

INFORMATION SHEET

Project title: Friendship Kindergarten

Organization: SJ Vietnam

Partner: Friendship Kindergarten





ABOUT SJ VIETNAM



Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam (SJ Vietnam) is an international youth NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) that promotes peace, solidarity and active citizenship through international voluntary service. It was set up in 2004 by and for national and international young volunteers. SJ Vietnam is an official member of [NDVA](#), a full and active member of the Coordination Committee for the International Voluntary Service ([CCVIS](#)) at UNESCO (Paris) and partner of [Alliance](#) Network.

SJ Vietnam organizes short-and long-term international workcamps and local projects, actions of social integration, training activities, international solidarity actions, and runs the first youth center for street children in Hanoi called "International Youth House" since 2006.

All volunteers, both Vietnamese and international, are warmly welcomed to join and participate in the projects provided by SJ Vietnam.

The goals of SJ Vietnam are:

- ***Work towards a society of justice, peace and solidarity.***
- ***Break cultural misunderstanding between peoples and nations.***
- ***Improve local and global environment, provide non-formal education, reduce poverty and establish human rights.***
- ***Encourage young people to participate actively in the society in which they live.***

The SJ Vietnam slogan reads: **"Volunteer for sharing, learning and being responsible"**.

Furthermore, each year, our Vietnamese volunteers are sent abroad to participate in volunteering projects organized by partner organizations all over the world.

In 2008, we count officially 3256 local members aged between 15 and 35 years old. SJ Vietnam uses to host around 300 short and long term international volunteer every year. In 2009, SJ Vietnam should welcome the first EVS volunteer in collaboration with the European Commission and [Solidarités Jeunesses France](#).

SJ Vietnam is supported by the French student organization "[Un Etai pour le Vietnam](#)" in Toulouse, "[Coup de pouce](#)" (France -Vietnam) and the [World Bank in Vietnam](#).

Special skills

Volunteer should:

- Love to play with children and be willing to share
- Know activities, games, songs that children can enjoy
- Be flexible, imaginative, patient
- Be able to create a friendly environment for the children

Project location

Friendship Kindergarten

Established in 1993, the friendship kindergarten is a drop-in shelter for orphans, children who have special background or children who are brought up by no one in Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi. Up to now, the Friendship Kindergarten has protected and helped many orphans and special background children at the age of 3-12 until they finish high school (18 years old). On average, each child is brought up in the Kindergarten about 10-15 years. During the period living there, their constitution and spirit are paid much attention. They are also educated to become good persons by the staff with the hope to partially make up for family affection and the difficulties they have to undergo.

Project duration (1 month)

From 31/5/2010 to 02/7/2010

Cost : 400 Euro/month

FEES ARE NOT ONLY FOR YOUR FOOD AND YOUR ACCOMMODATION!

We spend our budget as following:

I	Office + Administration	20%
A	Local staff costs	7%
B	Staff Travel Costs	1%
C	Administration	12.68%
D	Capital Equipment	0.41%
II	Project:	41%
E	Fisher Village costs	14%
F	Other projects	10%
G	Project materials	7.77%
H	Training	10%
II		
I	Volunteers	29%
I	Accommodation & Food	25.96%
J	Local Transport	3.03%
K	Contingency	10%

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Arrival

You will need to arrange your flights into Noi Bai International Airport. We will arrange a taxi driver to pick you up on request. The address of your orientation place in Hanoi is:

International Youth House / Workcamp Accommodation

Number 16, An Xa, Phuc Xa street, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam

Tel: + 84 975 750 540 (Ms. Hang)

Work Details

- The Children's day (1/6). Children's Day is one of special days for children all over the world. And this will be our first day there so we will hold a little party not only for children in the kindergarten to celebrate their day, like any other normal children, but also for us to get acquainted with them. We will do many activities such as giving children presents, playing games, singing songs, talking... to make them happy and compensate for their hard in life to be on equal rights with other children
- Organize English classes: Children there go to school like other normal children, but the time we are there will be their summer holiday time. To help them enjoy their holiday and gain something useful for their future, we will organize English classes in the morning from 9 to 11 am. The children are very eager to learn but you should be flexible and patient because they are of different ages and different characters. You can be creative in your method of teaching such as by telling tales, playing games, teaching English songs in order to let them receive knowledge the most efficiently.
- 2 hours in the afternoon (2 – 4pm) will be the time you can do many activities to help the kindergarten such as cleaning, organizing games for children... Your creativity is highly appreciated, so you are encouraged to contribute your ideas about funny games that children can enjoy. It's very important to let children know and trust you so that you can help these disadvantaged children to share their hard in life and make your time here most meaningful. It will also be a good time for all of you to learn about different cultures from other people. This is done by working in a group with both Vietnamese and foreign volunteers.

