



Volunteers For Peace 2016 Program Announcement



ABOUT VOLUNTEERS FOR PEACE



Volunteers For Peace (VFP) is a US non-profit organization founded in 1982 and located in Burlington, Vermont. Through international voluntary service VFP promotes intercultural education, service learning, and community development. Each year we support local communities by organizing and promoting about 20 short, medium and long-term service projects in the USA and many projects in Haiti and Nicaragua. We have exchanged over 31,000 volunteers worldwide and offer over 3,000 projects in more than 90 countries around the world. Through these projects, nations join together to improve life on our planet. Our volunteers experience a microcosm of our world within the international group, and communities are able to create goals that improve life for their members.

VFP provides opportunities for volunteers to build cultural understanding and connections around the world while exploring grassroots community development and leadership roles. Volunteers will be encouraged to learn, share and plan effective ways to address local and global challenges together. Through these experiences, our volunteers gain valuable skills and an enhanced global consciousness, which we believe will help them become citizen diplomats, global leaders, and advocates for a more peaceful world! For more information visit our website at www.vfp.org.



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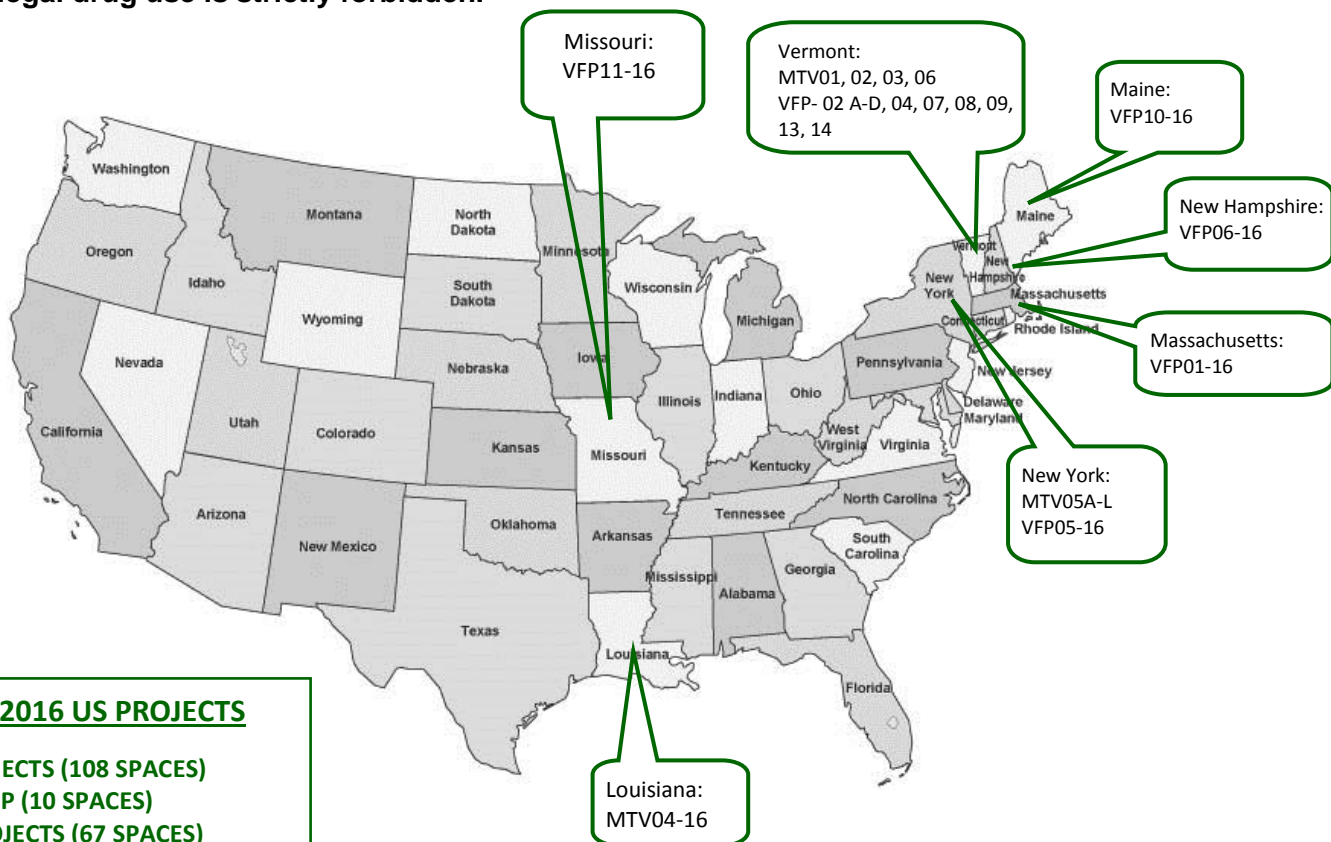
VFP 2016 CAMP NOTES & CONDITIONS

- Volunteers For Peace will begin accepting summer registrations on **March 14, 2016**.
- **INSURANCE:** VFP does not provide insurance coverage to volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for their own health/accident/travel insurance during the entire duration of the project.
- **CONFIRMATION: Volunteers must email VFP a confirmation of their participation at least one month before the camp begins.** A Confirmation form is provided along with the information sheet. Please include specific arrival details to the project on the confirmation form along with a confirmation that you have received a visa (if applicable). Participation in a project may be cancelled if we do not receive confirmation by the deadline!
- **VISA INFORMATION:** Regulations have changed and the US Department of State makes it very clear that an **invitation letter will not make a difference in whether you receive a visa or not**. You must be sure you meet and understand the requirements to get a visa before you apply to the project. Follow the link for more information on visa requirements from your country.
(<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html#overview>)
- Volunteers must be motivated to work at least 30 hours per week, or as indicated in project description.
- **INFORMATION SHEETS:** These will contain more detailed information, including travel information and what to bring, and will be available in April 2016.
- **TECHNOLOGY FREE:** There are positive benefits to spending a little time away from technology and we want you to be fully present to the volunteer experience. **VFP discourages the use of cell phones, texting, internet use, and email during our projects.** There will be designated times for volunteers to stay in touch with family and friends. In some project locations there is little or no cell phone service available.
- VFP is offering **1 US Teen Camp** (VFP08-16) and **1 Bilateral** (VFP14-16) for vols from Jamaica.
- VFP is offering **5 projects in Haiti** including 2 Teen camps that welcome families, and 2 permanent camps with flexible dates. Fall projects will also be announced for Haiti.
- **VFP MOTIVATION FORM:** VFP Motivation form must be submitted with the VEF at the time of application and is required for VFP06-16 and all MTV Projects.
- **VFP CHILD PROTECTION FORM:** Volunteers working with children must complete a Child Protection form before they can begin work. This form is required for VFP06-16 and will be given to volunteers on the first day of the project.
- **INTERVIEWS:** Phone or Skype interviews required for placements in most MTV projects. Volunteers must include a Skype address on their VEF. **Allow at least two weeks for these placements!**
- **PARTICIPATION FEES:** VFP-MTV04-16 has an extra fee of \$480 US Dollars payable on arrival. VFP08-16 has an extra fee of \$100 US Dollars payable on arrival or by credit card in advance. All other US projects have no extra fee. All projects in Haiti have an extra fee as listed which is payable in advance to VFP.

VFP VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

VFP hosts, staff and co-leaders work hard to ensure a rewarding and unforgettable experience in the USA. Please read the following expectations below.

