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DEAR FUTURE VOLUNTEER

Thank you for showing interest in volunteering in India.

Welcome to Incredible India!

India is a vast country, having a variety of geographical features and climatic conditions. By living in India you will also experience amazing cultural diversity throughout the country. The Indian culture differs in many aspects, such as family relations, marital life, food, clothing, social life, and religious life. The South, North, and Northeast have their own distinct cultures and almost every state has carved out its own cultural niche. There is hardly any culture in the world that is as varied and unique as India.

Why Volunteer in India?

Volunteering in India, you'll get to know about Indian culture, lifestyle, and more about our country. You can also share your ideas with us while working on a project. It's going to be a unique learning journey for you – in an environment that's very unlike yours. You will have an amazing learning experience that we wish everyone could experience. We don't say it's easy, but it is definitely worth it. Everyone is genuine and honestly wants you to have a good experience and is willing to take the extra step. You will also get to know the true meaning of life and who knows, this might be the turning point of your life. You will realize the value of a lot of things in life that we take for granted like water, land, food, electricity, etc....

Volunteer's working area!

ICDE-India understands the problems that still exist in the country and we aim to achieve a certain level of sustainable development by collaborating with other local organizations. In the process, the contribution made by the volunteers is incomparable. If you are one of those who wish to be a part of the change in a developing society, then come and join us in this endeavor.

Options of volunteer work placements,

ICDE-India Work Profile contains details of various projects. Most of these projects have received ICYE international volunteers in the past and will continue to do so in the ICYE Programme Year 2024- 25. Voluntary work placements are provided in Community/ Women's Development Projects, working with children, animal care, environmental protection, education, yoga and ayurveda, elderly, disabled, music, health care, youth and cultural centers, etc. ICDE programs encourage participants to learn Indian dance, music, yoga, meditation, languages, etc.

TYPES OF PROJECTS

There are countless ways to volunteer your time and energy for a cause you care about. Here are a few project ideas to get you started:

- Animal lover? The Multi Activity Project hosts cows, street dogs, goats, and chickens.
- Green thumb? Help with community gardening projects.
- Love for teaching? Assist teachers at a school in different ways.
- Tech whizz? Offer your computer skills to non-profits or help seniors learn new technology.
- Community cheerleader? Organize Environment Day events, and plant saplings in schools, farms, or in the neighborhood.
- Sports enthusiast? Coach a school/ community sports team or help out at a sporting event at school, or campsite.

These are just a few examples, and there are many more opportunities out there! The best project is one that aligns with your interests and allows you to use your skills to make a positive impact.





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MULTI ACTIVITY PROJECT AND CAMP SITE (MAP)

ICDE - INDIA is proud to announce its newest endeavor, the Multi-Activity Project. It offers a wealth of benefits for volunteers that go beyond the satisfaction of giving back. This project is designed to engage a diverse range of volunteers and create a positive impact on the community. The project incorporates various activities that cater to different skill sets and interests, maximizing volunteer participation and overall project effectiveness.



The Multi Activity Project is located in Kolar which is 90 km from Bangalore and was established in the year 2022. This project was a vision of our ICDE- India Chairman Mr.Robinson Doss, his experience has nurtured us to have our own project.

Exposure to Diverse Skills:

- Try new things: The Multi-Activity Project hosts a range of tasks. This allows volunteers to explore unfamiliar activities, potentially sparking a new passion or hidden talent.
- Develop new skillsets: Whether it's learning to build a shelter for goats, chickens, or a cow shed, volunteers can gain valuable practical skills at the MAP.
- Work in our very own partnered school, Punyakoti High School giving hands-on experience with school children.

Enhanced Knowledge and Networking:

- Learn from experts: We often involve collaboration with professionals in various fields. Volunteers can gain knowledge and insights by working alongside these experts.
- Expand professional network: These projects provide opportunities to meet like-minded people and build connections that could be beneficial for their careers or future endeavors.



