

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT UNAREC

### Union Nationale des Associations Regionales études ET chantiers (National Union of regional associations études ET chantiers)

études ET chantiers was created in **1962** by several Youth movements. It acts on international co-operation in the “Education Populaire” movement –non formal education-. We aim to fight exclusion, in the world-wide movement of international voluntary services (short term and long term) through partnerships with 105 organisations in 62 countries.

Since 1986, the organisation was regionalised and became **UNAREC** = **Union Nationale des Associations Régionales études ET chantiers** (*national union of regional associations named études ET chantiers*)

UNAREC is member of both **CCIVS** and **Alliance** of European voluntary service organisations networks, as well as the new **YouthCan** and **SEVEN** (senior) platforms. In France, UNAREC is the current President of **Cotravaux**, French network of voluntary service organisations, [www.cotravaux.org](http://www.cotravaux.org) and is active in Rural development (CELAVAR) as well in the inclusion networks (Chantier Ecole).

**Our “Union” is composed by 6 regional associations, with a national secretariat in Paris:**

- études ET chantiers **Ile de France** – Paris area and North of France
- études ET chantiers **Grand Est** – East part of France
- études ET chantiers **Bretagne et Pays de Loire** – West part of France
- études ET chantiers **Midi Pyrenees** – South West part of France
- études ET chantiers **Rhone Alpes** – South-East of France
- études ET chantiers **Espace Central** – Centre of France and the International Delegation.

Each regional organisation run permanent projects independently, and organise collectively the international workcamp programme, coordinated by the International delegation, permanent office based in Clermont-Ferrand.

We organise around **50 international workcamps** every year **open to all (no age limit, and seniors are welcome)**. For over 40 years, we developed teenager workcamps (14-17 years), and since 2007, we open one “pre-teen” workcamp (11-13 years)!

You will find below **our camps which are probably the most suitable for senior volunteers**, but of course, **all our camps are open to senior volunteers**.

We will be happy to give you more information at [workcamps@unarec.org](mailto:workcamps@unarec.org) .

Beside this, our regional organisations manage 50 local inclusion work projects with young or adults facing exclusion. This is the larger part of our action that involves us in employment or social public schemes and in European programmes (ESF, Leonardo, Grundtvig ...). We are looking for new partnerships and cooperation in this field.

Altogether, we manage 1500 participants (volunteers, trainees, inclusion, learners ...), led by over 120 permanent staff and supervised by 50 trustees.

## UNAREC ADULT WORKCAMPS

Usually we host **12 volunteers** on each of our workcamps (9/10 international volunteers +2/3 French participants) but some projects are open to 8 volunteers only.

**Stay:** All volunteers are expected to arrive the first day and leave the last day!

**Languages spoken:** English or French. Some projects are specific French speaking (Festivals, Archaeological camps), this is indicated in the description.

**Leading team** (staff): **our leaders are employees** with some co leader volunteers (or trainees). They implement our **pedagogy** that aims to bring each volunteer better skill in all aspect of the workcamps: work, collective life, local population awareness and cultural activities...

**Work** is about **30 hours per week**; most of the time no work on week-ends, but it might BE DIFFERENT DEPENDING THE PROJECT (festival camps ...). The **work is the aim of our projects**: its realisation is essential (in time, quantity and quality): this is why our leaders are employees!

**Activities** are decided **together** with volunteers and leaders: as a group experience! Leaders will propose activities, but ideas and proposals are welcome. We don't expect volunteers doing activities on their own, going to visit friends living nearby or going alone to watch a movie! Concerning the **every day life**, the group will organise teams so that everybody participate in the cleaning, tidying up, and preparation of the meals...

**Accessing** : on each project we open **1 or 2 places** for people facing social or psychological difficulties (like living in orphanages or in specialized institutions). We are convince that workcamps is very useful for them, as a big adventure and good contacts with International volunteers from all conditions.

**Age Limit:** 18 years old minimum – no maximum; We may accept **17 year old participants** if they already have a volunteer experience and if they are mature enough to join an adult project (**a motivation letter is necessary for minor volunteers**)

**Insurance:** our association covers the volunteers from the first to the last day of the project (**civil liability, individual accident, assistance repatriation**). **Our insurance does not cover lost or stolen objects, or illness** (except those due to accidents).

**Volunteers from the E.U countries MUST bring a European Health card** to cover their cost (replacing the E111 form, for medical, pharmaceutical and hospitalisation cover).

**No advance of money will be given to them.**

- U47A AUZAT 1 AUZAT 14.06-26.06 ARCH 8 +18 FR
- U47B AUZAT 2 AUZAT 26.06-10.07 ARCH 8 +18 FR
- U54 EMMAUS 82 VILLE DIEU DU TEMPLE (LA) 04.07-22.07 SOCI 10 +18
- U23 THANN THANN 06.08-27.08 RENO 15 +18
- U78 SAINTE ENIMIE - EPMM SAINTE ENIMIE 20.09-01.10 ENVI/RENO 8 +18

## **U47A AUZAT 1 AUZAT 14.06-26.06 ARCH 8 +18**

### **French Speaking Camp**

**The project:** The town of Auzat, situated in a lovely valley in the Pyrenees mountains, organises archaeological excavations since several years, at the Montréal-de-Sos castle. It was originally built in the XIII<sup>th</sup> century, on a rocky promontory. A mule will help you out carrying the needed material. A number of historical pieces has been found on the site: tools, pottery, coins... You will work with local volunteers from all walks of life as well as people under professional training.

