

Travel With A Conscience

Spend the summer as a volunteer and see new places while you improve the world around you.

Fitting meals and sleep into your school-year schedule can be difficult enough; finding the time to participate in worthy causes may well be impossible. As a volunteer for the summer, however, you *can* make a difference—and travel is often part of the deal.

Opportunities in the U.S. and abroad range from community-service projects like work camps and literacy programs to outdoor endeavors like conservation and construction.

Volunteering may mean paying your own transportation and living expenses, or even a fee to participate. But you might be able to get college credit for your efforts; ask your academic adviser before you go.

Here's a sampling of programs:

Housing for the poor. Habitat for Humanity International builds and rehabilitates housing for low-income families.

You can work on construction crews here or abroad, or help out at chapter offices around the U.S. Projects may last from one day to one year. Living stipends and housing are sometimes provided, but you have to come up with your own transportation to and from the sites. Internship credit is available. Contact Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat and Church streets, Americus, GA 31709, 912-924-6935.

Environmental advocacy. Greenpeace works toward protecting the natural environment from man-made hazards. You can volunteer at the main offices in San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Boston, Fort Lauderdale (Florida), or Washington, D.C. You'll pay your own living and transportation expenses, and your job duties will range from answering information requests to walking picket lines. Contact Green-

peace, 1436 U St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, 202-462-1177.

Work camps. These programs combine social and environmental projects like revitalizing neighborhoods and helping underprivileged children. Spartan room and board is provided, but an administrative fee (about \$125) is usually charged. Transportation is your responsibility. Contact the Council on International Educational Exchange, 205 E. 42nd St., New York, NY 10017, 212-661-1414.

Finding other programs. Look in your library for these guides to other volunteer opportunities, or order them by mail. • *Volunteer! The Comprehensive Guide to Voluntary Service in the U.S. and Abroad.* Send \$4.95 (plus \$2.50 first-class or \$1 book-rate postage) to Volunteer!, Box 347, Newton, KS 67114. Make the check payable to Commission on Voluntary Service and Action. • *Helping Out in the Outdoors.* This is a guide to volunteer work in U.S. parks and forests. Send \$3 to the American Hiking Society, 1015 31st St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

—Ellen J. Frank

Off-Season Trips

You can afford your fantasy vacation—whether it's basking on Caribbean beaches or skiing American powder—by traveling in the off-season.

A summer visit to Cancun, for example, costs just \$399, including seven nights at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza and round-trip air fare from New York City. The winter price? A chilly \$599. (Both packages are available from GoGo Tours, 201-934-3500.)

The off-season for Mexico and the Caribbean is mid-April or May through mid-December. Ski-resort prices drop from mid-April till the snow is gone, which on some Western slopes is as late as the end of June.

Ski late-spring snows to save 30 to 70 percent on lift tickets and as much as 65 percent on lodging-and-lift packages. After April 1, a room/lift-ticket combo at the Five Diamond Preferred Hotel in Keystone, Colorado, costs



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