

SOUTH AFRICA VOLUNTEER WORK CAMP ASSOCIATION **103-758 (NPO)**

Vision

To be a community based, volunteer membership driven, people focused, self-sustaining and development oriented organisation which is youth centred and gender sensitive.

Mission

The South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association (SAVWA) will contribute towards the development of South African communities both urban and rural through local, national, regional and international volunteers to work together towards the cultural, economic, socio-political well-being of young people and marginalised persons or groups through empowerment work camp programmes and promotion of sustainable development.

The South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association shall work and collaborate with other volunteer driven organisations and Regional Work Camp Associations.

Aims and Objectives

- To conduct voluntary based work camps and community driven development programmes in South Africa nationally throughout the year and regional and internationally throughout the world participation.
- To conduct capacity building training and skills development for young people.
- To facilitate youth exchange for volunteers North to South, South to North, and South to South volunteer driven work camps exchanges and developmental programmes.
- To establish a volunteer work camp site in South Africa, a self-sustaining and youth oriented establishment.

Activities

Since its inception in 2012, SAVWCA is looking to carry out projects in various communities of South Africa in the following categories:

Construction: Roads and foot-bridges, low income housing, schools, clinics, churches and community center's

Renovation: Historic buildings, archeological and heritage sites.

Environmental: Soil and water conservation, tree planting

Health: Water supply, pit latrines, HIV/AIDS awareness and mitigation

Economic: Poultry, piggery and irrigation schemes, communal and home gardens and other income generating enterprises.

Volunteers

An international work camp consists of volunteers from different races, nationalities and other backgrounds although local volunteers are usually in the majority; the latter are made up of two groups namely SAVWCA members and local community members.

Travel

All the projects are in or around Pretoria which is a short ride on express train from Johannesburg airport. Allow some extra money for local travel.

Camp Calendar 2013

1. Camp Name: Itereleng, Laudium
Camp Number: SAVWCA 01
Participants: 15
Dates: 2-15 April 2013
Type of Work: Help in the orphanage home in different daily activities.
Help in supplying clean water to houses for elderly and orphans homes

Location: Laudium is a suburb of Pretoria. Iterileng is a settlement of over 16,000 people sharing 13 water points and 54 portable toilets.

Arrival: Volunteers arriving by air at Johannesburg should take the Gautrain - fast train connection to Pretoria (change trains at Marlboro).

Extra info: The work camp participation fee is strictly US\$200 (€150) payable on arrival and this covers simple accommodation, food and project expenses during the camp. Please note that this does not include travel expenses to and from the camp, so participants are asked to reserve a small amount of money for transport to the camp and vice-verse.

Leisure Activities: Weekends are meant to be for free tours that the group can organize by themselves. All our work camps are reserved for cultural nights when each volunteer can present her/his country and culture. Extra info:

2. Camp Name: Mabopane/Soshanguve Construction Project
Camp Number: SAVWCA 02
Participants: 20
Dates: 17-29 June 2013
Type of Work - Low Income Housing Project
- The Volunteers will also renovate some of the old classrooms. Work will range from painting, fitting in window panes, flooring and plastering.
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3. Camp Name: Environmental Awareness Campaign
(Pretoria)
Camp Number: SAVWCA 03

Participants: 30
Dates: 12-24 August 2013
Type of Work: Clean-up campaign and conservation project
- Working with City of Tshwane (which includes Pretoria)

and officials we will plant trees and clean up in the CBD area of Pretoria and surrounding towns.

Extra info: The work camp participation fee is strictly US\$200 and this Extra info: The work camp participation fee is strictly US\$200 (€150) payable on arrival and this covers simple accommodation, food and project expenses during the camp. Please note that this does not include travel expenses to and from the camp, so participants are asked to reserve a small amount of money for transport to the camp and vice-verse.

Leisure Activities: Weekends are meant to be for free tours that the group can organize by themselves. All our work camps are reserved for cultural nights when each volunteer can present her/his country and culture.

4. Camp Name: International Work Camp and Training
Camp Number: SAVWCA 04
Participants: 30
Dates: 7-19 October 2013
Type of Work: International Work Camp and International Leadership Training for Camp Leaders

Extra info: The work camp participation fee is strictly US\$200 (€150) payable on arrival and this covers simple accommodation, food and project expenses during the camp. Please note that this does not include travel expenses to and from the camp, so participants are asked to reserve a small amount of money for transport to the camp and vice-verse.

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