

Details of the workcamp IG.MANU.04 PORTO DI TERRA

From 8/21/2017 till 8/28/2017 **PLEASE NOTE** that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format

City: POLIZZI GENEROSA – **Number of needed volunteers: M 1 - F 0**

Min/Max age: 16/65 – Work type: MANU,AGRI,

Remarks: last place available male OR female. No teens

Local partner: Porto di Terra is a community project run by eight young people. The project is based on the principles of permaculture and agro-ecology, sustainability and non-violence. In particular Porto di Terra aims to create a self-sufficient community. We are a small productive reality (we produce olive oil, natural soaps and cosmetics, jams, food from the kitchen garden). The community settled in the mountains of Sicily and it is established in a beautiful pot of land in the wood since 2016. for more information check the fb page: portoditerraproject or www.portoditerra.com (mostly to see some pictures, web site is in Italian)

Work description: This workcamp will be hosted during a week of mutuo aiuto , a monthly gathering of sicilian farmers (but also friends, musicians, artisans) that meet to support each others farms and rural community projects. This gathering is organized by the Sicilian Permaculture Network and hosted by Porto di Terra once a year for one week. During this mutuo aiuto farmers, helpers, musicians and friends from all parts of Sicily come to stay in Porto di Terra for one week. Last year we had almost 40 people a day, coming and going during the week. They will help Porto di Terra in pursuing some specific goals like: opening new paths in the wood, work at the restoration of some local huts following principles of bio-architecture, cleaning the stream flows, designing the place according to principles of permaculture and sustainability. Mainly it will be manual work but you are welcome to contribute in other ways as well..if you are an artist for example we can see if there is a proper place to host your art and 61514; At the beginning of each day all together we will set the goals for the day and divide in small working groups according to preference and needs. You can choose which work you ll like to do or also you can decide to help in the kitchen for the day.

Accommodation and food: Volunteers will sleep in tents. The first day of the camp will be used to install tents. They can use an outdoor camping shower or a shower inside the common house. The shower outside has cold water only but the Sicilian summer does not really make you want hot water. The inside shower has hot water but the hitting system is run with wood so you ll have to light your fire sometime before taking shower. A compost toilet outside will also be available. Volunteers who are willing to cook, will cook together with the community, in chores. It can be a way to learn how to cook for big number of people, Italian cooking. Food will be mostly vegetarian. We try to consume as much as possible food from our farm or from friends farms, organic and locally produced food.

Special requirements: - Don t forget a sleeping bag and a small pillow (if you need it) - good working clothes and working shoes- Natural soap. Chemical soap is not permitted.

Location and free time: Even working days will feel like free days because we will all eat and enjoy the day together. Usually during the evening we make an outside fire and play guitar, saxophones, drums..During your free days (2 every five days of work) you can choose to stay in the farm and simply enjoy being lazy there or go for trekking in the surrounding mountains. Or you can visit our neighbour who is a cheese aker and learn how to make fresh sheep cheese. Porto di Terra is pretty isolated but you can choose to spend the free days somewhere else if you want, like in Cefal u or in Palermo-but you have to take care of your own transportation. There is one taxi that can bring you to Palermo for 10 euros once a day, or a couple of bus a day. We will give you all info about public transportation if you want to spend two days somewhere else than in the valley..

Closest airport: PMO



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Details of the workcamp IG.MANU.07 PODERE ONORATE AUTUMN

From 10/16/2017 till 10/30/2017 **PLEASE NOTE** that dates are in MM/DD/YYYY format