**Works:** The person in charge of the archaeology project will guide you. The excavation takes place every day; however you will alternate 1 day of work and 1 day off with half of the group, so as to get some rest. On rainy days (if ever there are some!) you will carry out cleaning of the founded objects. This is a work that is sometimes challenging, but quite exciting if you are fond of archaeology.

**Accommodation:** In tents at the municipal campsite.

**More infos:** You will stay at the municipal campsite, in the beautiful Vic des Sos valley. A number of painted caves as well as castles are worth a visit in the area.

**Nearest "big town":** TARASCON SUR ARIEGE

**Nearest airport:** AÉROPORT DE TOULOUSE-BLAGNAC (TLS)

**Terminal:** GARE DE TARASCON-SUR-ARIÈGE

**Special Requirements: Caution: To join this workcamp it is compulsory to be vaccinated against tetanus. An attestation will be asked on arrival. Bring very good trekking shoes and a little rucksack!**

## **U47B AUZAT 2 AUZAT 26.06-10.07 ARCH 8 +18**

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**The project:** The town of Auzat, situated in a lovely valley in the Pyrenees mountains, organises archaeological search since several years, at the Montréal-de-Sos castle. It was originally built in the XIII<sup>th</sup> century, on a high rock. A donkey will help you out carrying the needed material. A number of historical pieces has been found on the site: tools, pottery, money... You will work with local volunteers from all walks of life as well as people under professional training.

**Works:** The person in charge of the search will guide you. The search takes place every day; however you will alternate 1 day of work and 1 day off with half of the group, so as to get some rest. On rainy days (if ever there are some!) you will rather work on cleaning the founded objects. This is a work, sometimes challenging, but very interesting if you are fond of archaeology.

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#### **U54 EMMAÜS 82 VILLE DIEU DU TEMPLE (LA) 04.07-22.07 SOCI 10 +18**

**The project:** The Emmaüs community of Tarn et Garonne is one of the association member of the movement Emmaüs France. The association helps every people in precarious situation. Emmaüs offers room and board to its companions, and in compensation, they participate in activities of recycling, collecting and selling developed in the department. As it develops a project of social economy, the association constantly welcomes about sixty people, and since its creation in 1995, welcomes international volunteers to bring help to this project. Since 2007, a festival has been organised every year by the companions and the local associations in order to promote a fair humanity.

**Works:** You will participate in the activities of the Emmaüs community, with the companions. That is to say to collect objects in individual's houses, to sort the collection and restore the objects, to sell these objects and to help to cook and clean. You will work from Tuesday to Friday from 8.00 am to 5.30 pm. On Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays you will go out and have activities.

**Accommodation:** You will be housed in tents or dormitory in the community.

**More infos:** The Emmaüs community of Tarn et Garonne is engaged in the constitution of an environmental village. It owns a healthy garden. All along your journey, the community will increase your awareness of their different actions.

**Nearest "big town":** MONTAUBAN

**Nearest airport:** AÉROPORT DE TOULOUSE-BLAGNAC (TLS)

**Terminal:** GARE DE MONTAUBAN-VILLE-BOURBON

**Special Requirements:** The Emmaüs community being a social welcoming place, it is important to respect the rules of the community to make sure things go smoothly, such as respecting time of work and meals. Moreover, alcohol is forbidden within the community.

#### **U23 THANN THANN 06.08-27.08 RENO 15 +18**

**The project:** The town of Thann, situated in Alsace region, has a magnificent heritage of the Middle Ages, which is the famous ruins of Engelbourg, a fort destroyed in the 17th century. This fort, called also "The Eye of the witch", is an ancient part of a dungeon, celebrated for his beauty overhanging the town, such an enormous wheel on top of the mound. This site is the aim of tourism and cultural development. Come and join the young people of Thann for this project !

**Works:** For this year, you will work with the masonry before re-jointing, to re-strengthen the ancient facings and for the excavation. You will clean the wall while paying attention to the vegetation which can be an element of support for the stone. A path needs to be rehabilitated, as well as a low wall of dry stones which need to be restored.

**Accommodation:** You will sleep within the music school which has wash rooms and a kitchen.

**More infos:** The town of Thann (6000 inhabitants) is situated in the south extremity of the famous wine yards of Alsace. Kept rural while developing its industries and revitalizing the cultural life. The region has a tourist vocation amongst other assets. The towns of Colmar and Strasbourg are close as well as Germany.

**Nearest "big town":** COLMAR

**Nearest airport:** EUROAÉROPORT BÂLE-MULHOUSE-FREIBURG (BSL)

**Terminal:** GARE DE THANN

#### **U78 SAINTE ENIMIE - EPMM STE ENIMIE 20.09-01.10 ENVI/RENO 8 +18**

**The project:** Since 1999, the EPMM (Sport for All Association, French federation) of Saint Enimie and études ET chantiers carry out workcamps every year. These camps are part of a refurbishment and improvement long term project of groups and activities' welcome places. Located in the Tarn Gorges, the EPMM welcomes groups for nature outdoor activities that combine physical activities, natural heritage and local built heritage. The EPMM team will welcome you warmly.

**Works:** You will arrange dry stones walls. You have to be patient with your job!!

**Accommodation:** Housing in 3-4 people bedrooms in the EPMM centre.

**More infos:** The EPMM centre is located in the famous and gorgeous Tarn Gorges of Lozère, near the medieval village of Saint Enimie (540 inhabitants). The nearest town is Mende (28 kms). Saint Enimie

is registered as one of the most beautiful French villages. It's an amazing place for nature and built heritage lovers.

**Nearest "big town":** SAINTE ENIMIE

**Nearest airport:** MONTPELLIER

**Terminal:** GARE DE MENDE

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