

Red Cross International Working Camp

The Canadian Red Cross Society is hosting a three week, international working camp at Oak Acres in Murray River, P.E.I. beginning July 19 to Aug. 7. The international working camp has long been a common event in Europe and the concept is rapidly catching fire here in North America. Approximately 25 students from many Western European countries will be gathering with over 70 Island students to facilitate an exchange of experiences and ideas.

There are to be three components to the camp: the participants will be required to assist in making facilities accessible to the disabled; the participants will find an equal amount of time set aside for workshops and exchange sessions; and finally buses will take students out into the communities of the Island and afford them the opportunity to become acquainted with the Island way of life. The time devoted to workshops will provide a rare chance for both groups

to share ideas on development issues on both a local and global scale and to interact with such a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds. The community contact will elicit comparisons of the methods used to overcome community problems here and in other countries -

a useful exercise.

The location as Oak Acres is ideal and there will be many social activities scheduled - for a further description of the camp-grounds please contact one of the individuals listed below

Please don't hesitate to call for additional details

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CBIE Workcamp Programme

This summer, the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) is offering a programme of International Workcamps in 16 countries.

The main objective of workcamps is to provide an opportunity for an international group of young people to work together on volunteer community projects. Participants benefit by experiencing the culture of another country, working with local inhabitants and assisting in problem solving in that country.

Participating countries include: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, France, Great Britain, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands,

West Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland.

Canada will be offering six to eight camps this year for approximately 150 volunteers from abroad. Canadians may apply to participate in both countries in order of preference.

Each camp consists of 10 to 25 volunteers. The work in the camps is physical or social in nature. Physical projects might involve constructing or improving hiking pathways, building playgrounds, or agricultural work. Social projects might include assisting in recreational projects for children in poor urban areas or working in institutions for handicapped children. Many camps are a combination of the two such as painting and redecorating the apartments of older people or restoring youth centres. Physically handicapped people can participate in all but the most strenuous physical labour camps. No special skills are required of volunteers.

Most camps are three weeks in length, some may last four. Camps are held June through October, although the majority are in July and August. Participants must be at

least 18 years of age for all countries (except West Germany which permits 16 year olds). There is no maximum age. Generally the working language is English except in francophone countries. A knowledge of the language of the country chosen is helpful but not essential.

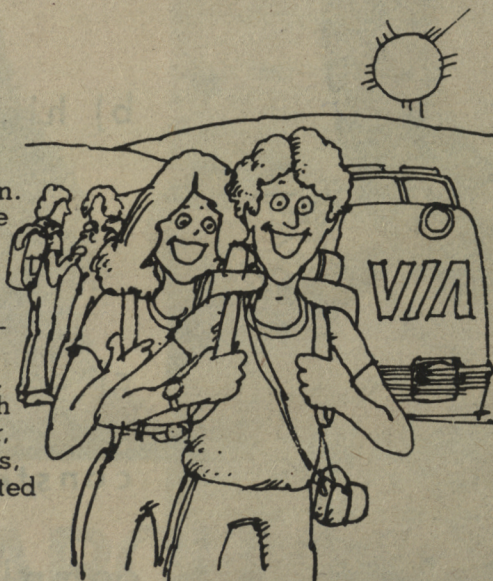
Food and lodging, generally spartan, are provided by the host community. The participants are often housed in a local church, and make their own arrangements to prepare meals. Participants are responsible for paying their own travel costs to and from the workcamp site. Canadian volunteers are advised to obtain International student cards (where applicable) if they are travelling overseas.

Since group discounts may be available, volunteers are advised to contact the Canadian Universities Travel Service for their travel needs. An administration fee of \$75. is payable to CBIE at the time of application.

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