- **Every volunteer is an important and valuable part of the group.** You are expected to be an active member, contribute to the work project, assist with cooking and cleaning, and participate in work and free-time activities. Please come prepared with recipes, photos, music, cultural information, group games and other information and activities to share with other volunteers and the community!
- **Work activities will take place for about 6 hours a day, 5 days a week.** Some days and projects may have longer or shorter work periods depending on the weather, leadership, motivation, availability of materials and other factors. Be flexible!
- VFP and your local hosts will provide many fun and cultural free-time activities during the project. If volunteers decide to travel to a different location or plan their own free-time activities, they will be responsible to cover the expenses.
- Co-leaders, workcamp hosts and work project leaders are there to help you plan activities, understand your tasks, teach you how to use tools and many other things. They are not there to solve all your problems! If you have concerns or issues, please raise them with a leader and work with the leader to engage the group in finding a solution that works for everyone!
- Volunteers are expected to live as a group. You are expected to stay for the entire duration of the project and are not allowed to arrange your own activities and spend days or nights away from the project.
- Smoking use is on the decline in the USA and in most of the communities where you are serving you will not see people smoking. It is prohibited in many buildings and also public spaces. **You must be 18 years old to purchase cigarettes in the USA.**
- **The drinking age in the USA is 21 years old!** It is illegal to purchase alcohol for a person younger than 21. Excessive drinking is a major social problem and is an obstacle to overcoming the social and economic problems that afflict the world community today. Please check with the host regarding alcohol consumption where you are staying and if you choose to drink please be responsible and only do so during free-time.
- **Any illegal drug use is strictly forbidden.**



VFP 2016 US PROJECTS

15 STV PROJECTS (108 SPACES)
1 TEEN CAMP (10 SPACES)
18 MTV PROJECTS (67 SPACES)

VFP 2016 SHORT TERM PROJECTS

VFP Code	Project Name Location	Start	End	# Vols	Type	Age	Remarks
VFP01-16	Wake Up the Earth Boston, Massachusetts	23-Apr	15-May	5	FEST ENVI CULT	18+	
VFP02-16A	Wilderness Trail Building Danby, Vermont	30-Jun	12-Jul	2	CONS ENVI	18+	Physical Fitness Required. Tech Free.
VFP08-16	Gardening and Parks Burlington, Vermont	2-Jul	23-Jul	10	ENVI CONS	16-20	Extra Fee: \$100USD Must be able to ride a bike.
VFP04-16	Kids, Gardens and Commur Monkton, Vermont	9- Jul	23-Jul	8	ENVI AGRI CONS	18+	
VFP05-16	Archeology and Culture Allegany, New York	9-Jul	23-Jul	6	CULT AGRI	18+	
VFP13-16	Greening the Park Montpelier, Vermont	10-Jul	30-Jul	10	ENVI CONS	18+	
VFP02-16B	Wilderness Trail Building Danby, Vermont	14-Jul	26-Jul	2	CONS ENVI	18+	Physical Fitness Required. Tech Free.
VFP06-16	Bringing the World to Newp Newport, New Hampshire	22-Jul	6-Aug	8	EDU CULT KIDS	18+	Motivation Form Required. Fluent English. No drugs or alcohol.
VFP02-16C	Wilderness Trail Building Danby, Vermont	28-Jul	9-Aug	2	CONS ENVI	18+	Physical Fitness Required. Tech Free.
VFP07-16	Escape the Ordinary Pittsford, Vermont	03-Aug	22-Aug	4	AGRI ART KIDS	21-29	Female Only Camp
VFP09-16	Bicycle Trail Building Montpelier, Vermont	8-Aug	23-Aug	10	ENVI RENO	18+	Physical Fitness Required Tech Free.
VFP02-16D	Wilderness Trail Building Danby, Vermont	14-Aug	26-Aug	3	CONS ENVI	18+	Physical Fitness Required. Tech Free.
VFP14-16G	Leadership and Service Burlington, Vermont	14-Aug	28-Aug	20	ENVI	15+	Bilateral with a group from Jamaica.
VFP10-16	Coastal Protection Wells, Maine	24-Aug	15-Sept	6	ENVI	18+	
VFP11-16	Community Development St. Louis, Missouri	28-Aug	18-Sept	12	MANU AGRI RENO	18+	



VFP 2016 MEDIUM & LONG TERM PROJECTS							
VFP Code	Project Name Location	Start	End	# Vols	Type	Age	Remarks
VFP-MTV01-16	Community Reentry, Social Justice Burlington, Vermont	01-Jan	31-Dec	4	SOCI	21+	Permanent Project. Only 1 volunteer serves at a time. Minimum 3 months. No drugs or alcohol. Motivation form and Skype interview required. Full until Sept 2016.
VFP-MTV02-16	Community Reentry, Social Justice Winooski, Vermont	01-Jan	31-Dec	4	SOCI	21+	Same as above Full until Sept 2016.
VFP-MTV03-16	Community Reentry, Social Justice Rutland, Vermont	01-Jan	31-Dec	4	SOCI	21+	Same as above Full until Sept 2016.
VFP-MTV04-16	House Building Restoration New Orleans, Louisiana	01-Jan	31-Dec	30	CONS RENO	18+	Minimum 1 month. Extra fee \$480USD. Motivation form Required.
VFP-MTV05-16C	Explore New York New York City, New York	2-Jun	15-Jul	1	DISA CULT	21+	Motivation form and Skype interview required. Good English. Drivers' license helpful
VFP-MTV05-16F	Explore New York New York City, New York	2-Jun	4-Aug	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16G	Explore New York New York City, New York	13-Jun	29-Jul	2	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16I	Explore New York New York City, New York	29-Jun	9-Aug	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16J	Explore New York New York City, New York	12-Jul	5-Sept	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16M	Explore New York New York City, New York	12-Jul	21-Sept	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16N	Explore New York New York City, New York	25-Jul	16-Sept	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16P	Explore New York New York City, New York	3-Aug	27-Sept	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16R	Explore New York New York City, New York	17-Aug	2-Oct	3	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16S	Explore New York New York City, New York	17-Aug	7-Nov	2	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16T	Explore New York New York City, New York	6-Sept	2-Oct	3	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV05-16U	Explore New York New York City, New York	6-Sept	12-Oct	1	DISA CULT	21+	"
VFP-MTV06-16	Special Needs Summer Camp Goshen, Vermont	14-Jun	06-Aug	6	DISA	18+	Motivation Form and Skype/video interview required.
VFP-MTV07-16	Greening the Park Montpelier	12-Jun	13-Aug	1	ENVI	20+	Motivation Form Required.

VFP 2016 PROJECTS IN HAITI							
VFP Code	Project Name Location	Start	End	# Vols	Type	Age	Remarks
VFPHaiti02-16	English, Sustainability & Art Desab	1-JAN	16-DEC	10	EDU CULT KIDS	18+	Permanent. Flexible Dates. French or Creole helpful. Extra Fee: \$400 USD/month
VFPHaiti03-16	Teaching English at the Vocational School, Duchity	1-JAN	16-DEC	4	EDU ART	30+	Permanent. Flexible Dates. French or Creole helpful. Extra Fee: \$400 USD/month
VFPHaiti06-16	Empowering Community with Clean Water, LaVallee	28-MAY	11-JUN	10	ENVI CULT	18+	French or Creole helpful. Extra Fee: \$400USD Families welcome.
VFPHaiti07-16	Culture, Sports, and Kids, Duchity	1-JUL	16-JUL	11	EDU KIDS CULT	16+	French or Creole helpful. Extra Fee: \$400USD Families welcome.
VFPHaiti08-16	Summertime Smiles, Desab	16-JUL	31-JUL	15	EDU CULT KIDS	16+	French or Creole helpful. Extra Fee: \$400USD Families welcome.

