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Project description Schule Marienau



(1) *Information about the organisation:*

Schule Marienau
Neetzetalstraße 1
21368 Dahlem-Marienau

Contact person: Herr Karrasch
Webpage: <http://www.marienau.com/>

(2) *Description of the organisation:*



(Foto from the webpage of Marienau)

The Marienau school is surrounded by more than 80 hectares of forest, meadows and courtyards. Originating from a former manor house, today numerous buildings with modern architecture form a harmonious unit. The campus is centred around the main house and the pond and reflects generosity and security at the same time. The various functions - living, school, boarding school, workshops, dining room and economic rooms - are deliberately closely intertwined.

(3) *The community:*

Marienau is located approx. 80 km southeast of Hamburg, on the edge of the Lüneburger Heide, directly at the small river Neetze. Marienau belongs to the Integrated municipality of Dahlenburg, 24 km east of Lüneburg.

The most important shops and facilities in Dahlenburg are quickly accessible from Marienau. Attractive excursion destinations nearby are the Elbe with its wide Elbe valley meadows, the adjacent nature reserve as well as the Göhrde and the Wendland; an incomparable landscape with cultural diversity and unmistakable charm.

The old salt and Hanseatic city of Lüneburg with its historic old town, the Salztherme, cinemas, the city theatre, the university, several museums, restaurants and student flair is worth a visit.

There are numerous excellent golf courts in the region.

(4) Tasks of the volunteer:



(Foto from the webpage of Marienau)

Volunteers support the school's educational staff. Concrete tasks can include:

- Support in boarding school supervision (living area/table group)
- Assistance in the preparation of homework/private tuition
- Cooperation in the implementation of offers/courses in the leisure area of the boarding school
- Cooperation in the organisation of leisure activities on boarding school weekends
- Assistance in looking after foreign students, also during short holidays
- Support for school social work/dispute resolution/mediation
- Student transport
- Afternoon offers on your own initiative
- Assistance in remedial teaching (group or individual supervision)
- Preparation/planning/accompanying of excursions and school trips
- Accompaniment and support of the holiday courses
- Accompaniment and support during lessons in individual cases
- Creation of work and teaching materials
- Administrative tasks in the context of student support
- Design and implementation of an independent project
- Caretaker activities during the summer holidays
- student kiosk
- Student newspaper, student information board

Working hours:

- Working hours are flexible and must be arranged with the supervisor.
- 26 days of holiday a year (most of the holiday must be taken during Marienau's school holidays)
- 1 day off per week (e.g. Tuesday)

(5) What support can be provided for the volunteer during the voluntary service?

- One supervisor is available at each of our various locations.
- There are regular discussions with the supervisors. Volunteers also take part in regular team meetings.
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(6) Accomodation and meals:

Volunteers are accommodated in a shared apartment in the school dormitory. Volunteers get a single room, the kitchen and the bathroom are shared.

Volunteers can take part in the facility's meals during working hours. During the 26 days of holiday, the meal allowance is paid in cash. In addition, food money is paid for 8 days per month (weekends).

(7) Special remarks:

- Volunteers should be sporty and communicative
- English language skills are required
- an international driving licence as well as driving experience are very important
- the voluntary service lasts only 11 months due to the summer holidays - the service generally starts after the summer holidays
- Holiday time is to be taken during school holidays
- The rooms and objects provided by the facility must be respected and treated with care - the mentor should be informed immediately if objects are damaged. In case of intentional damage, volunteers must cover the costs themselves.

Important: Volunteers should bring enough money for their arrival and the first month, as the first pocket money may not be paid until 1.5 months later. In Germany life is often more expensive than in your home country, **so you should bring at least 350 € for this time.**

(8) First days in the project:

Airports:

The following airports are suitable for the arrival. Hamburg is closest to Lüneburg.

Hamburg (HAM)

Hannover (HAJ)

Berlin Tegel (TXL)

Berlin Schönefeld (SXF)

Train station:

Lüneburg train station

The volunteer should choose a train connection to Lüneburg from the selected airport and inform the project.

- **See appendix -**



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