City: ROCCATEDERIGHI – **Number of needed volunteers: M 1 - F 0**

Min/Max age: 16/65 – Work type: ENVI,MANU,

Remarks: last place available male OR female. No teens

Local partner: Podere Onorate is a small farm, 1km south of Roccatederighi, up in the hills of Tuscany with a beautiful view over the Maremma towards the sea. We work about 9 hectares of diversified land. We have olives, vines, woodland, fruit trees, chestnuts, almonds, vegetables, herbs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, bees, a dog and cats. We follow the ideas of biodynamic farming. We do the dynamisation and spraying and preparing of compost. We don't burn the cuttings but shred them for mulch. We try to preserve the natural surrounding and wildness of the place. We are not a producing farm, all we do is for ourselves: self-sufficiency or exchange with friends. We make really high quality olive oil and a little wine. We also have a mechanics-, woodwork- and blacksmith-workshop: We try - and do - as much as possible ourselves: grow our own food, carry out building works, repairs, solar off grid electricity, water, home and unschooling. During the summer we live completely outside. We have an outdoor kitchen and living room under the trees. There is a shower outside but there is also a simple, spartan bathroom with shower in parents house. Often we host guests and friends and wwoofers, trainees and international volunteers. We eat mostly vegetarian, if possible our own stuff, otherwise if possible organic. We also like meat, but it's no problem to avoid it. We are used to cook vegetarian or vegan. We like to cook and eat. We speak German, Italian, Swiss German, English and a little French. The farm is run by: Gunther (1968), Nicole (1981), Olmo (2008) and thanks to all the helpers and Gunther's parents: Gunther sr Irmgard (both 1938) living in a separated household. For further information you can visit our webpage: www.onorate.com

Work description: olive harvest is a nice and calm work in the oliveyards. we don't work with machines. we believe that the traditional handpicking in oliveneets leads to a better quality of the oil, the surrounding and the human life of the people involved. no machines means no stress and no noise. there's room to talk, to sing or to rest. the harvest days are long and hard days. we try to start as soon as humidity permits (usually between 8 and 10am) and if it's raining, as soon as it stops and dries up. we will have good lunches together under the trees and continue picking until almost darkness (around 5pm). then we take our little tractor to bring up the olives to the farm. under the roof in the workshop we clean them from the leaves, weigh and store them. the big goal is to make 400kg as soon as possible, best in one or two days for high oil quality. that's why during harvest days we have really to concentrate on the work. it's no stress but we need to push to make the goal. In the time some of the group does the olive cleaning some others cook dinner, lights the fires, does the table, the dishes and prepares for next day. one by one can take a fast shower. then we eat all together in the big tent. if there's someone who likes to play guitar or some other instrument it would be welcome. We could also talk or play together. anything rather than withdrawing with the smartphones to the internet. once we have reached the goal of 400kg next day in the morning we bring the olives to the oil mill. each time one person can come to visit the mill. (there's only one place in the little landrover truck). when we come back we can taste the new green oil on fresh toasted bread over a little olive wood fire. maybe we take this day off, maybe we continue to work, we will see this when we are together. we will adapt to personal and agricultural needs and the weather. If it rains, days are off. olive harvest is not a hard work but it's continuous same thing day in and day out. If you are interested: we can go to visit the oil mill. we can give you all information about cultivation of olivetrees the technics of oil extraction and the quality of olive oils. we can do a panel tasting of different oils. we can tell you something about organic and biodynamic farming. we are always open for any questions and discussions.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation will be in shared small rooms in the house. if the weather is good you can also choose to sleep in a tent outside. we will provide: sheets, covers, pillow and optionally tent and mattress. a big common tent



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will be there as common place for all of us. there is no other space in the house. In the house there is a spartan bathroom for common use (farmers included). there is hot water but please be mindful while taking showers. water is available but limited. there is also an outdoor shower and a compost toilet is available outdoor as well. Please note that electricity in the farm is limited therefore you will not be able to use hair drier, or electric shavers. There is no washing machine, clothes must be washed by hand. You will be able to charge your phones, tablets etc. There is a wireless connection available even though it is not real fast and limited to necessary use. For chats and other needs there is a wi-fi place in the village. We will prepare food together in our outdoor kitchen, there is also an outdoor fire place and oven... we eat together in the big common tent. every day we choose a team for cooking, kitchen and bathroom service. Food is vegetarian.

Special requirements: A QUESTIONNAIRE is needed to be filled together with the application form. This camp is for very motivated volunteers willing to work and interested in agriculture.

Location and free time: The farm is located in Roccatederighi a small town in the countryside of Tuscany where you can find a bar, restaurant, post office, bank office, small shops, doctor.. It takes 15 minutes to walk to Roccatederighi. At 40 minutes walking distance you can find an ancient and abandoned castle (Castle of Sassoforte). At 30 minutes walking distance you can reach a dam where to swim during summer time. At 45 minutes distance the little town and castle of Montemassi. The host are available to provide all information to reach the nearby town with public transportation but be aware that public transportation can be not always available..

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