2016 US SHORT TERM PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

VFP01-16 WAKE UP THE EARTH, BOSTON 23-APR to 15-MAY FEST/ENVI/CULT AGE 21+ 5 VOLS

SPONTANEOUS CELEBRATIONS is a festival and community arts organization in Boston, Massachusetts committed to art, activism, community, and the environment. Our organization runs two large festivals a year. Spontaneous Celebrations has developed a spirited, successful, and unique approach to community building. Visit <http://www.spontaneouscelebrations.org/> for more information.

WORK: Wake Up the Earth is our biggest festival which takes place on the first Saturday of May every year. This will be the 37th year. The festival was originally organized to celebrate the stopping of a highway being built through our section of Boston. Since then, the festival has raised awareness about the environment, labor and political issues. The volunteers will join the festival committee to organize, publicize and engage the community in the event. They will help prepare signs, banners, costumes, decorations, kids' activities, etc. Volunteers will help run workshops for children and adults to make costumes, props, and junk percussion drums in preparation for the parade and festival. Volunteers will help during the event with logistics, set-up, and general support. After the event, the volunteers will be involved with breakdown, clean up and final analysis of the event.

STUDY THEME: Activism and Community Organizing.

ACCOMODATIONS: Volunteers will stay together in the home of Femke Rosenbaum, the founder of Spontaneous Celebrations. All meals are provided, sometimes by community members and restaurants and volunteers will also cook together. Vegetarian options available.

LOCATION: The parade and festival take place in Jamaica Plain, a neighborhood in the city of Boston, Massachusetts. Boston is a popular city in the northeast known for its history, universities, sports teams, and easy access to New York City.

TERMINAL: Logan Airport, Boston, MA

SPECIAL REMARKS: It will be helpful for volunteers to have an arts background, events planning or organizational experience and to have a comfortable level of English. Spanish will also be helpful since our area of Boston has a high Spanish-speaking population.

VFP02-16A WILDERNESS TRAIL BUILDING IN VERMONT 30-JUN to 12-JUL CONS/ENVI AGE 18+ 2 VOLS
VFP02-16B WILDERNESS TRAIL BUILDING IN VERMONT 14-JUL to 26-JUL CONS/ENVI AGE 18+ 2 VOLS
VFP02-16C WILDERNESS TRAIL BUILDING IN VERMONT 28-JUL to 9-AUG CONS/ENVI AGE 18+ 2 VOLS
VFP02-16D WILDERNESS TRAIL BUILDING IN VERMONT 14-AUG to 26-AUG CONS/ENVI AGE 18+ 3 VOLS

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB (GMC), DANBY, VERMONT was established to build and maintain Vermont's Long Trail, America's first long-distance hiking trail. Join with local volunteers to build a piece of the Appalachian Trail, a wilderness footpath that runs through the mountains of the eastern U.S. <http://www.greenmountainclub.org/>

WORK: You will be doing trail work in the woods for five days at a time. The work is physically demanding, but very fun. The crew camps out in the woods all week and on the last day of the week the crew packs out of the woods in the afternoon and returns to the base camp for the weekend.

ACCOMMODATION: You will be living in the woods for five days at a time. There are no showers, electricity, cell phone service or running water. Your shelter is a tent that you might have to share with another person. At the basecamp shared rooms are provided along with a kitchen, shower, bathroom, and living room space. Food and cooking utensils are provided by GMC.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: In the evening you will have time to hang out in camp and tell stories, read or play card games. Volunteers also have the opportunity for free time on the weekends while staying at the base camp.

LOCATION: Historic Long Trail/Appalachian Trail in Vermont. The Long Trail traverses the high peaks of Vermont for 270+ miles from the Massachusetts state line to the Canadian border.

SPECIAL REMARKS: **Volunteers must have travelers insurance or be sure that they are covered by personal insurance while on the project.** The Mt. Tabor work center is a dry facility, meaning no alcohol may be held or consumed on the property. Safety is paramount. When doing trail construction, there is always a chance of serious accident. Volunteers will get training on proper use of tools and safety equipment. This project is for volunteers who are experienced at camping with no running water or electricity. Volunteers must be able to carry a 40 - 60 pound (18-27kg) backpack several miles (a few kilometers.) Previous experience with trail work is not required.

VFP08-16 GARDENING AND PARKS, VERMONT 2 Jul to 23 Jul ENVI/CONS AGE 16-20 10 VOLS

BURLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION has a mission to enhance quality of life of all the citizens of Burlington and for the visitors to our community by maintaining a system of parks which offers a broad spectrum of built facilities and open spaces, providing high quality, affordable recreation programs, and creating attractive greenspace.

<http://www.enjoyburlington.com>

WORK: Volunteers will be working with Burlington Parks on a variety of projects to help beautify the city and make it a more enjoyable place for people to get outdoors. Projects will include, working in the community garden program, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, maintenance projects, and special events support.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will stay at the Friends Meeting House in Burlington. There will be air mattresses provided, be sure to bring your sleeping bag. Meals will be prepared together. Showers are available on site. Access to laundry facilities is not guaranteed.

LOCATION: Burlington is the largest city in Vermont with a population of ~38,000. It is located on the shores of Lake Champlain.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Vermont is a small state and there will be opportunity to hike mountains and visit other areas as well. Activities will be planned based on volunteer interests and could include, local festivals, hiking, swimming, biking, etc. This camp will begin on one of our bigger holiday celebrations, July 3rd Independence Celebration with fireworks!

TERMINAL: Burlington, Vermont

SPECIAL REMARKS: **EXTRA FEE: \$100USD** Volunteers will be using bikes to get to the work project.

VFP04-16 KIDS, GARDENS AND COMMUNITY, VERMONT 09-JUL to 23-JUL AGRI/CONS/ENVI AGE 18+ 8 VOLS

WILLOWELL, MONKTON, VERMONT is an environmental, art, and education non-profit based on 230 acres of farmland and forest. An alternative outdoor high school program, the Walden Project, has an outdoor classroom on our land during the school year. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.willowell.org/>.

WORK: Volunteers will work on the land building infrastructure for the garden and a raised platform for resident artists and as a classroom for the Walden project. This project involves daily physical labor in wooded and sunny areas. All training will be provided. Bring work boots, warm clothes, as nights can be chilly, and bathing suit for leisure activities.

STUDY THEME: The ecology of the Champlain Valley, working youth of Addison County, local food, and community!

ACCOMMODATIONS: Volunteers will stay at the Monkton Friends Methodist Church and should bring sleeping bags and pillows. A bathroom will be at the church, and solar showers will be available. Cooking will take place in the church's kitchen. Vegetarian meals available.

LOCATION: In the foothills of the Green Mountains, Monkton is a small rural community about 40 minutes from Burlington and a short distance from mountain swimming holes, Lake Champlain, and beautiful hikes.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: A community celebration, an excursion to Burlington, and fun outdoor activities are planned.

TERMINAL: Burlington, Vermont. Accessible from Montreal, Boston or New York City.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Must speak English well!

VFP05-16 ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURE, NEW YORK 9-JUL to 23-JUL CULT, AGRI AGE 18+ 6 VOLS

ALLEGANY VALLEY PROJECT, ALLEGANY, NEW YORK is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for all people regardless of age and previous abilities to participate in archaeological discovery. Visit <http://alleganyvalleyproject.com/> for more information.

