

Here are frequently asked questions about what is expected of volunteers while at camp, as well as many of our basic policies and procedures.

1) What activities should I do in camp?

As a Camp volunteer you are expected to act in a professional manner to provide our kids a quality and memorable stay while they are at camp. Along with the training, we encourage our volunteers to engage in activities they enjoy and can teach children more about, as well as the various cultures you come from according to one of four camp strands that you choose: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics), Citizenship, Leadership and Career Exploration, Sports and Health.

2) What are the camp strands?

GoCamp 2017 programs will be developed according to four strands:

1. **STEAM** is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. Students and teachers engaged in STEAM make more real-life connections so that school is not a place where you go to learn but instead becomes the entire experience of learning itself.

2. Citizenship

According to UNESCO, citizenship education describes courses that educate people on recognizing, analyzing and investigating issues in their communities. These courses foster active citizenship in order to promote sustainable societies. These three objectives correspond both to educating the individual as a subject of ethics and law, and to educating citizens. These objectives suggest four major themes for citizenship education:

The relations between individuals and society: individual and collective freedoms, and rejection of any kind of discrimination.

The relations between citizens and the government: what is involved in democracy and the organization of the state.

The relations between the citizen and democratic life.

The responsibility of the individual and the citizen in the international community.

3. Leadership and Career Exploration

Career exploration allows students to dig deeper into learning about careers in local and regional labour markets. Experiences are tailored to each student's interests, which makes them feel involved and better informed for making future career and education choices. Adding leadership development component will make a program that facilitates the growth of young men and women who desire to be challenged in their transition to adulthood, rather than lingering in a continuation of childhood.

4. Sports and Health

Health education builds students' knowledge, skills, and positive attitudes about health. Health education teaches about physical, mental, emotional and social health. It motivates students to improve and maintain their health, prevent disease, and reduce risky behaviors. Health education curricula and instruction help students learn skills they will use to make healthy choices throughout their lifetime. Effective curricula result in positive changes in behavior that lower student risks around: alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, injury prevention, mental and emotional health, nutrition, physical activity, prevention of diseases and sexuality and family life.

3) What age are the children at camps?

School children aged 10 to 15. Camp groups will be age and English language ability mixed, and these may vary from school to school.

4) Where will I go and for how long?

All regions of Ukraine except for Donetsk and Luhansk regions are covered. You will be sent to the region you showed interest in, however, no area is guaranteed due to the large number of volunteers.

There are three camp formats:

- **May 29 - June 16, 2017**- 3 week GoCamps all over Ukraine (with free weekends and orientation training on May 26-28).
- **March 27 - April 28, 2017** - 5 week GoCamp AfterSchool pilot project in Kyiv and Kyiv region (with free weekends and orientation training on March 25-26).
- **June-July 2017** - 2 week GoCamp East is a new format of overnight camp with intensive study of English for children from frontline areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

5) What will be provided during the orientation training?

- **May 26-28, 2017 - GoCamp City** - Orientation training for volunteers
- **March 25-26, 2017 - GoCamp Afterschool** - Orientation training for volunteers

Training will occur in Kyiv or Kyiv region. You will participate in training regarding the scope of your work – lessons planning, working with students, and delivering classes, you will have time and space to create activities for students, using advanced educational methodologies etc.

The orientation training will include:

- a session on child protection policy
- a crash course of the Ukrainian language
- practical advice on behavior and classroom management
- practical fun camp activities
- strand-related educational activities.

GoGlobal provides:

transfer from the Kyiv airport

accommodations

meals.

6) When is the application deadline?

The application for GoCamp 2017 is **January 31, 2017**. The earlier you submit the application the more chances we will have to satisfy your preference of camp location.

7) Who is the typical GoCamp volunteer?

GoGlobal volunteer should be at least 18 years old; speak English fluently; enthusiastic to work with kids; has interest or experience in the spheres of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics), Citizenship, Leadership and Career Exploration, Sports and Health; willing to make impact in Ukraine.

8) My country is not traditionally an English speaking country, but I am a near-native speaker; can I still apply?

Yes, we have had many successful volunteers who are near-native speakers. Applicants who are not native English speakers must demonstrate fluency and error-free speech in a Skype interview.

9) How are applications evaluated?

