

Camp of the Good Shepherd Team Fact Sheet

January, 2024

Teams serving at the Camp of the Good Shepherd in Lotrioara, Romania can expect to spend their days at the camp doing a variety of activities including crafts, games, evening fellowship, and the day-to-day jobs which help the camp run smoothly. The Camp of the Good Shepherd offers children in need:

- A safe haven to explore God's creation.
- A loving environment to nurture a personal relationship with Jesus.
- A model of Christian compassion by our loving volunteers and staff.
- An opportunity for the simple joys of childhood, to run barefoot in the grass, splash in a creek, sleep in a cabin, and sing by a camp fire.

Team Objectives:

- Minister to orphans and children living in poverty by meeting their physical needs with custodial care.
 - Provide Camper Care Packages
 - Administer first aid when appropriate
 - Serve meals and clean the facilities
 - Keep the grounds tidy and safe
 - Assist children to stay on camp schedule
- Provide the children with a forum for fellowship through music, games, crafts and fellowship.
- Encourage healthy emotional development in the children attending camp by modeling compassionate Christian relationships.
 - Support team members with words of encouragement and embrace each other with the love of Christ.
 - Help each other with day-to-day tasks joyfully.
- Promote the spiritual growth of the children attending camp by honoring the spiritual teachings of the Romanian ministry staff and the cultural differences.
 - Provide encouragement to the Romanian Spiritual Staff, by supporting and supplementing their defined curriculum with evening fellowship, testimony, games and activities.
- Develop an organized, flexible and cohesive team to provide effective ministry for the children attending camp.
 - Be prepared for change
 - Work together for the good of the group
- Provide spiritual counsel and mentoring for team members.
 - Set aside time, each day to share in devotionals and receive spiritual support.
 - Attend daily team meetings.
- Encourage all team members to use their unique gifts according to God's direction.
 - Acknowledge and celebrate team member's individual spiritual gifts.

Daily Roles and Responsibilities:

Kitchen: Assist with washing dishes, serving food and cleaning the tables and floors in the dining room. **Laundry:** Assist with the line drying of all washed items. Facilitate change of linens between camps.

Bathrooms: Teams are responsible for the daily cleaning of all restrooms. **Grounds Keeping:** Teams are responsible for a safe and clean camp ground.

Games: Teams are responsible for the planning and execution of organized games, prepared for 1 to 2

hours of game time - options for both indoor and outdoor games each day.

Crafts: Teams are responsible for planning, supplying and teaching a daily craft. Please ensure the

crafts are of <u>keepsake</u> quality. The first craft is a name-tag of the teams choosing and the remaining 4 days of craft will be at the team's discretion. A life or survival skill can be taught

in lieu of a craft.

Evening Fellowship: Each evening the team will provide a team member testimony or devotional, or spiritual application. Fellowship lasts approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour and includes singing, skits, devotional or discussion as the team leads. The actual devotional message need not be more than 15 minutes. This time is reserved for the American volunteers. Other Bible Study times are led by the Romanian volunteers.



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Financial Responsibility:

- 1) Teams must be a minimum of 4 members and a maximum of 8.
- 2) Airfare Teams are responsible for arriving and departing on the defined dates of your ministry trip. HHMI will assist you with a bid from the travel agent we use as well as comparisons from Expedia, or your favorite travel agent. The team leader and Debbie will confirm the itinerary together before tickets are purchased. A \$500.00 deposit per team member is needed to secure airline tickets being purchased through Heart of Hope. The remaining balance must be paid no later than 20 days after the purchase of tickets. Team members do <u>not</u> have to purchase through Heart of Hope, but travel dates and itineraries need approval.
- 3) Travel Insurance all team members are responsible for providing travel insurance, we will assist you.
- 4) Arrival is into Sibiu (airport code SBZ) Team members are responsible to arrive in Sibiu on their identified ministry date and will then be transported to camp. (some members travel before or after their identified dates)
- 5) Camp Scholarships Each team member is responsible for gathering 6 camp scholarships at \$70.00 each. Heart of Hope will provide teams with camp scholarship brochures that can be sent to friends, families, and church communities for gathering sponsorships. Camp scholarships are due 30 days before departure.
- 6) Individual team member facilitation fee Each team member is responsible for a \$150.00 camp fee per week, paid in cash in Romania for their own personal facilitation, this covers room and board at Camp of the Good Shepherd.
- 7) Camper hygiene packs Camp teams are responsible for providing campers with a hygiene kit consisting of washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, and deodorant. Teams should prepare 50 per week. Heart of Hope will inform the team if Heart of Hope has had any of the items donated or if the team needs to provide all 4 items. (additional items can be added at the team's discretion such as travel size shampoo, combs, chapstick, etc.)
- 8) Crafts Camp teams are responsible for the planning and provision of 5 crafts. The first craft is a name-tag with the following 4 crafts being of keepsake or memory making quality or teachable skill. Examples include picture frames, duct-tape wallets, knitting frames, treasure boxes, canvas bags to be individualized, polar-fleece pillows, tie dye, survival skills, etc.

Re-cap per person:

- 1) Airfare averaging \$2,000 2,500 for summer-time, depending on route.
- 2) Travel Insurance averaging \$70.00 per person.
- 3) Camp scholarships (brochures will be provided) 6 at \$70.00 = \$420.00
- 4) Individual team member facilitation fee covering 1 week of room and board at camp. \$150.00; 2 weeks = \$300.00 -CASH to be brought to Romania for this portion.
- 5) Hygiene packs varies depending on what is donated (often churches or Sunday school classes will collect identified items for teams)
- 6) Craft supplies also varies by size of team, nature of craft and what teams can get donated averaging \$75.00 to 100.00 per team member
- 7) Personal Spending money varies based on interest average \$200.00 per team member.
- 8) Suggested arrival and departure into Sibiu hotel fee Saturday night if flying out Sunday \$50.00 75.00 per person or more for individual room.
- 9) Total Team members should budget approximately \$3,500.00 plus for two-week term of service.
- 10) Additional fees apply if teams decide to do additional site-seeing.
- 11) Costs per team member can vary based upon fluctuating airfare, departing destinations, site-seeing.