

CENTAURUS O.Z.
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Project: “In the footsteps of history”

About us

Centaurus was founded in December 2008 as a Slovak cultural, art and environmental association, connecting people with the similar ideas and interests. Our group is composed of designers, film makers, photographers, actors, as well as historians and people, who devoted themselves to culture and environment.

In present day, the Centaurus focuses on searching for common roots, which connects us as European nations. Findings and knowledge of recent years prove that Slovakia, lying in the middle of Europe, was on the crossroads of nations' migration. Therefore our organization dedicates to this theme a high amount of film production in form of promotional, fiction and documentary films.

Our essential motivation consists of providing the opportunities to young people from different countries to familiarize with different cultures, traditions and other lifestyle. Cooperation and new experiences gained in different countries can lead young people to mutual understanding with others and also to the re-evaluation of their own personal judgements.

About project

Project will take place on farm, which is remote 2km from village Železná Breznica in Slovakia. It is situated in privateness, in beautiful mountains, unspotted surrounding. The lovely scenery is intensified through presence of wide mixed forests and meadows with horses. Farm, which was built in 1997, is composed of main building and another farm objects, riding hall and wide pastures.

You can find more information about farm here: <http://www.centaurusbb.sk/en/about-us>

Volunteer activities will be focused on improving skills in traditional crafts and technologies, in environmental protection and in filmmaking and organizing cultural events.

Activities are focused to prepare complex, scenes and props to production of historical movie.

Volunteer's assignments:

- reconstruction activities on ranch near Železná Breznica. Our aim is to make this area much more attractive in terms of cultural and historical values. Volunteers will work on replication of pale fence and housing from the 1500 BC.
- traditional craft's activities, such as production of totems, pottery, jewellery, baskets, dresses etc.
- through gained knowledge and own ideas the volunteers will organize activities with certain focus – such as Summer Solstice, event focused on ceremonial rituals, workshops focused on traditional crafts, etc.
- outdoor activities in cooperation with the Technical University in Zvolen focused at maintaining hiking trails, building horse trails, creating feeding equipments for animals and removing of illegal dumps.
- activities in cooperation with the Academy of Arts focused to production of promotional films and documentation of action connected with project.
- activities focused on growing vegetables, herbs, fruit trees
- management of website, in which volunteers will provide information about the project, promote their activities and actions.

Our organization will also provide the support for volunteers during the implementation of their own ideas.

Project will take 24 months (1.5.2015 – 1.5.2017) and we are looking for two volunteers:

EVS – 12 months

EVS - 6 months

Start date - march, april 2016

Volunteers

We rather prefer the volunteer to be communicative and friendly, eager to learn new things through creative work, in love with nature and ready to work alone as well as in teams.

Volunteers applying for job in Centaurus should have a certain degree of potential or interest in the area, in which our organization operate, for example: history, traditional crafts, film, etc.

Volunteers will be accommodated in farm. The main building has modern equipment and WiFi Internet access. In the nearest village, there is shop with dairy products, 2 local pubs, post office and church. The nearest city, with much more opportunities and services is the city Zvolen – 6 km away or Banská Bystrica – 24 km away. The capital city of Slovakia Bratislava is 189 km away.

Workweek

Monday - Friday 9.00-12.00 , 13.00-16.00

Weekends and public holidays are free

Financial support

Pocket money - 95 €/month

Money on food – 150 €/month

If volunteers during their free time would want to leave the village, they can use the regular bus transport. Otherwise we will manage the transportation. During the summer time, volunteers can explore the surroundings through the hiking, riding on horse or cycling, during the winter time the sky resorts are available.