Applications are evaluated based on a number of criteria that are indicative of a candidate's potential for successful participation in the program:

- English-language skills (applicants must demonstrate at least upper-intermediate level of English)
- Experience working with children
- Ability to work in a way that promotes the safety and well-being of children
- Skills of effective communication and engagement with children
- General motivation.

10) I applied to GoCamp in the past. Can I apply again?

Past applicants who were not accepted to the program are welcome to reapply. If you have applied before and want to reapply in the future, you will have to submit an entirely new application, however, as we cannot transfer over materials from past applications.

11) I have already participated in GoCamp. Can I do the program again?

If you have participated before and want to do the program again, you will have to submit an entirely new application, however, as we cannot transfer over materials from past applications.

12) What is the GoCamp application like?

Steps of application:

- 1) Fill out the online application form
- 2) Skype interview with our manager. The interviews usually last between 20-40 minutes
- 3) Submit a full package of documents (the list of documents will be sent)

- 4) Sign of Agreement online
- 5) Pay the participation fee
- 6) Get introduced to the local school teacher and host family.

13) When will I know if I have been accepted? What happens after the interview?

We will be in touch with you about your status within two weeks of your interview. If you are accepted into the program, we will email you information about confirming your participation and deadlines for the submission of required documents.

14) Can couples do this program?

Couples are welcome to apply to the program. Each person must submit the application except of children under 18. If both people are accepted to the program, we will take couple status into account when making placement decisions.

15) Is there a program fee?

There is a **\$75 participation fee** in the program. Applicants pay the fee after the confirmation of participation in the program.

16) Does the program pay for my plane tickets?

The program does NOT cover airfare to and from Ukraine.

17) What other costs are associated with the program?

Volunteers are responsible for covering the cost of:

airfare to and from Ukraine, obtaining their visas (transportation to and from consulates, doctor's appointments, Criminal Background Checks, etc.), international medical insurance and bringing sufficient funds for their own personal needs (travel, leisure, etc.).

18) Should I fly to Kiev or somewhere closer to my camp?

The training week will occur around Kyiv and we encourage all of our volunteers to attend the training. After the training, transportation will be provided to the camp. However, knowing that plane tickets can be expensive, if the cost of a ticket to somewhere closer to your camp is cheaper it will not affect your ability to be a volunteer.

19) **Will I need a Visa?**

Citizens of the United States, European Union, Canada do not require visas among other countries. To inquire if Ukraine requires you to need a Visa please check with the Ukraine embassy in your country or at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. <http://mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/entering-ukraine/visa-requirements-for-foreigners>

GoGlobal support office will assist volunteers with this process, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the volunteer to contact their consulate and to gather and submit their paperwork.

20) **How will I arrive at my camp?**

GoGlobal provides transportation for our volunteers free of charge to the nearest to the camp railway station after the orientation training in Kyiv. Local school representatives are expected to pick the volunteers up at the station and bring to the camp site.

21) **Who will I be working with at the camp?**

Our volunteers will not be the only teachers at the camps. Camp staff comprises of English and other subject teachers from the participating schools.

22) **What is the time commitment?**

The time and commitment required varies depending on the role and the needs of the local Camp. Generally, we require volunteers to be available for around 5 hours during the day, 5 days a week (Mon to Fri), and weekends are free.

23) **Are weekends free?**

Saturdays and Sundays are free. During the weekends, you may travel and site-see. GoGlobal managers will be happy to provide advice and assistance. It is also possible to stay at the camp if you do not wish to visit nearby cities. Volunteers are welcome to explore Ukraine before or after the program at their own cost.

24) **What is meant by “food (partly) is provided”?**

At most camps breakfast and lunch will be provided by the school. Dinner meals are provided at some, but not all, camps. If this is an issue, please contact your GoGlobal representative.

25) How much spending money should I bring?

The amount of spending money you should bring depends on how much you think you will spend while in Ukraine. The current exchange rate can be found here (http://coinmill.com/UAH_calculator.html#UAH). While keeping in mind that volunteers near smaller villages will spend less money during the week relative to volunteers in larger cities, GoGlobal recommends at least \$100.00 (USD) for each week you will be in Ukraine.

26) What materials should I bring for my class?

