

International Workcamp of KNCU (Korean National Commission for UNESCO) 2013

The Korean National Commission for UNESCO - KNCU - was established on January 30th 1954, following the Republic of Korea's admission to UNESCO in 1950. The Chairperson of KNCU is the Minister of Education of Korea.

As the first agency of United Nations to define and develop specific programmes for young people, the principal objective of UNESCO's strategy of action with and for youth is to champion the empowerment of young people to ensure and enhance their full participation as equal and valuable partners in society. Accordingly, as the national commission of UNESCO, we intend to conduct several national/international projects in connection with international voluntary service.

There are three international workcamps in 2013 that follow typical workcamp schedule. There is, however, a starting session prior to the workcamps on August 9th. The age range for all of the 2013 projects is 18-30 years old, and the camp language is English

CODE	Location	Date	Theme	Vols	Requirements
KNCU-01 (WHV Project)	Jeju-do	9 Aug - 22 Aug	ENVI/KIDS	15	None
KNCU-03 (WHV Project)	Muan	9 Aug - 22 Aug	ENVI/CULT	15	None
KNCU-04	Gyeongju	9 Aug - 22 Aug	RENO/ENVI	15	None

KNCU-01 (WHV Project-Jeju / 9-22 Aug)

Project activities: As part of the World Heritage Volunteers project, KNCU-01 focuses on preservation and promotion of UNESCO Natural Heritage. The Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes have been enlisted as the World Heritage List since 2007. From the highest mountain in Korea to the scenic and mysterious caves, Jeju-do much to offer to anyone and everyone. The activities will be two-folds. One includes direct involvement in preservation of the heritage such as include picking up trash, trimming the weeds, and conducting manual research on the flora and fauna of the region. The other activity includes working with children of the region, teaching them about natural heritages and conducting street campaigns just to name a few.

Accommodations: You will be living in a local house with other volunteers, equipped with modern kitchen and bathroom facilities. Food will be prepared by the campers. Meals may be provided occasionally by the local residents. Please bear in mind that special dietary needs may not be offered (such as Halal food).

Language: The main use of language during the camp is English.

Meeting point: Volunteers must arrive at Seogwipo Bus Terminal on August 9th by 14:00 where you will be greeted by the Korean volunteers. It takes approximately one hour by bus from Jeju International Airport, and you may fly directly to Jeju or take a domestic flight from Seoul.

Helpful tips: Drinking is NOT allowed during the camp and volunteers MUST respect the local culture. We suggest that you book your trip to Jeju as soon as possible for August is peak vacation season in Korea. KNCU does not offer any accommodations prior to and after the camp.



KNCU 2013-03 (WHV Project-Muan / 9-22 Aug)

Project activities: The south-western coastal tidal flats of Muan and its wetlands are currently under World Heritage Tentative List. Collaborating with Eco-Horizon and Muan Ecological Tidal Flat Centre, the volunteers will take part in three different activities. One is related with the WHV, such as coordinating site maintenance, making informational brochures for tourists, and cleaning up the wetlands. You will also work to revitalize the neighbourhood such as building a sale stand for local produce and decorating nearby bus stops. Lastly, you will have opportunities to experience the local culture, interacting with the children and local residents.

Accommodations: You will be living in a nearby residential house with two rooms, one bathroom and one kitchen. You will prepare your own food. Kindly be informed that special dietary needs may not be offered (such as Halal food) due to the remoteness of the location.

Language: The main use of language during the camp is English.

Meeting point: Volunteers must meet at KNCU Seoul Office on August 9th by 11:00 am to receive overall instructions. It takes approximately one hour by subway from Incheon International Airport. Detailed instructions will be provided in INFOSHEETS around June.

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KNCU 2013-04 (Gyeongju / 9-22 Aug)

Project activities: Continuing from 2012, project KNCU-04 aims to renovate traditional buildings and promote cultural heritage at the UNESCO Cultural Heritage city of Gyeongju. Although not enlisted as WHV this year, Gyeongju is a city full of heritages where you will experience elegant traditions of early Shilla period. Joint activities with the townspeople such as wall painting may also take place.

Accommodations: You will be living in a traditional house with modern amenities. The location is within UNESCO cultural heritage, meaning you must respect the local culture. You will prepare your own food. Special dietary needs may not be offered.

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