

CENTRO NACIONAL DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

FERNANDO CENTENO GÜELL



Description:

This is a public primary school that takes care of children with disabilities in three different areas: physical, visual, auditory or mental. The school is financed by the government, and the school year begins in mid-February and lasts until December. There are two months of holidays at the end of the year as well as 15 days during July. For this reason it is recommended that volunteers **do not apply for work in January-February-July and December**. There are about 200 children in the school, aged from 7 to 12 years old, as well as some teenagers who also study here. There are 25 teachers and administrative staff who work in the different areas of the school.

Possible tasks for the volunteer:

- Assisting the teachers in the classrooms
- Assisting in activities for the children
- Assisting the therapists
- Some paper work and maybe translations for the office
- Preparing material
- Assisting in music and sports lessons
- Supporting the children in self-development

Required skills and interests of the volunteer:



- Basic Spanish Level (if the volunteer does not speak Spanish, it's recommended that he/she takes at least 4 weeks of Spanish classes by ACI-CR)
- To love children and be ready to work with disabled children
- To be dynamic, have initiative and creativity
- To be available to support the teachers
- Knowledge of first aid (not 100% necessary but recommended)
- Knowledge of Sign Language LESCO (Recommended). They will teach you how to use it
- Ability to deal with emergency situations
- Patience and tolerance

Schedule for the volunteer:

Monday to Friday from around 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (it depends on the time, schedule will be given by the project).

Rules of the project:

- Respect the authority of the people in charge and the rules of the institution
- Should not wear sandals, jewelry or shorts
- If the volunteer has dreadlocks or long hair, he/she should tie it up
- Piercings should be removed or covered up as the children could hurt the volunteer

Important notes:

The volunteer might need to learn to teach Braille, Abacus, LESCO and orientation as well as mobility to the students.

Things you need to Bring to Centeno Guell:

- Sun protector



- Dress appropriately
- Jeans or Leggings
- Extra shoes (tennis shoes)
- Work clothes (that you don't mind getting dirty)
- Materials to use with the children
- You can bring backpack or suitcase

Accommodation:

The volunteers stay in a host family. The host family will be in the area of the project. **Minimum stay of 4 weeks.**

Location:

Guadalupe, San José Province

Arrival to the Project:

Please arrive to Costa Rica 3 days before you start the project. The third day you will start in the Project. **Centeno Guell receives volunteers just Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**