

VOLUNTEER CAMPS

The Oaxacan Fund for Environmental Conservation and the Oaxaca Community Foundation A.C. supports four rural communities in the region of the Coast and the Southern Sierra of the state of Oaxaca, with Mexican youth and foreigners from different countries in the world.



PROGRAM COST

The cost includes:

- Food (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Lodging (in houses within the community)
- Work materials
- Local Transport (From the City of Oaxaca to the community)
- 2 Thematic workshops
- Training from group facilitators
- Participation, mid, and final evaluations
- Closing celebration
- Newsletter and camp report



YOUTH FOR OAXACA

SUMMER 2009

FROM JULY 3 - 24



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An experience of change

A group of young people live together within an indigenous community for three weeks- during this period the group is integrated into the activities of daily life and participates in diverse community, cultural and environmental conservation projects.

The camp is recognized by the local authorities and municipalities, who participate in facilitating all the activities in an organized effort that involves the community.



You

can sign up if...

You are between 10 and 20 years old.

You agree to work and live within a multicultural group that likes to work in the open air.

You wish to share your culture and learn.

You are interested in collaborating in community projects.

You want to live in a rural community for three weeks in the month of July

You share in the social responsibility to build a more supportive and just world.

You can maintain a conversation in Spanish.

“The camp helped me to know myself, to know others, to exchange ideas, smiles, and feelings.” –Ignacio Océs, Barcelona España

The volunteers will participate in activities like:

- Develop community ecotourism services (mark trails, fix cabins, post signs, etc.)
- Reforestation work.
- Work in greenhouses, gardens, harvest fruits and vegetables.
- Maintain the land, water capturing systems, and public areas.
- Participate in diverse initiatives on themes related to health and education.
- Previously arranged workshops.



One important aspect of the program is it's living spaces where each participant can take part in the local culture, generating different forms of cultural exchange (nutrition, music, tradition, etc.), as well as workshops on social responsibility and environmental conservation.

During the group's time in the community, it's led by a bi-national partnership of volunteer facilitators and a camp coordinator, who has extra responsibilities like facilitating work, and supporting the relationships between the community and the group.