WORK: No experience is necessary as new volunteers are teamed up with experienced volunteers for hands on learning. Volunteer opportunities range from field excavations to laboratory processing of artifacts. This is an archaeological field school where volunteers will learn site layout, excavation techniques, soil sampling, plan and profile mapping and processing artifacts (projectile points, pottery, tools etc.). The workday is from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The work is done in a friendly and supportive environment. Please understand that this is hard physical labor and involves digging with a trowel or shovel, screening soil and carrying buckets of dirt. This year we will be investigating the Bockmier One Site, dated between 1200-1250 AD. This is an ancestral Iroquois village but also contains components from other time periods.

STUDY THEME: Archaeology and Native American culture.

ACCOMMODATION: American and international volunteers will stay in apartments which are a short drive away from the dig site. Separate rooms will be available for female and male volunteers. BRING sleeping bag or your own bedding. All food and meals will be provided for volunteers. We will cook meals together or eat out at local restaurants. Vegetarian and other dietary options will be available.

LOCATION: We will work in the town of Allegany in a rural part of New York State. The area is a mixture of small towns, forests, and farms. The dig site is in a field that is currently used as an organic vegetable farm in a beautiful setting beside the Allegheny River.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will attend the very special Seneca Nation Pow Wow, an amazing Native American festival where a wide range of activities will be held. This is an opportunity to take an in depth look at Native American culture. Ample time is provided for trips to local parks, a Native American museum and local points of interest.

TERMINAL: New York City or Buffalo, New York

VFP13-16 GREENING THE PARK, VERMONT 10-JUL to 30-JUL ENVI/CONS Age 18+ 10 VOLS

MONTPELIER PARKS DEPARTMENT. See summer camp page- <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/parks/index.cfm>.

WORK: Volunteers be working on a variety of projects, with the two main projects being trail improvement work (shoveling, raking, wheelbarrowing...) and removing invasive plants, but the group may also help with replacing wooden bridges, building park benches and general park maintenance. Most work will involve some level of hard physical labor. The international group will be immersed in a small town and will work with park staff and other volunteers.

ACCOMMODATION: To be announced. Accommodations will be a shared space and volunteers will cook together as a group. Be prepared for minimal living and please bring a sleeping bag and mat. Showers available at a different location.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: During free time volunteers will have access to local parks and recreation areas. The summer weather is usually good for visiting some wild and beautiful swimming areas. This workcamp is known for hard work and adventurous play since the staff there enjoys hiking, canoeing and other activities and is willing to lead the group in those type of activities. There will be time for interaction with the local community so please bring information about your country, hobbies, and life to share.

LOCATION: Montpelier is the capitol of Vermont with a population of 8500, making it the smallest capitol in the U.S.

TERMINAL: Montpelier, Vermont.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Be ready for hard, physical work and rugged conditions! but plenty of rewarding experiences, adventurous fun and incredible memories. Bring proper clothing and footwear.



**VFP06-16 BRINGING THE WORLD TO NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE 22 JUL to 6-AUG EDU/CULT/KIDS
AGE 18+ 8 VOLS**

The **NEWPORT REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE** hosts this project jointly with several community non profit organizations including the School District, Recreation Department, Richards Free Library and Library Arts Center.

WORK: Teaching and Community Interaction. Flexible volunteers are needed to work with children, youth and adults in a variety of settings: sports day camp, summer reading program, arts programs, and special educational camps. Volunteers will experience working with several non profit organizations in the community. There will also be work sessions helping maintain the facilities for these organizations.

STUDY THEME: World Culture and History, appreciation of diversity, tolerance of differences.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will stay in the local high school. Beds and linens provided.

LOCATION: The organizers are experienced workcamp hosts in rural western New Hampshire, town population 6000.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: There will be several opportunities to experience the beauty of New Hampshire's lakes and mountains plus one all-day field trip with the students. In addition Volunteers will meet with the local Revitalization Committee, Rotary Club and other elements of the Newport community.

TERMINAL: New London, NH. Easily reached by bus from Boston.

LANGUAGE: Good English.

SPECIAL REMARKS: VFP MOTIVATION FORM REQUIRED. Volunteers must speak English. No smoking or alcohol at housing. Must enjoy working with children and youth and be able to maintain appropriate adult-student boundaries.

**VFP07-16 ESCAPE THE ORDINARY, VERMONT 03-AUG to 22-AUG AGRI/ART/KIDS AGE 21-29 FEMALE ONLY
4 VOLS**

CAMP BETSEY COX, PITTSFORD, VERMONT is a camp for young women growing up in the global world of the 21st century. Betsey Cox was established in 1953 and focuses on providing each camper with a rich community experience living, playing and growing in the outdoors. Our staff and campers represent many countries and they contribute multiple talents and perspectives to the group. More information can be found at <http://www.campbetseycox.com>

WORK: Work will take place in two areas, at the Maclure Public Library in Pittsford and at the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link (RAFFL). The Maclure library is filled with children from Pittsford all summer. Pittsford is a small rural community of 2,900 people. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your culture with children who might never travel outside of our small state. Projects will include assisting with the summer reading program for children ages 5-12, the theme this summer is *On Your Mark, Get Set...Read*. Crafts will revolve around silly races, teen video, travel and learning new ideas. Other tasks include creating an event or two for local teens. It would be wonderful if volunteers would bring photos, a favorite storybook, and information from their countries to share with the community. At, RAFFL, the work would be helping at different farms harvesting different crops - during this time a big one will probably be sweet corn. More specifically, physically harvesting the crops in the field, then boxing it, weighing and labeling it, and loading it in the van. We look forward to meeting you!

STUDY THEME: "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read..."- Sharing of ideas

ACCOMMODATIONS: Volunteers will live at Camp Betsey Cox in a rustic cabin with campers and other staff. Meals will be in the camp dining hall, and volunteers are welcome to participate in all camp activities. Volunteers should be prepared to live in a technologically limited setting. (Campers do not use cell phones or computers, staff may use them infrequently, and not during daylight hours).

LOCATION: Camp Betsey Cox is built on a picturesque Vermont hill farm in the Killington-Pico Mountain area, ten miles north of Rutland.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Swimming, Hiking, Horseback riding, community contra dances, Addison County Field Days.

TERMINAL: Burlington, Vermont. Can easily be reached by bus, train or plane from New York, Boston or Montreal.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Female only project. Must arrive in Burlington by 2 PM on August 3rd.

VFP09-16 BICYCLE TRAIL BUILDING, VERMONT 8-AUG to 23-AUG ENVI/RENO AGE 18+ 10 VOLS

CROSS VERMONT TRAIL ASSOCIATION (CVTA) is a non-profit with the mission to assist municipalities, recreation groups, and landowners in the creation and management of a four-season, multi-use trail across the state of Vermont for public recreation, alternative transportation, and awareness of our natural and cultural heritage.

WORK: The work is hard, heavy physical labor - building wooden bridges, moving large stones with hand tools, and digging ditches with shovels. You will get muddy, we work in the rain! We will work full days, about 7 hours of labor. We will work a few days then take a day off for fun, and then work a few days and take another day off. Why are we working so hard? We are building a network of bicycle/pedestrian paths that will eventually go 90 miles across the entire state of Vermont. The path will connect small towns, their schools, and the wild natural areas in between with a safe, healthy alternative to driving in cars. These small towns are not wealthy, and cannot afford to build this path themselves (like larger cities can afford to.) So we are building it with volunteers. Many local people are already helping out on their weekends, and we look forward to meeting and working with you as well!

LOCATION: The work camp is located in public forest, in northeastern Vermont (east of Montpelier). We will live in a primitive tent camp in the woods. During time off we will be able to drive to nearby small towns.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Volunteers will camp in tents. Tents are provided. During the work week there is no electricity, no running water, no flushing toilets. We will get a chance to take showers just three times during the camp. No alcohol is allowed at the housing. 11 PM curfew. Food is provided, cooking is communal. We are happy to accommodate dietary needs or preferences, like vegetarian.

