides a practical for and by the Environment. The volunteers will work in the area of Permaculture : cultivating, biological reconstruction (adobe), arranging the game zone in the center Los Pinguinos, vermicompost, workshops of recycling materials, etc.

ACCOMMODATION: in the facilities of the Center "Mahatma Gandhi: pinguin@as"

LOCATION: San Cristobal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 3000 Mexican pesos (aprox. 165 euros)

NAT 10 Green Chiapas 1

11/07-31/07

EDU/CONS

10 Volunteers

PROJECT: The Foundation Yrtrak A.C. supports local communities in southern Mexico, particularly in indigenous communities of Chiapas and Tabasco. The volunteers will participate in the construction of eco-homes (foundation, walls of *bajereque* which are constructed with planks or boughs nailed alternately inside and outside of corner posts, filled in with rocks and covered with mud and lime), compact soil, treated wastewater, dry bath or hydro-sanitary, solar heaters, rain water collection. Besides, the volunteers will have the opportunity of participate in practical work in some communities in the surroundings of San Cristobal de las Casas..

ACCOMMODATION: In a house in San Cristobal de las Casas

LOCATION: San Cristobal de las Casas is situated in Chiapas State. Other communities will be determined later on.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas.

PARTICIPACION FEE: 3000 Mexican pesos (aprox 160 euros)

NAT 11 San Jose Fauna

25/07-15/08

Environment

10 volunteers

PROJECT: The San Jose Educational Eco-Park, is a natural reserve and an educational park and is part of the State Natural History Institute of Chiapas. This has as mission the protection, preservation and exhibition of the flora and fauna of the region of the highlands of Chiapas. In 2008, the IHN and Nataté started the project "RECREARTE" (Redesigning, Growth and Regional Interaction, Ecotourism) in order to rehabilitate and expand the structure of the park, the spaces not used to transform them into an eco-cultural place with activities that contribute to the conservation of natural resources in the region and sustainable lifestyles. Volunteers will work on the renovation of the infrastructure and will support the

team of the small zoo of the park. They will make information panels in the zoo trail and will work on improving an environmental trail.

ACCOMMODATION: In a house in the park.

LOCATION: San Jose Park is situated in the Zinacantan town to 10 km from San Cristobal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristobal de las Casas.

PARTICIPATION FEES: 3000 Mexican pesos (aprox. 160 euros)

NAT 12 Tuxtla

18/07-01/08

Environment

5 volunteers

PROJECT: The Botanical Garden "Faustino Miranda" was founded in 1949, is the oldest of its kind in the country, besides it had been the first Botanical Garden that was developed in the Mexican tropics. Volunteers will develop activities in planting and transplanting in the breeding ground, rehabilitation and equipping sites for new plants and a new space for the breeding ground, cleaning (biomass) of the different areas of collections, rehabilitation of dining areas, start an area and a program for composting preparation, processing and placement of signs, design and making of promotion and awareness raising materials as well as of educational material.

REQUIREMENTS: People who love and enjoy the contact with the plants and who are interested in knowing some of the vegetation of Chiapas and the details of fruit, seeds, germination and ecosystems

ACCOMMODATION: to precise

LOCATION: the museum situated in Tuxtla Gutierrez, capital of the Chiapas State

NEAREST STATION: Tuxtla Gutierrez.

PARTICIPACION FEES: 2700 Mexican pesos (Aprox 140 euros)

NAT 13 Sueniños

09/07-25/07

Kids

8 Volunteers

PROJECT: Educational Development Sueniños A.C. is developing an educational project in summer in two marginalized neighborhoods located on the outskirts of

the city of San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas. The volunteers will develop formative and educational activities with children in a elementary school and a secondary school.

ACCOMMODATION: in a house in the city.

LOCATION: San Cristobal de las Casas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristobal de las Casas.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 2800 Mexican pesos (aprox. 145 euros)

NAT 14 Revolución Mexicana

29/08-19/09

ENVIRONMENT

10

volunteers

PROJECT: Revolución Mexicana is a town surrounded by 5 beautiful rivers, this town faces a problem of waste management. River pollution and the lack of environmental knowledge are contributing to the accumulation of more and more garbage. The volunteers will participate in the cleanup of certain areas in the 5 rivers around the village. They will also designed panels to raise the awareness of the local population and invite them to use the litter compartment. Planting trees in the center city is also part of the project . The volunteers will have the opportunity to work 2 or 3 days in a turtle project in Boca del Cielo and/or Puerto Arista beaches participating in an awareness program of environmental conservation

ACCOMMODATION: in a house in the city

LOCATION: Revolucion Mexicana is situated 100 km south of Tuxtla Gutierrez.

NEAREST STATION: Tuxtla Gutierrez.

PARTICIPATION FEE: 3000 Mexican Pesos (aprox. 140 euros)

NAT15 Jardín de Epífitas

28/06 -11/07

EDU/CONS

10 volunteers

PROJECT: Jardín de Epífitas is an organization that promotes projects to develop the Environment and Natural Culture. We promote new ideas to approach to the environment, based on modern techniques as instruments to learn and to fulfill a

socio-labor integration. We believe that ecological work could enrich personal experiences and lives, and to improve life's quality according to a better relation with nature. Our guidelines of action are:

- To create and spread ecological spaces (Forms of recycling or botanical gardens).
- Training (workshops, courses and conferences).
- To spread environmental culture through artistic activities (cine-debates, murals, expositions, literature, creative recycling and theater).

Volunteers will participate to these activities: cleaning spaces, building terraces, cultivation and sowing of plants and workshops of creative recycling.

ACCOMMODATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas Chiapas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas

PARTICIPATION FEE : 2700 Pesos mexicanos (aprox 140 euros)

NAT16 Jardín de Epífitas

02/08 -15/08

EDU/CONS

10 volunteers

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ACCOMMODATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas Chiapas.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas

PARTICIPATION FEE : 2700 Pesos mexicanos (aprox 140 euros)

NAT17 Cruz Obispo

23/08-05/09

ENVI

12 volunteers

PROYECTO: The community of Cruz Obispo wishes to improve the image of its community and the surroundings through a long term program of sustainable development that benefits the population. This year the community wishes to clean a water stream that passes through the low part of town, to clear a small cave in which throughout the years there are accumulated trash. As part of the project there will be a reforestation work done. The volunteers will clean 200 m approximately of the small river and remove branches and bushes, will remove the accumulated trash in the cave of the village and will plant trees in two sides of the river. They will prepare a awareness raising campaign for the community about the importance of handling the waste better.

ACCOMMODATION: En la escuela del pueblo

LOCATION: Cruz Obispo se encuentra a 10 minutos de San Cristóbal de las Casas Chiapas y pertenece al municipio de San Juan Chamula.

NEAREST STATION: San Cristóbal de las Casas

PARTICIPATION FEE: 2700 Pesos

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