VOLUNTARY WORK OPPORTUNITIES



Finding the Right Fit:

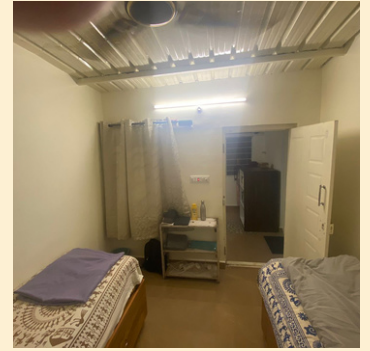
When choosing MAP, volunteers can maximize their benefits by considering their interests and skill sets. They can look for projects that allow them to.

- Utilize existing skills: This can boost confidence and provide a platform to showcase their abilities.
- Learn new skills: This can help them explore potential career paths or personal interests.

By participating in the Multi-Activity Project, volunteers gain valuable personal and professional development opportunities, all while contributing to a worthy cause. It's a win-win situation for both the volunteer and the project itself.



MAP/ CAMPSITE ACCOMODATION



Here's a quick rundown of what to expect at the campsite accommodation:

- Shared rooms: Single bedroom, Double Bedroom, and a room with 2 single cots are available at the campsite.
- Essential furniture: Beds, mattresses, pillows, and basic storage like shelves or lockers will be provided.
- Cleanliness and security: The rooms will be cleaned by the volunteer and have lockable doors for privacy and security. For additional security, we also have a pet dog.
- Shared amenities: Common areas with kitchen facilities, refrigerator, microwave oven, laundry space, and washroom, internet access is available.

Overall, the focus is on providing a clean, secure, and comfortable space for volunteers to rest and recharge after a day of giving back.





Punyakoti Vidya Samsthe plays a vital role in educating students in areas surrounding Kolar.

- **Community Focus:** Rural high schools are often the heart of their communities, fostering a strong sense of belonging and shared experience among students, families, and educators.
- **Unique Challenges:** These schools may face challenges with limited resources, access to technology, and specialized courses compared to urban schools.
- **Resilience and Innovation:** Despite these hurdles, rural high schools are known for their dedicated teachers, close-knit communities, and innovative approaches to education.
- **Future-Oriented:** Many rural schools are emphasizing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields and agricultural programs to prepare students for future careers.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

AT THE SCHOOL AND CAMPSITE

Description of the
tasks of the volunteer
in the school

Volunteers will mainly teach basic English, basic computers, outdoor activities like games, and activity-based education through craft, role plays, sports and music.

Required skills and
interests of the
volunteer:

Volunteers should possess English teaching skills, good behavior and a positive attitude. We don't have any age or gender priority.

Working hours at the
school and campsite:

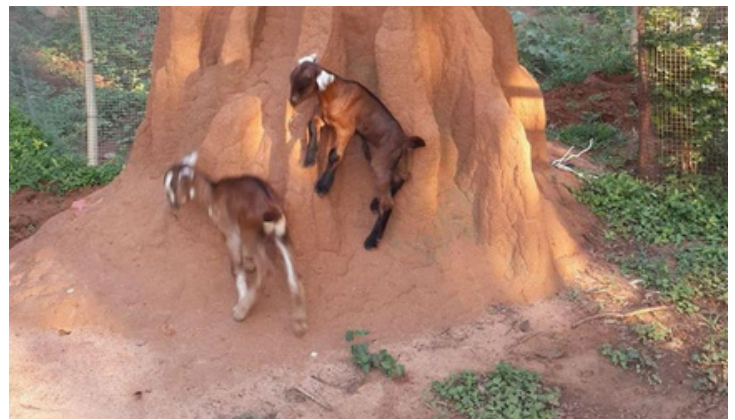
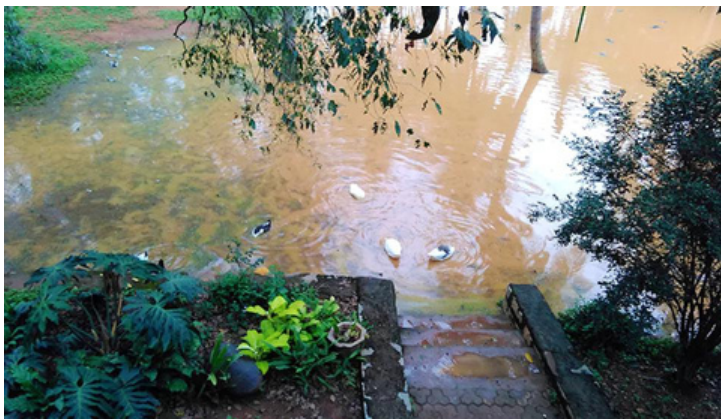
The volunteers' schedule will be open to discussion according to their areas of interest.

