

Zimbabwe Workcamps Association

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Introduction

Zimbabwe Workcamps Association is a youth volunteer organization founded in October 1993. It is a non political, non sectarian, non religious, voluntary organization. Its membership is open to anyone above the age of sixteen years irrespective of nationality, gender, race, religion, political view or educational qualification. Zimbabwe Workcamps Association employs international voluntary services as a double edged sword namely education and community development. . Workcamps are proven developmental techniques aimed at encouraging local communities to do self-help projects, through the use of scarcely available resources in the raising of their socio-economic, cultural and physical standards of living. We strive to:

- ✓ To assist with community development,
- ✓ Encourage the concept of voluntary service as a force in the search for peace, equality and international understanding,
- ✓ Enable young people to encounter and understand different cultures
- ✓ Organise and run voluntary workcamps in Zimbabwe and in the region either independently or in collaboration with other voluntary organization or government departments.
- ✓ To promote peace, democracy, social justice, volunteerism and exchange of information, skills and best shared practices.

Nature of Work involved

International volunteer projects in Zimbabwe varies a lot, the work ranges from nature and environmental conservation, construction, restoration of historical monuments, brick moulding, health and HIV/AIDS programmes, water and sanitation programmes and any other community specific requests. The community may ask us to perform other necessary specific tasks outside the scope of our agreement. This is seen as a way of promoting intercultural understanding.

Food and Accommodation

Food and accommodation will be provided for the duration of the camp. Most of our camps are self catering (unless it is stated otherwise) and sufficient money is provided for you to buy and cook food together as a family. Please bring with you traditional recipes that do not require particularly special ingredients. Accommodation is usually in classrooms, tents, halls or rooms but this is known before hand.

Who are the other volunteers?

This is not known until you arrive, each project is made up of people of various nationalities, ages and background. For every project there is a camp leader usually chosen and trained by us. The leader depends on the full participation of each volunteer, so it is the whole group's responsibility to ensure that the project is a success.

What to pack?

Participants should remember to bring suitable clothes (e.g. winter/summer clothes) depending on the geographical location of the workcamp they have would have chosen, a good sleeping bag, small mattress, working boots and gloves. Also bring with you so recipes, some music from your country as well as musical instrument if you can play one, etc. In Zimbabwe only selected currencies are exchangeable such as the British pound, US dollar, Euro and South African Rand. Also for other currencies inquire from your local bank first before departure to Zimbabwe. The exchange of money is done at banks and any other officially licensed. Dealing on black/parallel market is a serious offence and anyone found doing so would be arrested.

Leisure Activities

Weekends are meant for free tours that group/individuals can organize by themselves. You can decide to visit places of interest within the vicinity of the work camp. It has become a custom in all our Workcamps to have cultural nights. This affords each volunteer the opportunity to present her/his country and culture. Please bring with you your national flag and traditional dress if possible.

Critical and Crucial Points

Participants should arrive at least two days before the camp starts for orientation and they should not go direct to the camp before coming to ZWA office. It is important to note that projects locations may change due to several reasons beyond our control. There might be few applications for participation, late cancellation by volunteers or the community failing to make its contribution to the project in the last minute, and finally insecure situations. Therefore volunteers are urged to be flexible and accept alternative options. On arrival at the airport, please take taxi to our office, which is in Hatfield in Harare, 2km from the airport. It will cost you around 5 euros. Our offices are closed over the weekend and public holidays, in case of emergency phone us on the numbers above. Please NOTE: Do not leave your baggage with the taxi driver.

Detailed Project Information

ZWA 1 Naletale - 01/03/2013 – 21/03/ 2013 Restoration of National Monuments – 15

Volunteers

Work: Naletale is on the list of sites in danger and needs urgent restoration of dry stone walled monuments

Accommodation: Tents

Location: Naletale - near Gweru - 25 km off Shangani Road

Language: English

Special Remarks: Desire to work hard with the departments of Museum and National Monuments

Terminal: Kudzanayi Bus Rank Gweru

ZWA 2 Tose Respite Care Home 01/03/2013-21/03/2013 Social work-10 Volunteers

Work: Tose is home for people with severe and multiple disabilities. It provides respite care, rehabilitation and training for caregivers. The volunteers will work with the staff members at Tose to provide respite care as well as rehabilitation for the disadvantaged. The volunteers will also help in the garden, kitchen laundry and any specific request from administration at Tose.

Accommodation: Tose

Location: Harare, 6 km away from the city centre

Language: English

Special Remarks: Emotionally competent and feel comfortable to work with people with multiple and severe disabilities

Terminal: Harare International Airport or Road Port Harare

Khami Ruins 20/03/2013-09/04/2013 Restoration of National Monuments 20 Volunteers

Work: Khami which was developed after the capital of Great Zimbabwe had been abandoned in the mid 16th century. It is of great archaeological interest. Volunteers from all over the world will help to restore the dry stone walled monuments

Accommodation: Tents, No Shower

Location: South western part of the country 16 km outside Bulawayo

Language: English

Special Remarks: Volunteers should be willing to work as team members in an outdoor setting.