Camp activities

- There are the first three days granting for Vietnamese introduction including: Vietnamese lessons in Volunteer House, Hanoi capital tour, Vietnamese cooking and traditional games in Bach Thao Zoo. You will have lively experience and knowledge about Vietnam, its characteristics, its peaceful capital, its tastes and dishes, as well as its games that you have never undergone if you only read through books or travel brochures.

- Evenings will be interesting opportunities for participant(s) from each foreign country to show off your cultural aspects. So when you join the project, you savor not only Vietnamese culture but also cultures of different countries around the world.

Accommodation and Meals

About your accommodation, you will stay in Volunteer Center.

In Volunteer Center, Volunteers will sleep on dormitory beds. There are up to 9 volunteers per room and 18 volunteers share 2 bathrooms. Volunteers sharing the house will be both Vietnamese and International ones. You will need to bring a mosquito net, sleeping bag, small pillow, sheet and an inflatable mattress if you require a little more comfort. There are 2 bathrooms with hot showers, a large communal kitchen with washing machine and ample space on the roof terrace to hang your clothes to dry.

Between the volunteers staying at the Volunteer Center, you will need to share the cooking (a range of ingredients will be provided) and cleaning and ensure that it is hygienic at all times. Bottled mineral water will be supplied at all times at the house. As volunteers you can make this your house - there will not be a co-coordinator staying with you and so you will be responsible for the condition that the house is kept in.

Please note: the Volunteer Center is basic and very simple in appearance, but you'll be made to feel very welcome and be provided with all necessities to make your stay comfortable. Keeping the house clean is the responsibility of all, there will not be a house cleaner to tidy up after you. By following the following simple rules, the house will be a clean and tidy place to live for all:

- Wash and put away dishes after dinner
- Keep toilets and bathrooms clean
- Regularly take out the rubbish
- Remove shoes before entering the house

Travel plan

- Orientation day: on this day, you can have one day to go on Hanoi city tour. Hanoi is not only the capital but also considered to be the cultural center of Vietnam where history has left behind its imprint. Hanoi hosts more cultural sites than any other city in Vietnam so you can have one interesting day going around and enjoy the peaceful beauty of Hanoi in some places such as the Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Lake, the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum..

- On the weekends: We will help you to book 1 or 2 day tour in the north of Vietnam for you. You can travel to Halong Bay, which has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of breathtaking scenic beauties. Or you can go to Sapa, the fanciful town in fog, famous for its special cultural diversity in a combination of ethnic minority groups' culture, for a glimpse of the famed "Love Market" and many other wonderful destinations in the north. We will arrange private tours with professional guides, high quality service, unique and diversity of activities (team work games and leadership games, etc.) with a reasonable price. You will have the chance to discover the hidden charm of the Vietnamese culture and people and we ensure that you will have cheerful and unforgettable trips in Vietnam



Remarks

Kit List – What to pack

Please note that this kit list is intended to help you plan what you may need to take with you and, therefore, you may not need all of the listed items on your travels nor is it exhaustive.

Personal Admin

- Photocopies of important papers such as passport, airline tickets and insurance documents

General

- Inflatable mattress
- Sleeping bag
- Sheet
- Small pillow
- Mosquito net
- Day bag / rucksack (for excursions)
- A torch



- Mobile phone
- Camera & batteries
- Phone charger with a two pin adaptor plug
- Playing cards for free time
- Diary – you will have so many amazing experiences to remember
- CD walkman and speakers (if you wish)
- Tissues
- Plastic bags
- Snacks (cup of soups, biscuits etc)
- Pocket-knife
- Towel

Clothing

- Walking shoes / trainers
- Flip Flops
- A hat to protect you from the sun
- Rain coat
- Clothes; Long sleeve shirts and trousers are great.

Medical Kit

- Small medical kit containing plasters, medicine for diarrhea, head ache tablets, anti-histamine cream and any medication you will need
- Mosquito repellent
- Contraception including condoms
- Bio logical soap (if you are taking the trekking option)
- Antibacterial soap gel (does not need water to rinse off)
- Travel wash for clothes