REQUIRED ITEMS: Sturdy all leather BOOTS that rise above the ankles. Durable work clothes that you don't mind getting dirty - long sleeves and long pants. Weather is unpredictable, so bring - clothes to wear when cold and wet (like wool or synthetic fabrics; rain gear; a hat) - also, clothes to wear when hot and humid. Sleeping bag and sleeping pad.

STUDY THEME: Guest speakers will teach us about local plants and animals.

LEISURE: During recreation time we will decide as a group what folks would enjoy doing. Options include exploring State Forest - riding bikes, hiking up mountains, swimming in lakes; and also driving to attractions in nearby towns like Montpelier, capitol of Vermont.

VFP10-16 WELLS, MAINE Aug 24 – Sept. 15, 2016 ENVI 6 VOLS

WORK: Come to the beautiful seacoast of southern Maine and the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. Your work will include improving trails and wildlife habitat at the Reserve as well as grounds and maintenance projects on our historic buildings. This entails getting dirty and working hard. The major project for the camp will be helping prepare for and staff a large weekend Nature Crafts Festival fund-raising event. Work involves set-up and take-down, assisting other volunteers and staff with food, parking, recycling, and many other jobs. For the two days of the festival, you will be working long days. As a group, we will take a field trip on Wednesday, September 14th, the day before you leave. Educational programs are available to volunteers. The Reserve has a private beach and many nature trails. Learn more about the Wells Reserve at www.wellsreserve.org.

ACCOMMODATION: In a recently built dorm with comfortable beds, modern kitchen facilities, and common area. Bicycles available. Vols will cook their own meals.

LANGUAGE: English.

LOCATION: Wells is 1/2 hour south of Portland, Maine and 1/2 hour north of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The 2,250-acre research and education reserve includes beach, coastal marsh, scenic uplands, historic farm buildings, and is a sanctuary for endangered plants and wildlife.

TERMINAL: Boston Massachusetts or Portland Maine, closest airports. Train available to Wells.

SPECIAL REMARKS: No smoking is allowed at any of the work sites or on the property of the Reserve.

CO-LEADER with clean driving record desirable, but not necessary.

VFP11-16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MISSOURI 28-AUG to 18-SEP RENO AGE 18+ 12 VOLS

Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI is a community-based nonprofit organization established by residents of the Old North St. Louis neighborhood in 1981 to revitalize the physical and social dimensions of the community in a manner that respects its historic, cultural, and urban character. The neighborhood has been undergoing a dramatic transformation in recent years, but is still home to many economically disadvantaged residents. More information can be found online at: www.onsl.org/

WORK: Volunteers will help with community based projects including working in community gardens throughout the neighborhood, and will assist with construction work on a project to rebuild a historic building in the neighborhood. On Saturdays, volunteers will work at the local Farmers' Market. Some projects will support neighborhood residents such as cleaning up alleys and vacant lots, trimming trees and pulling weeds, and helping elderly and disabled people with things that they can no longer get out and do. Volunteers will work Tuesday through Saturday each week.

STUDY THEME: City restoration and community development.

ACCOMMODATION: Volunteers will be living in a large house in the community. Meals will be prepared together and with families in the neighborhood.

LOCATION: Approximately two kilometers from downtown St. Louis, Missouri.

Leisure Activities: Parks and trails are close by; restaurants, bars, and blues clubs are downtown and around the City; the theatre district and several museums are within short driving distance or accessible by public transit; professional sports are nearby in the downtown area.

TERMINAL: St Louis, Missouri

2016 MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

All projects below require the VFP Motivation document to be submitted with the VEF.

VFP-MTV01-16 COMMUNITY REENTRY and SOCIAL JUSTICE, BURLINGTON PERMANENT SOCI/MANU AGE 22+ 4 Vols Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

The Dismas House provides housing and opportunities to men and women getting out of prison so that they can successfully transition back into the community. <http://www.dismasofvermont.org/>

WORK: Volunteers will be working as a Resident Advisor as well as on administrative tasks in small office. Volunteers are also expected to support the residential community by participating in group activities.

STUDY THEME: Criminal Justice

ACCOMMODATION: Shared room in large Victorian house, meals & laundry provided.

LOCATION: Burlington, Vermont. Burlington is a beautiful college town overlooking Lake Champlain (Pop. 40,000). Burlington is also the home of Volunteers For Peace and we welcome volunteers in our office. There are two other Dismas locations nearby in Winooski and Rutland Vermont.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Recreation includes house activities and many festivals and events in area. Volunteers will participate in house outings including baseball games, hikes, camping, etc. Time off for travel may be approved.

TERMINAL: Burlington, Vermont is easily accessible by bus or plane from Montreal, Boston or New York City.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Volunteers must be 22+, speak fluent English and have basic computer skills. Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay. **VFP Motivation Form and email interview required. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers emergency and liability insurance only.** Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

VFP-MTV02-16 COMMUNITY REENTRY and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WINOOSKI PERMANENT SOCI/MANU AGE 21+ 4 Vols Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

The Dismas House provides housing and opportunities to men and women getting out of prison so that they can successfully transition back into the community. <http://www.dismasofvermont.org/>

WORK: Volunteers will be working as a Resident Advisor as well as on administrative tasks in small office. Volunteers are also expected to support the residential community by participating in group activities.

STUDY THEME: Criminal Justice

ACCOMMODATION: Shared room in a house, meals & laundry provided. Access to Wi-Fi is also available.

LOCATION: Winooski, Vermont. Winooski borders Burlington and has a population of ~8,000. There are colleges and universities nearby, the lake and mountains and much to do. Volunteers For Peace is located in Burlington and we welcome the volunteers in our office as well. Dismas has a house in Burlington and Rutland Vermont as well.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Recreation includes house activities and many festivals and events in area. Volunteers will participate in house outings including baseball games, hikes, camping. Time off for travel may be approved.

TERMINAL: Burlington, Vermont is easily accessible by bus or plane from Montreal, Boston or New York City.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Volunteers must be 21+, male, speak fluent English and have basic computer skills. Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay. **VFP Motivation Form and email interview required. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers emergency and liability insurance only.** Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

VFP-MTV03-16 COMMUNITY REENTRY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, RUTLAND PERMANENT SOCI/MANU AGE 24+ 4 Vols Minimum 12 weeks; maximum 6 months

Rutland DISMAS HOUSE provides transitional drug, alcohol and violence free housing opportunity to men and women getting out of prison so they can successfully reconcile with the community before living independently. <http://www.dismasofvermont.org/>

WORK: A good deal of participation in various components of fundraising activities, representing Dismas at speaking engagements on college campuses and at civic organizations, working with clothing and food donations and support of the residential community by participating in house group activities. The average daily work commitment expected is up to 5 -6 hours per day, however, the hours are varied and non-traditional, and may include some weekends and evenings. As a resident of the house, volunteers will live as an equal to and with the same expectations as the former prisoner residents: The volunteer is **not** at Dismas to act in a counseling or other related capacity.

STUDY THEME: Reintegration into society from prison.

ACCOMMODATION: Modestly furnished shared room in a large Victorian house; sheets, towels, meals, laundry facilities, internet access provided.

LOCATION: Rutland is a beautiful small city in the Green Mountains with nearby lakes and streams, population 17,500. Dismas also has houses in Burlington, Winooski and Hartford, Vermont.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Recreation includes gym and rock climbing memberships with other residents, as well as house group activities (bowling, hiking, camping, fishing, etc.) which are offered. Snow skiing is nearby. Time off for travel may be approved.