At the campsite, there is a daily schedule which should be followed. A usual day at the campsite starts at 7.00 AM with plucking the flowers, feeding the goats, etc. Further activities will be discussed.

What will be the food
arrangements?

Food will be provided at the campsite and volunteers can also cook food for themselves.





The Martin Farm, Bangalore, is a working farm. They are open exclusively for children to learn about farming, conservation, ecology, wildlife, and related topics. The farm is set up and managed as a natural ecosystem showing that man can live sustainably in nature without destroying it.

They have all the common farm animals, about 31 wild species of birds, and get smaller wildlife at the farm such as mongoose, wild hare, and more. There is a lot of tree cover and wild plant life at the farm. Their programs include a petting zoo concept, conservation workshops, government school farming programs, community waste management, a community farming junior entrepreneur program, animal-assisted therapy, and more.

All of their programs are experiential learning programs. They work with children of all ages from toddlers to teenagers. Their work extends to schools for differently abled children including orphanages, government schools and other NGOs specialized in this field. They have about 5 staff on their team in varying capacities including assisting with facilitating our programs, farm maintenance, admin work, animal care etc.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

MARTIN FARM

Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project

As a volunteer you will learn:

- how to grow your own food naturally without any pesticides.
- natural, zero-budget and zero-waste methods of farming.
- care and behavior of animals in captivity.
- bird identification.
- to understand the economics of agriculture, micro-enterprise and farming entrepreneurship.

You will also experience being flexible and develop patience. You will be giving back to the community in many ways.

Required skills and interests of the volunteer

Proficiency in English, hardworking, love for the outdoors,
Age criteria: above 18 years of age.

Accommodation & working hours

The volunteer program begins with level 1 which teaches the volunteers safety on the job. Living arrangements are secure in the project. Access to medical care is close by with first aid arrangements available at the farm.

Working hours will be discussed when the volunteer expresses interest to work .

What will be the food arrangements?

Food is all cooked in-house, volunteers can eat there along with the other staff.





Kaliyuva Mane [A Kannada word which means "home for learning"] is an alternative residential school started by Divya Deepa in June 2005. Divya Deepa strongly endorses this mission statement: 'To transform opportunity-deprived children, helping them to get a move on with their lives and show the way to achieve their dreams, by providing necessary help, care, empathy and value-based education'. They feel that every child has an equal opportunity to learn, innovate and excel in life.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

KALIYUVA
MANE/DIVYADEEPA
TRUST

Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project

- The volunteer will learn how to manage a home school by helping in the administration office.
- Volunteers will also take part in eco-conscious program, learning how to save rain water, recycling, build a eco-toilet.
- Participating in daily routine programmes like child activity centre and home: as lessons, cleaning activities, and workshops.
- There's the possibility of making new kinds of lessons managed by volunteers in the topic they are prepared for.

Required skills and interests of the volunteer

Knowledge of English, being open-minded, Capacity/flexibility in working hours, helpful nature, hardworking.

Working hours

MORNING to AFTERNOON

Monday to Friday

Wake the children up, Help them clean, and prepare breakfast. Participate in lessons

Lunch - cleaning - administration office - workshops - agriculture Some Saturday and Sunday Workshops Organize entertainment for children.

Food and Accommodation

Volunteer will share one room with another volunteer in the same project premises, the room has an attached toilet and bathroom.

Food will be provided by the project which is common food for all, children, staff and guests.





Beautiful Gate Special School (BGSS) is located in Mysore, Karnataka and has been serving students with special needs since 2007. BGSS is a school dedicated to helping every special child achieve their full potential irrespective of caste, creed, or ability to pay while treating them with respect and dignity that every human being deserves.

BGSS caters to children and adults between the ages of 5 to 28. Students at BGSS have a wide range of physical and mental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and Rubinstein Taybi Syndrome.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Beautiful Gate Special School

Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project

- Working with special children from deprived background. Taking care of the special children and assisting them in their everyday tasks.
- Getting involved with children in their daily activities. The students are divided into different groups according to their age.
- The volunteers are placed in each group for a considerable period of time to learn how to deal with these children and to be able to observe the teachers and learn from them.
- The volunteer would be able to interact with the parents of the children along with the teachers.

