

INFO SHEET: ICYE STEP

Project: MAXHOF



■ WHAT IS IT?

MAXHOF FARMHOLIDAYS FOR HANDICAPED PEOPLE

The Maxhof is a farm where people with disabilities can spend their holidays either with their families or with their care institutions. Maxhof is located in South-Burgenland in a village with 1800 inhabitants.

The Maxhof is a family owned and organized company and is planting fruits and vegetables as well as berries, and different herbs. Maxhof has the capacity to host 10 people in the guesthouse.

The Maxhof has furthermore cats, goose, ducks and chicken.

Within the Maxhof is also a ceramic and creative atelier where the guests can work on different things. There is also a swimming pond, table tennis, meadow for sun bathing

■ WHERE IS IT?

The Maxhof is located on the Austrian country side in South-Burgenland in a village called Deutsch Kaltenbrunn with 1800 inhabitants. Burgenland is the youngest region of Austria and known for its most sunny hours in Austria. There are a lot of wine yards and agriculture in the surrounding of Maxhof. The landscape is romantic hilly. Do not expect a well developed night life but a lot of traditions and a warm village life.

■ WHAT IS GRENZENLOS DOING?

Grenzenlos is a Vienna-based NGO different from the project. We are supporting the project and the

intern/volunteer before and during her/his stay, and we are organizing the logistics.

Grenzenlos identifies and prepares hosting projects, offers a basic introduction and orientation for the participant after arrival, helps with finding language courses if needed, offers a mentoring program, helps with all administrative matters and conducts the evaluation meeting at the end of stay.

■ JOB DESCRIPTION

There is no "normal" day at Maxhof. The plan of the day will be developed every morning together with the family team. The usual tasks are preparing the breakfast, lunch, doing the harvest which is used for the guests

Generally the Maxhof offers Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner with mainly biological and regional products depending on the plan and on the needs of the guest.

So every day is a bit different.

The official breakfast times are from 8- 10- Lunch is between 12-13.30 and Dinner around 18-19.00

A volunteer's main job is to help with the kitchen work (cooking, cleaning, preparing lunch packages, use the harvested fruits and vegetables from the garden), help with serving dishes and help with guests, Help with cleaning and preparing rooms help with working in the garden especially fruits and vegetables, cutting grass, etc.

in our team everyone does everything

He or she should work for about 30-35 hours per week and is entitled to two days of holiday of every month.

■ FACTS & NUMBERS

Employees: 2 full-time staff t

Food & accommodation:

A volunteer will have a single room in the private house of the family, seperated from the guest house,. You share the bathroom with our 17 year old son who also helps at the Farm.

There is a private eating room for you and the family, also internet is available. To discover the surrounding a bicycle and a mofa are available.

Please be aware that the project is on the Austrian country side!

It is important to know however, that the rooms are non-smoking and that it is necessary that guests are registered with the project leader.

All meals are provided at the project

Special food arrangements (vegetarian, etc) are possible as well.

Support for volunteers: There would be one person in charge of the volunteer/intern. If desired volunteers can use a bicycle for travelling in the surrounding and internet in Maxhof.

Volunteering duration: 3-6 months between April and September

Costs for the volunteer

Board and lodging is provided.

The costs for the **first month are 350 Euro** (to be paid at arrival day) and **50 Euro for each following week.**

If desired: Costs for a language course, local transport costs if needed, pocket money for free time activities

■ REQUESTED SKILLS

There are no special requirements. A volunteer/intern should be in general interested and to enjoy working with handicapped people of different ages and like to be outside in the nature. The ability to handle different talks at the same time and to be flexible towards the needs of our guests should be given. No previous working skills or experience is required. The

common working languages can be either German or English.

■ HOW TO APPLY?

Send your Volunteers Motivation letter together with your CV to grenzenlos: austria@grenzenlos.or.at
The selection will be made by the Hosting project itself.

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