Students love stamps, stickers, and other little rewards that you can give them during class. Stickers with English phrases (Well done! Fantastic job!) are relatively inexpensive, easy to pack, and motivating for the students. Books and magazines are also good options. Some number of supplies (like paper, stationery, watercolors, footballs etc) will be provided by local schools. You are welcome to bring your laptop and any other supplies you may find useful but it is not required.

27) I don't know Ukrainian or Russian! Will that be an issue?

Volunteers should only speak English, even if they know the local language. This is to foster an "English only" environment to encourage children to practice their language skills.

28) How safe is the area I will be teaching at?

If you got this far, then you are probably aware of the recent events that have troubled Ukraine. We will state this from the very beginning that the camp and you are in a safe environment, far away from any danger and isolated from all the political and social turmoil. Ukraine is at war with Russia in the eastern region of Donetsk and Luhansk, Crimean peninsula is occupied by Russia (marked pink on map). The rest of Ukraine is generally safe, everyday life goes normally. Our volunteers safety and security is our priority, so no volunteers are sent to the conflict areas.



29) Can I choose where I get placed in Ukraine?

The GoCamp application includes a section where you can list your general regional placement preferences. Due to the number of requests and limited availability in certain regions, however, we are simply unable to accommodate all applicants' requests. The earlier you submit the application the more chances we will have to satisfy your preference.

30) How likely is it that I'll get my preferred placement city?

It is not likely that volunteers are placed in specific cities that they request in their application. We get many requests for cities such as Kyiv, Lviv, Odessa and other such "tourist-friendly" areas. However, we have very limited placements in these areas compared to the amount of volunteers that request them. While we can't guarantee to accommodate specific requests, we are often able to place volunteers in the type of placement that they would prefer. For this reason, we suggest that you research all of Ukraine and think about what kind of placement you would work best in. (Would you prefer to be in a rural area or urban area? In a cooler, forested climate? Or in south regions?). In all cases, we ask for your flexibility and understanding – we can't guarantee anything. You will be placed where you are most needed.

31) Can I choose my accommodation?

Generally, GoCamp organizes the accommodation for volunteers, according to what is possible at the site. Volunteers will be hosted by local families.

32) Will GoGlobal pay for my accommodations if I arrive early?

We recommend that volunteers arrive within 1-2 days before the orientation training begins. All extra-nights (3 and more) are covered by the volunteers.

33) What is the host family selection process?

Schools chosen to receive a volunteer are required to provide potential families with a relationship or connection to the school to host the volunteer in their home. GoGlobal requests various prerequisites from possible host families, such as: separate bedroom for the volunteer in a house in a safe neighborhood and, if possible, located near the school. Before the volunteer arrives, the family is provided with specific information about the volunteer that will live with them.

34) Can I make certain requests regarding my host family placement?

Volunteers have the opportunity to let us know personal preferences (non-smoker, vegetarian etc.) on the application form. Program staff will do their best to match these preferences, although in some cases, it may not be possible.

35) I'm a vegetarian. Can I still live with a host family?

Yes. Vegetarians are welcome to live with host families. We specifically ask families whether or not they are willing to host a vegetarian, and only place vegetarian volunteers with families that are open to this option. Volunteers should be aware that they will be offered the food that the host family eats, which may not necessarily be the food that they are accustomed to eating. With that said, volunteers may need to supplement their diet with other foods if necessary. In addition, if you have other types of dietary restrictions you will be responsible for supplementing your diet.

36) Will I have internet access in my placement?

Many host families do have internet in their home. Most schools also have internet access as well.

37) How will I communicate with people inside of Ukraine?

GoGlobal provides our volunteers with free SIM cards to be able to communicate with people while in Ukraine. If your phone is unlocked you can simply switch SIM cards, however, if it is not, there are cheap phones available for purchase.

38) When is the airport shuttle service available?

GoGlobal will organize the airport shuttle within 2 days before the orientation training begins. The shuttle is available 24 hours a day, so even if your flight arrives at 4 AM you will be provided shuttle services. Once volunteers have completed all steps in the pre-departure process and sent in their flight itinerary, volunteers will be sent the information to be able to use this service.

39) I would like to bring a gift for my host family. Any suggestions?

Your host family will probably appreciate anything you'd like to give, but if you're looking for ideas, something traditional from your country is always a hit. Don't feel obligated to bring your family a gift if you don't have room in your suitcase or can't think of anything you'd like to bring. They won't be necessarily expecting a gift from you.