



SOUTH AFRICA VOLUNTEER WORK CAMP ASSOCIATION

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Vision

To be a community based, volunteer membership driven, people focused, self-sustaining and development oriented organisation which is youth centred and gender sensitive.

Mission

The South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association (SAVWA) will contribute towards the development of South African communities both urban and rural through local, national, regional and international volunteers to work together towards the cultural, economic, socio-political well-being of young people and marginalised persons or groups through empowerment work camps programs and promotion of sustainable development.

The South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association shall work and collaborate with other Volunteer driven organisation, Regional Work Camp Associations, and organisations.

South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association is a member of Southern African Workcamp Cooperation (SAWC), Partner with Service Civil International (SCI), Full member of Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) and Guest Member of Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations.

Aims and Objectives

- To conduct voluntary based work camps and community driven development programmes in South Africa nationally throughout the year and regional and internationally throughout the world participation.
- To conduct capacity building training and skills development for young people.
- To facilitate youth exchange for volunteers North to South, South to North, and South to South volunteer driven work camps exchanges and developmental programmes.
- To establish a volunteer work camp site in South Africa self-sustaining and youth oriented establishment.

Activities

Since its inception in 2012, SAVWA is looking to carry out projects in various communities of South Africa in the following categories:

Construction:	Roads and foot-bridges, low income housing, schools, clinics, churches and community center's
Renovation:	Royal buildings, archeological and historical sites.
Environmental:	Soil and water conservation, tree planting
Health:	Water supply, pit latrines, HIV/AIDS awareness and mitigation
Economic:	Poultry, piggery and irrigation schemes, communal and home gardens and other income generating enterprises.

Volunteers

An international work camps consists of volunteers from different races, nationalities and other backgrounds although local volunteers are usually in the majority; the latter are made up of two groups namely SAVWA members and local community members.

Camp Calendar 2020

1. Camp Name: Orphan Care Support
Camp Number: SAVWA 0053
Participants: +/- 5
Dates: Open From January 2020 to December 2020

Type of Work: Providing support and care to orphans and improving their emotional situations and their level of acceptance with daily routines at either one or two orphanage homes called **New BeginningZ (Laudium) or Kingdom Life (Attridgeville)**.

New BeginningZ has been in operation since 2001, with the main focus being Children living and working on the streets. In 2003, due to HIV/Aids Pandemic they included Child Headed Households to their focus group and in 2004 they had to include yet another vulnerable group - abandoned babies and toddlers.

Kingdom Life Children's Center . A good-hearted woman resident in Atteridgeville realizing the urgent need for caring for the children in the area with no other place to go has established this home. Initially time and effort was invested in establishing, registering and organizing the affairs of the Home. The main focus currently is to create better opportunities for the children to develop in a stable and caring environment, and to improve their life skills.

Volunteer Tasks: It is of paramount importance to us to render services and programs that is in the best interest of every individual child.

Just as soon as you think you've seen the worst of cases, you come across yet another one. Abusers don't discriminate against colour, creed or age. Child Abuse is rife in South Africa and unfortunately not nearly enough is being done to protect the future of our country, the children. Government is shirking their responsibility when it comes to providing for destitute families therefore making it increasingly difficult for the poorest of the poor to survive.

Abuse & Poverty are the main contributing factors to street children and abandoned baby statistics in our country. Volunteers will get first hand activities such as baby minding and cleaning the house. Other activities will be mentioned with consultation with volunteers as well as matron consultation what exactly needs to be carried out during the work camp.