TERMINAL: Air to Burlington, Vermont; Albany, New York; Manchester, New Hampshire; Boston, Massachusetts. Train from New York City to Rutland, Vermont.

SPECIAL REMARKS: **Absolutely NO alcohol or drug use permitted during the stay;** presence at the evening meal Monday through Friday is required, as is presence at the weekly house meeting one evening during the week; no smoking inside the house; no intimate relationships between residents permitted. Volunteers must be 24+, able to speak and understand a better than basic level of English, and have basic computer skills. A 90-day/3 month commitment is required, but volunteers may choose to stay for up to 3 additional months following the initial 3 month period if invited to do so.

VFP MOTIVATION FORM AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW REQUIRED. VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project! Dismas offers liability insurance only – Volunteers are responsible for their own

health/accident/travel insurance. Only one international volunteer serves at any time. Volunteers must indicate the dates they are able to serve.

**VFP-MTV04-16 HOUSE BUILDING RESTORATION, NEW ORLEANS CONS/RENO PERMANENT AGE 18+ 30Vols
Minimum 1 Month; Maximum 3 Months**

LOWERNINE.ORG, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA is a non-political, secular organization dedicated to helping this historic neighborhood recover and return to its former vibrant self. <http://www.lowernine.org/>

WORK: Experienced carpenters, roofers, plumbers, painters and other tradesmen needed for rebuilding homes in the flood-damaged Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Unskilled volunteers will be trained by skilled staff. All aspects of home rebuilding will be addressed, from roofing to finish carpentry. 5-day week of full work days. Medium-term volunteers provide free labor to neighborhood residents, so they can return home after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Isaac. Work can be difficult and it is hot in New Orleans!

STUDY THEME: Carpentry, construction, community building.

ACCOMMODATION: Housing is in dormitory style bunkrooms. No smoking in the house. No drugs allowed. No alcohol allowed in the house or on the property. Vegetarian meals available.

LOCATION: New Orleans, LA, 2 miles east of the French Quarter.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will have ample opportunity to partake of the abundant cultural offerings of the most unique city in America on weekends and after work hours.

TERMINAL: Louis Armstrong International Airport; Amtrak and Bus station downtown.

SPECIAL REMARKS: **VFP Motivation Form required.** Volunteers must have intermediate spoken and comprehension of English in order to ensure workplace safety. **VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project, LowerNine general liability insurance will cover volunteers only while they are working.** In case of a natural disaster volunteers will be required to make their own arrangements to evacuate the city. Multiple volunteers serve at all times in this location.

EXTRA FEE: \$480 regardless of length of stay. Fee due in US Dollars upon arrival or online through lowernine.org's website.

VFP-MTV05-16C	EXPLORE NEW YORK 02-June to 15-July	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16F	EXPLORE NEW YORK 2-June to 4-Aug	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16G	EXPLORE NEW YORK 13-June to 29-July	DISA/CULT	2 Vols	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16I	EXPLORE NEW YORK 29-June to 9-Aug	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16J	EXPLORE NEW YORK 12-July to 5-Sept	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16M	EXPLORE NEW YORK 12-July to 21-Sept	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16N	EXPLORE NEW YORK 25-July to 16-Sept	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16P	EXPLORE NEW YORK 3-Aug to 27-Sept	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16R	EXPLORE NEW YORK 17-Aug to 2-Oct	DISA/CULT	3 Vols	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16S	EXPLORE NEW YORK 17-Aug to 7-Nov	DISA/CULT	2 Vols	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16T	EXPLORE NEW YORK 6-Sept to 2-Oct	DISA/CULT	3 Vols	AGE 21+
VFP-MTV05-16U	EXPLORE NEW YORK 6-Sept to 12-Oct	DISA/CULT	1 Vol	AGE 21+

SPROUT, NEW YORK, NEW YORK is dedicated to helping individuals with developmental disabilities to grow through challenging and safe travel experiences. <http://www.gosprout.org/>

WORK: Volunteers will co-lead small groups of adults with special needs on short vacations to various destinations. Responsibilities include ensuring safety, providing emotional and physical support, enhancing fun, budgeting, driving and activity planning 24 hours a day while on trips. Volunteers must be willing to assist with all Adult Daily Living skills (brushing teeth, separating dirty clothes, showering etc.). This is very challenging work, yet also very rewarding and fun. Experience working with this population is an asset but not required. Training will be provided. Between trips, some light office work or assistance is required.

STUDY THEME: Traveling with disability.

ACCOMMODATION: While on trips you will stay in hotels. In between trips, you will stay at a youth hostel. Volunteers will be responsible for their own meals, transportation and activities when not on a trip.

LOCATION: Manhattan, New York City & various destinations.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: In between trips, you will have minimal time to explore NYC

TERMINAL: New York City, New York.

LANGUAGE: Fluent English REQUIRED

SPECIAL REMARKS: Responsible, motivated vols age 21+ with driver's license strongly preferred. Start dates are set for orientation but end dates can be flexible if required. **VFP does not provide insurance for volunteers on this project.**

Sprout insurance only covers volunteers when they are on group trips. No alcohol during trips. Fluent English. **VFP Motivation form and phone/Skype interview required.**

VFP-MTV06-16 SPECIAL NEEDS SUMMER CAMP, VERMONT 14-JUN to 6-AUG DISA AGE 18+ 6 VOLS

CAMP THORPE, GOSHEN, VERMONT provides camping experiences for children and adults with a range of social, emotional, physical, and developmental needs by connecting them with an international group of motivated young people that serve as our Counselors.

WORK: Work as a summer camp staff member and enjoy the activities and events that take place as you support our campers through our traditional camp programming. You will help our campers as they benefit from a fun, safe residential camping experience. You will take part in all activities including swimming, sports, arts & crafts, music, dance and more! Job Rotations will include supervision and care of assigned campers during a six hour time block; supporting campers in Nature, Sports, Arts and Crafts, and Music activities, night events including a talent show, pirate night, campfire, and more.

STUDY THEME: Developmental Disabilities and Education.

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will share a small cabin with three campers. All meals are provided. Vegetarian entrée's available. Laundry facilities are provided.

LOCATION: Goshen Vermont is a rural community located in the heart of the Green Mountains.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: In addition to daily summer camp activities, limited periods of time off provide an opportunity to enjoy Vermont cities and towns and the surrounding landscape.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Interest in working with children and adults who experience a range of physical and developmental needs. Volunteers must pass a background check with the sponsoring organization and may be subject to additional requests for information by Camp Thorpe. Volunteers will be expected to work a 10 hour rotation, which combines one or more of the activities listed under 'work' above. No smoking, alcohol/drugs. Volunteers must arrive by 14 June for the orientation and training and stay for the entire project. VFP Motivation Form and Skype/video interview required. Volunteers are required to come to the project with their own insurance, please be prepared to show proof of insurance.

VFP-MTV 07-16 GREENING THE PARK, MONTPELIER VERMONT 12-JUN TO 13-AUG ENVI 20+ 1 VOL

MONTPELIER PARKS DEPARTMENT. See summer camp page- <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/parks/index.cfm>.

WORK: Montpelier Parks and Trees is looking for a medium term intern to help with a variety of projects around the parks and then "co-lead" our local International Volunteer group working in the parks this summer from July 10th to July 30th. This would mean helping co-lead the work part of the day and then living with and helping lead afternoon and evening activities. Work projects will likely include: Trail restoration and trail building work, building trail bridges, removing invasive plant species, planting shrubs and trees, building benches, along with a variety of park maintenance work such as mowing lawns and cleaning up. Related experience helpful but not necessary. We would appreciate someone who feels comfortable leading a group in work and play.