Required skills and interests of the volunteer

Learning by Teaching. The Volunteer has to learn to deal with disable children and adults also He/she needs to be very patient.

Working hours

School Opens at 9:00 am till 12.30 pm for the lower age group.

For the higher age group from 09:00 am till 2:30 pm (Subject to change depending on the child's behavior).

Food and Accommodation

Lunch will be provided at school.

Breakfast and Dinner will be at host family.

Volunteer will have to live with the host family.





SOUTH INDIA'S HOPE is an organization located in Mysore, which is more than 20 years old. They have 4 other umbrella projects which have different goals and objectives. Karla Shamala is the founder of South India's Hope.

OPEN ARMS JR. HOME

Open Arms Jr Home provides full residential care for girls between the ages of 6 and 1 who come from different aspects of the human trafficking industry. This is phase 1 of the three-phase rehabilitation program. In this phase, basic education, health, and the foundation of safety are focused on for each child to provide them a solid foundation on which to rebuild their life.

NIRIKSHE SKILLS CENTER

Nirikshe Skills Center is located in Nirikshe Graduate Home. This skills center will offer, baking, tailoring, computer, and spoken English to women and girls in the community along with awareness classes, to help break the cycle of poverty and human trafficking.



OPEN ARMS SR. HOME

Open Arms Sr Home provides full residential care for girls between the ages of 11 and 18 who come from different aspects of the human trafficking industry. This is phase 2 of the rehabilitation program. In this phase, residents will continue to focus on their health and education. They will also begin preparing for their future and navigating life's problems and decisions in a healthy manner. They will learn the basics, of household management, career planning, and finances along with how to navigate and establish healthy and safe relationships.

NIRIKSHE GRADUATE HOME

Nirikshe Graduate Home is the third and final phase of the 3 part rehabilitation program. Girls 18 and above are assigned semi-independent group flats, where they put their learning to the test and spread their wings of independence in a safe, monitored environment. They can enter the work field or continue their higher studies while they continue to receive practical life classes and life coaching to prepare them for reintegration into their community.

Note: Only Open Arms Jr. Home is located a few mts away from the centre. The remaining three projects are located on the same premises.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

SOUTH INDIA'S HOPE

Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project

- Counselling.
- Teaching Children
- Teaching Skills.
- Musician
- Basic Finance
- English Teaching
- Sports
- Baking
- Tailoring
- Basic computer skills
- House Management

Required skills and interests of the volunteer

Knowledge of English, helpful in nature, sensitive of code of conduct, dressing, and cultural adjustment. And any of the other skills mentioned above.

Working hours

Working hours will be discussed after looking at the Volunteer profile and the requirements.

Food and Accommodation

Lunch will be provided at school, and Breakfast and Dinner will be at the host family. On request, breakfast can be provided at the project. Volunteers will have to live with the host family.

Age Preference

20 years and above





Mysore Public School is an institution that strives to inculcate discipline and character building along with a serious pursuit of knowledge utilizing the most advanced teaching practices and high moral standards. MPS creates a milieu for its students to experience the thrill of continuous growth by acquiring the skill of learning how to learn. It creates an atmosphere of search and discovery, experimentation, and self-expression.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

MYSORE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Description of the tasks of the volunteer in the project

- Assist school teachers during the class hours.
- Assist in after school revision / tuition for boarding school students.
- Teach extracurricular activities (crafts, painting, music, dance).
- Engage children in sports activities in the morning and evening.
- Celebrate festivals with staff and children.

Required skills and interests of the volunteer

Volunteers must have have some skills in teaching, sports, music, arts and other specialised skills that is unique to the volunteers are preferable. People with additional work experience with children in areas of teaching, tutoring are welcomed.

Working hours

School Opens at 9:00 am till 5:00 pm
(As the volunteers will stay on the school campus, they have to take part in morning sports training which is at 7:00 am, thrice a week

Food and Accommodation

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be at school.

Volunteers will have to share the room with either another teacher or other volunteers living at school. Accommodation will be provided inside the school premises.





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