Terminal: Joshua Nkomo International Airport

ZWA 04 Naletale 15/04/2013-06/05/2013 Restoration of National Monuments - 14 Volunteers

Work: Restoration work on the national monuments.

Accommodation: Tents

Location: Naletale – near Gweru – 25km off Shangani road

Language: English

Special Remarks: Participants should be initiative, With Strong interpersonal skills

Terminal: Harare Airport and Road Port Harare

ZWA 05 Larche Community Home 15/04/2013-06/05/2013-Social Work 10 Volunteers

Work: Larche is a Community home for people with multiple disabilities, committed to helping them to attain a certain degree of independence. Volunteers will work with the Larche community in providing rehabilitation and training programmes. The participants will also work with the community members on gardening, planting, cultivating and harvesting gardening produce as well as helping in the kitchen.

Accommodation: Zimcamps Resources Centre

Location: Waterfalls, Harare

Language: English

Special Remarks: Desire to work hard as well as being comfortable to work with people with severe disabilities.

Terminal; Harare Airport or Road Port Harare

ZWA 06: Kintyre Estate 20/05/2013-10/06/2013 Agricultural Project 15 Vols

Work: Participants will harvest maize as well as clear the land for preparation for winter crops. This work will be physically demanding, so volunteers should be prepared to work long hours.

Accommodation: Zimcamps Resource Centre

Location: Kintyre Estates Norton

Language: English

Special Remarks: Participants should be flexible, ready for both physical and mental work.

ZWA 07 Sengwa Primary School 18/07/2013-05/08/2013-Renovation/Construction 20 Vols

Work: The participants will construct a multi-purpose administration block at Sengwa Primary School. The Volunteers will also renovate some of the old classrooms blocks. The work will range from painting, fitting in window panes, flooring and plastering

Accommodation: Classrooms

Location: Gokwe South District

Language: English

Special Remarks: Participants should be mature and willing to work independently, and prepared for long hours.

Terminal: Harare Airport or Road Port Harare

ZWA 08 Khami Ruins 18/07/2013-05/08/2013-Restoration of National Monuments 15 Vols

Work: Volunteers will work with the community as well as local participants on restoring the UNSECO World Heritage Site

Accommodation: Tents

Location: South western part of the country, 16km outside Bulawayo.

Language: English

Terminal: Joshua Nkomo International Airport

ZWA 09 ZWA Resources Centre 14/09/2013-04/10/2013 Renovation Work 16 Volunteers

Work: The volunteers will renovate Zimbabwe Workcamps Association Resources Centre, The work will range from painting, fitting in floor tiles, gardening repairing the durawall as well as fixing some timber cabin house for recreational purposes at the centre. The volunteers will also establish a market garden project at the centre.

Accommodation: Zimcamps Resource Centre

Location: Harare, Hatfield

Language: English

Special Remarks: No Special remarks

Terminal: Harare Airport or Road Port Harare

ZWA 10 Larche Community Home 14/09/2013-04/10/2013- Social Work 10 Volunteers

Work: In close cooperation with the department of social welfare, Larche Community home and the volunteers will draw some training programmes as well developing some training manual for different people with multiple disabilities as well as train the people with disabilities at larche community home. The volunteers will also work in the garden and assist in the kitchen . The volunteers will also assist with day to day running of the community home.

Accommodation: Larche Community Home

Location: Waterfalls: Harare

Language: English

Special Remarks: Volunteers should be competent and emotional prepared to work with people with severe and multiple disabilities.

Terminal: Harare Airport or Road Port Harare

ZWA 11 Great Zimbabwe Monuments 21/10/2013-11/11/2013-Renovations20 Volunteers

Work: The work will consist of construction of the large stone staircase which links the hill enclosure with the rest of the great enclosure. Experts from the Department of museum and national monuments will dictate the pace. The volunteers will also perform any special task assigned by the department.

Accommodation: Tents

Location: Masvingo

Language: English

Terminal: Harare Airport or Masvingo Rank

ZWA 12Kintyre 21/10/2013-11/11/2013- Agriculture 15 Volunteers

Work: Volunteers will work at ZWA farm at Kintyre Estate, a farm which is providing educational farming experience for the disadvantaged youths in Zimbabwe. The main objective of this camp is to foster communication, tolerance and self esteem through nature and agricultural activities, as well as to help the youths to gain an understanding of our relationship with nature. There will be a variety of tasks ranging from weeding, planting crops, harvesting and irrigation

Accommodation: Tents and Zimcamps Resources Centre

Location: Norton

Language: English

Special Remarks: Volunteers should be motivated to work outdoors

Terminal: Harare Airport or Road Port Harare