ACCOMMODATION: Homestay with park director or in local community. Meals provided.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: During free time volunteers will have access to local parks and recreation areas. The summer weather is usually good for visiting some wild and beautiful swimming areas. This workcamp is known for hard work and adventurous play since the staff there enjoys hiking, canoeing and other activities and is willing to lead the group in those type of activities. There will be time for interaction with the local community so please bring information about your country, hobbies, and life to share.

LOCATION: Montpelier is the capitol of Vermont with a population of 8500, making it the smallest capitol in the U.S.

TERMINAL: Montpelier, Vermont.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Looking for someone who wants to build leadership and community connection skills, is willing to work hard, is self-motivated, speaks good English, and like to interact with all different kinds of people. Drivers license helpful but not required. VFP Motivation form is required with application and a Skype interview will be required before acceptance.

2016 HAITI PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

VFP Haiti02-16 ENGLISH, SUSTAINABILITY AND ART IN DESAB JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 16, 2016 PERMANENT EDU/CULT AGES 18+

PARTNER: Volunteers For Peace is excited to continue our support and connection with Institution Mixte du Progres primary school in Desab, Haiti. This is a school approximately 300 children ages 5-13 (with some being much older) in a very rural setting about an hour north of Port au Prince. The school director and teachers are excited to expand the English language offered to their students and implement a sustainability curriculum in the school. In addition, they recognize the great benefit of cultural exchange and additional extra-curricular activities provided by volunteers. VFP has a long and strong relationship with this community and looks forward to deepening it with a focus on sustainability.

WORK: Volunteers will be using provided English and Sustainability curriculum to teach students in the class during their regular school day. The Sustainability curriculum has been provided by Shelburne Farms in Vermont and we will work to identify and adapt lessons that will work best in Haiti. During the school day you will be moving between classrooms as individuals or in groups to teach the English and/or Sustainability curriculum. What and how you teach will depend on the skill and interest of the volunteers at any given time. You will have interpreters to work with you. After school hours volunteers will provide extra-curricular opportunities to the kids based on skills and interest you have. Maybe you will teach yoga, dance, drama, art, music, sports... The community also very much appreciates English lessons being offered each evening and we would like to continue that tradition.

Some sustainability work may take place outside the school day or on the weekend and may involve planting seeds, working in local gardens, planting trees, working on the road, improving water access or other community decided activities.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: During your time in Desab you will stay in a dormitory next to the school.

Accommodations are very simple, there is no running water, meals will be prepared by community members with the help of volunteers. Beds with mattresses and sheets are provided. There is a generator and solar panel for electricity. Showers are taken in the open air! There is an outhouse for the volunteers.

Volunteers will stay in the TCHAKA Inn in Port au Prince on the first day of the project and other times they may want to spend in Port au Prince to explore the capitol city. This inn is located in Port au Prince and is a safe and exciting way to experience the city and compare it to Desab. The inn has beds with mattresses, pillows, sheets and towels. There are 2 indoor toilets with showers but no hot water. The inn is located in the home of a VFP family and there is a lot of opportunity to interact with the children and other family members, cook together, and experience life in Haiti.

Two meals are provided each day. They are typical Haitian meals and center around rice and beans as well as fruit and vegetables that are in season. Both locations have Biosand water filters to ensure clean drinking water.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: Most of your free time will be spent sharing culture and friendship with local community members and kids! There will be opportunities to hike to a waterfall, attend church, play soccer and participate in other community activities. Depending on the time you have and your desire we can build in a tour of Port au Prince or other areas of Haiti. There will be one or more opportunities to visit the Caribbean ocean and a day at the beach. It is really beautiful and a relaxing change from the rural mountain area where you will be serving.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: We can accept volunteers for as short as a week or as long as 3 months in this location.

Volunteers must be self-motivated and eager to engage with the students, teachers and community of Desab. Please include your motivation, experience living in remote settings, experience with agriculture or environmental projects or organizations, and ideas of activities you would like to share on your registration form.

Knowledge of French or Creole very helpful.

VFP does not provide insurance for this program. you may want to purchase travel insurance for your trip to Haiti.

REQUIREMENTS: Extra fee is payable to Volunteers For Peace one month before start date. \$400 for first month and \$350 for each consecutive month. This full fee is transferred to Haiti to pay for your project and support the community where you are serving. The fee includes meals and accommodations, leadership, translators, in country transportation, and a contribution to the school.

VFP Haiti03-16 TEACHING ENGLISH AT THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, DUCHITY JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 16, 2016 PERMANENT EDU/CULT AGES 30+

PARTNER: Volunteers For Peace is supporting community development, cultural exchange and education at the Vocational School in Duchity, Haiti! Duchity is a village in the mountains of Grand'Anse about a 6 hour drive south east of PortauPrince. It is a rural agricultural region with 21 small villages creating a population of about 22,000. VFP has been sending volunteers to work on construction and education projects in Duchity for 4 years.

WORK: The volunteer will be teaching English at the Vocational School and in the community. There is a curriculum provided to help focus and advance the study although volunteers are encouraged to bring additional materials, teaching

methods, and activities to share. Additional opportunities to provide extra-curricular activities in local primary schools. Art, music, sports, drama and other activities are particularly desired. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with computer education classes and other activities at the Vocational school which may be administrative, construction, gardening, cooking or other.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: Volunteers will stay in the TCHAKA Inn in Port au Prince for the first two days. This inn is located in the home of the Duchity project organizers and is very comfortable. In Duchity volunteers will stay in the vocational school. Beds with mattresses are provided at both locations. All meals are provided but are typical Haitian and center around rice and beans as well as fruit and vegetables that are in season. In all locations Biosand Water Filters are provided so you will have access to clean drinking water.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: Duchity is a beautiful and rural area. There is a local community which volunteers will easily become part of. You will have a lot of time to explore the natural beauty and culture with the new friends you make. Opportunity to visit some larger cities as well as the ocean will be possible.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Volunteers who can stay 2-3 months will be given priority. Volunteers must be self-motivated and eager to engage with the people of Duchity. Please include your motivation on the registration form.

Knowledge of French or Creole very helpful.

VFP does not provide insurance for this program.

REQUIREMENTS: Extra fee must be paid to VFP 1 month before your project begins. The fee is \$400 per month. This entire fee goes to Haiti to cover your expenses including in-country transportation, leadership, meal, accommodation, and contribution to the vocational school.

VFP HAITI 06-16 EMPOWERING COMMUNITY WITH CLEAN WATER, LAVALLEE MAY 28 – JUNE 11 ENVI/CULT AGES: 18+ 10 VOLS

PARTNER: Volunteers For Peace (VFP) has been working in the region of LaVallee for over 15 years. Through repeat visits and a deep commitment to the people of this area they have developed strong community contacts. VFP Ex. Director and Board Members travel frequently to this area and work directly with local Haitian leaders and community organizations to facilitate each project and build the necessary connections with schools and the hospital to ensure a valuable experience for all involved.

Clean Water for LaVallee is a non-profit registered in Haiti that was founded by a VFP volunteer and local community members dedicated to address water quality issues in LaVallee. VFP has provided extensive support to the Haitians running this project to help build their organizational skills, train them in water and hygiene issues, and support their outreach into the community.

Fraternite Valleenne, Inc is a local organization with chapters that support it in the USA. They focus on agriculture and especially on providing training and opportunity to youth who are not able to attend school.

