

Information about EVS vacancy 2018/2019 in Siska Forest Kindergarten

Receiving organisation:

Lesní klub Siska, z.s. (Forest Kindergarten)

Accreditation: 2016-1-CZ01-KA110-034392

Website in English <http://www.lesniklubsiska.cz/o-nas/information-about-evs-in-siska/>

Coordinating organization:

Luzanky – Centre of Leisure Time (SVC Luzanky)

PIC: 943921163

Accreditation : 2015-1-CZ01-KA110-022611

Website in English <http://evs.luzanky.cz/evs-in-luzanky-en/>

Duration of activity: **12 months**

Beginning of activity: 01/10/2018

End of activity: 30/09/2019

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The project is already approved.

Selection process:

Please **send us your CV, motivation letter and completed questions** (see below), describe why you have chosen this particular EVS placement and what your expectations are. **In the subject of the e-mail please write name of the EVS placement you are applying for (Siska Forest Kindergarten).**

Please send us the documents till 15 February, 2018, at evs.assistant@luzanky.cz

If you are chosen to the **second round of selection, be ready for a Skype interview** in the second half of February. **The results will be known in March 2018.** Kindly note only the volunteers selected for the second round will be informed about the results. Thank you for understanding!

Description of the workplace

Siska Forest Kindergarten is a non-profit non-governmental association, established in 2012. Our main aims are supporting active and responsible parenthood and education of children, supporting families and working parents, running forest kindergarten, building space for common activities and public events, informing about forest kindergartens and environmental education.

Our main activities are

- forest kindergarten – opened daily 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. from Monday till Friday during school year (1st September – 30th June), there are 16 – 18 children aged 3 – 7;
- activities for children and youth – regular afternoon courses for children during school year;
- one public event (festival with games) for children and their parents monthly – one afternoon during the weekend;
- educational and experience events for public (mainly adults or families), environmental education – workshops and courses cca 1 afternoon during the weekend monthly;
- 4 camps for kids during summer holidays (daily 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. from Monday till Friday), cca 20 children aged 3 - 6;

Volunteer in Siska will be working mainly as a pedagogue assistant (helping during common activities, accompany with them children in the forest, assist in regular courses for kids - music, arts, sports, handicraft etc. - according to their interest, during occasional events or summer camps). Volunteers will be also helping children while putting on clothes, dining etc. and may be asked to help with practical tasks connected with running the kindergarten – cooking, washing the dishes, cleaning and gardening. Volunteers will be supported to bring new ideas and organize own activities for children.

Volunteer's activities

The working time is 35 hours weekly including the meetings, Czech language course and time for personal project (5 hours). Volunteer will have regular schedule.

Activities in Siska:

Morning programme in kindergarten consists of morning circle, common activity, snack, walk and games in forest. After the lunch, children having a rest in a ger, listen to a story or chat. Afternoons have the courses (everyday a different one): music, painting, drama, sports, handicraft etc. A volunteer can choose which of them he/she prefers.

Volunteers can also offer the activities to the children according to their abilities and interests. This schedule changes during holiday seasons when we organize camps for children (and discuss with volunteer their participation specifically) .

We are looking for two volunteers who are motivated to work with children outdoors, in touch with nature and natural conditions. Sometimes it may be difficult to stay outside when the weather is not good. Please be aware that because of the conditions (activities in

garden and forest, presence of animals in kindergarten) the project is not suitable for people with allergies. Volunteer's personal experience with outdoor activities, scouting, woodcraft etc is welcome. We will appreciate active volunteers willing to propose their own ideas and projects. This interest and motivation to work particularly in our project is the most important for us regardless the nationality, gender, language knowledge or personal skills.

QUESTION TO ANSWER:

1. In forest kindergarten we spend almost entire working time outside (in winter the temperature possibly might get up to -10), which for some people might be very demanding. How do you think you could manage it?
2. Do you have any camping (woodcraft, scout) skills like making a fire, chopping a wood etc.? If yes, describe them.
3. How would you solve a conflict between two children who are fighting over a toy in the sandbox? Please describe briefly how you could proceed in steps.
4. What would you like to gain from your EVS?
5. What area are you good at and whether you would like to share your knowledge and experience with others?

General description of EVS coordinated by Luzanky

There are 12 EVS volunteers working at different places on individual projects, meeting every week on common meetings with the coordinator and from time to time with all the colleagues to evaluate and plan the project. Luzanky hosts and coordinates EVS volunteers in other organizations (focused on environmental education, Roma minority, French culture etc.). So, all hosted and coordinated volunteers will meet during the project and can visit workplaces and events of each other.

The volunteers have 3 months Czech language course (60 minutes 2 times a week plus homework). At the beginning of the activity, they are working 5 hours a week together with the coordinator on tasks connected with EVS promotion and presentation of their presence in our organization. Later, usually after 2-3 months, these 5 hours a week can be used by volunteer for his/her own projects and ideas.

Volunteers can visit some of the courses and events organized by Luzanky for free (circus trainings for adults, ceramics etc.).

The organization will host only volunteers older than 18 years old.

Days off and holidays: volunteers have 2 days a week free + 2 days per month of vacation. While working occasionally on weekends they have extra days off during the week.

Allowances:

Volunteers get their pocket money and food allowance monthly (in the beginning of each month), they are provided with card for Brno public transport.

Accommodation:

Volunteers live in rented flats in single rooms.