- What to bring:** Warm clothes, Sleeping bag, sun cream, mosquito spray/lotion, sandals, working gloves and closed shoes are advisable. Rain coat, light working clothes during working hours and warm clothes at night, as it may turn out to be chilly; Torch or flash light. Do not bring jewellery or items of personal value please.
- Accommodation:** Accommodation will be in rooms at the project center. Participants will be required to bring their own sleeping bags. The accommodation has a simple bathroom with shower and there is running water. The accommodation and work place have flushing toilets and do have electricity.
- Language:** The community has multi-cultural people and English is mostly spoken with local languages such as Sotho, Zulu, and Tswana to name a few.
- Extra info:** The LTV participation fee is strictly Euro 260 per month and this covers simple accommodation, food and project expenses office running/administrative expenses, certificate of participation during the camp, communication prior to, during and after the camp. Please note that this does not include travel expenses to and from the camp, pick up from airport so participants are asked to reserve a small amount of money for transport to the camp and vice-verse. We advise all volunteers to ask for advice from us when they are planning to book their ticket to Pretoria.
- Leisure Activities:** Weekends are meant to be for free tours that the LTV can organize by themselves.

Requirements/request:

1. To be open-minded and “doer” type
2. Ready to stand out in front of the others and coordinate the children
3. Any knowledge of musical instrument, singing or dancing is highly welcome

4. Please bring some typical food & cookies & recipies & pictures & flags and if possible musical pieces, songs, instruments
5. Please also bring for the children (if it's possible) clothes& toys that you don't need and personal care products
6. Meals should be prepared by the volunteers for themselves (breakfast, lunch and sometimes dinner as well) – based on available ingredients for the day.

2. Camp Name:	SAVWA After School Programme
Camp Number:	SAVWA 0055
Participants:	+/- 5
Dates:	Open From February 2020 To December 2020
Type of Work:	<p>Volunteers and community members will give support and guide learners academically in teaching English and Mathematics. They will also ensure learners are adequately fed during the programme and establish the academic needs of the students and more appropriate interventions (Social, economic, community, family, religious etc.)</p> <p>Activities range from community outreach to administrative work. Volunteers should prepare to assist with one or more of the following: Helping kids in the after-school activities like home work, games and sports and Administration work. Preparing progress reports for children, Preparing monthly volunteer newsletters and activity reports. Resource Mobilization and fundraising activities Community outreach in the neighboring communities.</p>
Volunteer Task	The LTV will be required to involved in English and Mathematics activities and as well cultural activities and creating and using objects which will be used when the volunteers will meet the children.
What to bring:	Sleeping bag, sun cream, mosquito spray/lotion, sandals, shoes are advisable. Rain coat, light working clothes during working hours and warm clothes at night, as it may turn out to be chilly; Torch or flash light and arts and cultural items such as drums etc. for the children even sporting equipment such as soccer balls etc. and board games.
Accommodation:	Accommodation will be in a house and venue of activities in Soshanguve. Participants will be required to bring their own sleeping bags. The accommodation has a simple bathroom with shower and water available. The accommodation and work place have flushing toilets and do have electricity but

should expect normal power cuts lasting to 4 hours on various time slots in the week. (Not every day)

- Language: The community has multi-cultural people and English is mostly spoken with local languages such as Sotho, Zulu, and Tswana to name a few.
- Extra info: The work camp participation fee is strictly Euro 260 per month and this covers simple accommodation, food and project expenses office running/administrative expenses, certificate of participation during the camp, communication prior to, during and after the camp. Please note that this does not include travel expenses to and from the camp, pick up from airport so participants are asked to reserve a small amount of money for transport to the camp and vice-verse. We advise all volunteers to ask for advice from us when they are planning to book their ticket to Pretoria.
- .Leisure Activities: The Weekend is meant to be for free tours that the group can organize by themselves. All our work camps are reserved for cultural nights when each volunteer can present her/his country and culture.
- Requirements: Qualification of participants: Open minded, ready to interact with other people of different cultural background - Positive attitude - Willing to share his/her experiences - Flexible to live/stay in simple living conditions - Flexible to eat local food - Ready to do academic work on the project and No experience needed at all. Willingness to guide students especially in cultural and arts activities. Some weekends may have excursions with students to different areas of Pretoria.