CODEVA is a longstanding local organization that oversees the library and hospital in LaVallee.

WORK: Volunteers will be supporting, collaborating with, and celebrating the work of the community organization Clean Water for LaVallee. Projects will include assisting with WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) lessons in primary schools, cultural exchange with students, painting murals about the importance of clean water, and maintaining and installing Biosand Water Filters. Additional work projects will involve tree or seed planting and community improvement projects.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: In Port au Prince you will stay at the Tchaka Inn, above the home of Despagne and Polene Felix. You will be fully engaged with their family and are welcome to interact with the kids, help in the kitchen, and experience life in the city. There are a few separate areas where beds, each with a mosquito net, are set up. They have 2 indoor bathrooms as well as an outdoor porch area. Electricity is available but often intermittent. Please note Port au Prince is a hot and noisy city!

In LaVallee will be staying at the Prag Hotel, operated by Jean Payen who was the first Judge and a former mayor of LaVallee. He speaks English very well and is full of rich historical and cultural information. This is a very simple hotel and you will be sharing double rooms with 4-6 people sharing a toilet and shower. There is electricity at this location all the time and clean water to drink. Mattresses, pillows and mosquito nets are provided.

Haitians eat two meals a day which are very high in starch. Prepare for fruit and vegetables that are in season, rice, beans, corn, pasta, cabbage... Vegetarians and others with eating limitations can be accommodated.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: LaVallee de Jacmel is an area that comprises a number of settlements in the southeastern of Haiti, about 100 KM from Port au Prince. Agriculture is the main occupation of the Valleens. The climate is lovely and bright but not excessively hot during the day, and cool enough for a sheet or even a light blanket at night. The area is very remote, roads are rugged, walking is the norm, and access to outside information is limited for people in this area so their desire for international volunteers is very high. You will be able to easily walk to Ridore, the central town in this area, which has some small shops, an international hotel, a market, and more.

Leisure activities will include a one day tour of Port-au-Prince, a day trip to Jacmel and the beach, learning how to weave a Haitian basket, watching a movie on the history of Haiti, meeting with a local drum and dance troop and learning participating in music and dance, story telling, and other activities you desire.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: This project is lead by local Haitian leaders.

Knowledge of French or Creole very helpful.

VFP does not provide insurance for this program.

REQUIREMENTS: Extra fee of \$400 must be paid to VFP by May 1. This entire fee goes to Haiti to cover your expenses including in country transportation, leadership, meal, accommodation, cultural activities and tours and contribution to Clean Water for LaVallee.

VFPHAITI07-16 CULTURE, SPORTS, AND KIDS, DUCHITY 1-JULY – 16-JULY EDU/KIDS/CULT AGES 16+ 11 VOLS

PARTNER: Volunteers For Peace is supporting community development, cultural exchange and education in the community of Duchity. We work with the Directors of local schools to identify students and create a summer day camp for the kids. This will be the 4th annual summer camp that VFP offers in Duchity.

WORK: Volunteers will be running a day camp for 100 kids ages 5-12. The camp will run from 9-12 each day. You will need to work together with the Haitian teachers and leaders and American leader to create your daily plan consisting of educational and language activities, art, sports, and other skills you have. What and how you teach will depend on the skill and interest of the volunteers in the group. If you have a skill like yoga, dance, drama, art, music, sport...we need you!

The Vocational school has English courses and the students will appreciate additional opportunities to practice with you.

There will be several days with additional community support projects such as visiting and serving an orphanage, helping in the gardens at the Vocational school, cleaning or repairing rooms at the public schools or clinic.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: Volunteers will stay in the TCHAKA Inn in Port au Prince for the first two days. This inn is located in the home of the Duchity project organizers and is very comfortable. In Duchity volunteers will stay in the vocational school. Beds with mattresses are provided at both locations. All meals are provided but are typical Haitian and center around rice and beans as well as fruit and vegetables that are in season. In all locations Biosand Water Filters are provided so you will have access to clean drinking water.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: Duchity is a village in the mountains of Grand'Anse about a 6 hour drive south east of Port-au-Prince. It is a rural agricultural region with 21 small villages creating a population of about 22,000. Duchity is a beautiful and rural area. There is a local community which volunteers will easily become part of. You will have a lot of time to explore the natural beauty and culture with the new friends you make. One day on the weekend you will travel to the ocean for a day of relaxation.

The second day of the project will include a tour of Port-au-Prince, visit to the National History Museum, Iron Market, Notre Dame Cathedral and more.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Families are welcome to attend this project together.

Knowledge of French or Creole very helpful.

VFP does not provide insurance for this program.

Arrival and departure dates can be flexible.

REQUIREMENTS: \$400 extra fee is payable to Volunteers For Peace by June 15, 2016. This full fee is transferred to Haiti to pay for your project and support the community where you are serving. The fee includes meals and accommodations, leadership, translators, in country transportation, tours and cultural activities, and a contribution to the community projects you will serve on.

VFPHAITI08-16 SUMMERTIME SMILES, DESAB JULY 16- 31, 2016 EDU/CULT AGES 16+ 15 VOLS.

PARTNER: Volunteers For Peace is excited to continue our support and connection with Institution Mixte du Progres primary school in Desab, Haiti. This is a school approximately 300 children ages 5-13 (with some being much older) in a very rural setting about an hour north of Port au Prince. We have had international volunteers serving at the school for the entire year. This will be the second summer that we offer the day camp for area kids.

WORK: Volunteers will be running a day camp for 150-200 kids ages 5-12. The camp will run from 9-12 each day and a meal will be provided to the students each afternoon.

You will need to work together with the Haitian teachers and leaders and American leader to create your daily plan consisting of educational and language activities, art, sports, and other skills you have. What and how you teach will depend on the skill and interest of the volunteers in the group. If you have a skill like yoga, dance, drama, art, music, sport...we need you!

The community also very much appreciates English lessons being offered each evening and we would like to continue that tradition.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: During your time in Desab you will stay in a dormitory next to the school.

Accommodations are very simple, there is no running water, meals will be prepared by community members with the help of volunteers. Beds with mattresses and sheets are provided. There is a generator and solar panel for electricity. Showers are taken in the open air! There is an outhouse for the volunteers.

Volunteers will stay in the TCHAKA Inn in Port au Prince on the first day and last day of the project. This inn is located in Port au Prince and is a safe and exciting way to experience the city and compare it to Desab. The inn has beds with mattresses, pillows, sheets and towels. There are 2 indoor toilets with showers but no hot water. The inn is located in the home of a VFP family and there is a lot of opportunity to interact with the children and other family members, cook together, and experience life in Haiti.

Two meals are provided each day. They are typical Haitian meals and center around rice and beans as well as fruit and vegetables that are in season. Both locations have Biosand water filters to ensure clean drinking water.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: Most of your free time will be spent sharing culture and friendship with local community members and kids! There will be opportunities to hike to a waterfall, attend church, play soccer and participate in other community activities.

At the start of the project you will have a ½ day tour of Port au Prince. On the middle weekend you will have a day at the beach to enjoy the beautiful Caribbean ocean. It is really beautiful and a relaxing change from the rural mountain area where you will be serving.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Families are welcome to attend this project together.

Knowledge of French or Creole very helpful.

VFP does not provide insurance for this program.

Arrival and departure dates can be flexible.

REQUIREMENTS: \$400 extra fee is payable to Volunteers For Peace by July 1, 2016. This full fee is transferred to Haiti to pay for your project and support the community where you are serving. The fee includes meals and accommodations, leadership, translators, in country transportation, tours and cultural activities, and a contribution to provide the students with a meal each day.

