EVS Info Pack

for Applicants

Find Your Talent

NOCRICH
SCOUT CENTRE
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Who we are?

Nocrich Scout Centre - H. C. Habermann is the only scout centre belonging to the National Organization of Romanian Scouts and it was opened in 2010 in the village of Nocrich, 30 km away from Sibiu. The scout centre is located in the old parochial house of the Evangelical church, a house built in 1797 which hadn't been used for 20 years.

The scout centre is still under development but getting the centre to where it is now was a long and tedious process that gathered the effort of many volunteers who came from Romania and all around the world and dedicated their time. We are being literal when we say that Nocrich Scout Centre is a place that belongs to everyone. Together they created the Nocrich Family and a place where scouts can develop activities and experience scouting in a unique place, a traditional saxon village full of history.

The house consists of 2 bedrooms (16 beds), one activity room, one dining room with library, kitchen and bathroom. The yard is 10.000 m2 and we have plenty of space for camping and as well a building with toilets and showers, a barn which is used for activities, a pottery workshop, a relaxing corner and a Uni corner. The pottery workshop at Nocrich is the only workshop of this kind in the area and gives interested people the opportunity to experience an old handicraft of the region and to be creative.

What we do

Nocrich Scout Centre aims to support the development of scouting in Romania by offering activities for groups of scouts from Romania and abroad and getting involved in the community life.

On one side the scout centre offers groups the opportunity of developing their scout

camp in Nocrich. We offer both support and activities for groups from Romania and also abroad who want to visit Nocrich and have their scout camp in our scout centre.

On the other side we offer scout activities for the children and the young people from the village of Nocrich and we have weekly activites with them, as well as scout camps. Currently we work with two age groups; lupisori (7-10 years old) and temerari (11-14 years old).

The busiest time of the year is the summer. During July and August scout groups come and have their camp in our scout centre and in the busiest week we can get up to 150 scouts in the same time. This however doesn't happen all the time and it depends a lot from year to year. The most important event for the scout centre is the Nocrich Camp, an international camp organised entirely by the Nocrich Family in August for scouts coming from Romania and abroad. During summertime we also run a summer volunteering programme which is open for anyone aged 15+.

Pottery Workshop

One of our goals here at Nocrich Scout Centre is to revive the interest for traditional crafts among the young generations. Pottery is one of the traditional crafts from Transylvania and our ancestors have left us extremely valuable techniques in this region. Wanting to keep alive this beautiful form of art, we worked hard to start a pottery and ceramics workshop. Our pottery workshop has been running since 2014 under the guidance of our talented potters, Ramona Stanca, who is a visual artist and the person who runs workshops and teaches people how to work with the clay and the paintings, and Balint Csaba, who is a potter with an experience of 25 years in ceramics.

Everyone who comes to Nocrich Scout Centre can become a creator for a day or more in our pottery workshop. Besides experiencing this unique traditional craft, in this workshop the

people are encouraged to manifest themselves through the process of creation, to be bold and innovative.

Nocrich Family

Instead of using the term “staff” for our volunteers we are are calling our team “Nocrich Family”. The idea of this concept is to welcome our volunteers in a warmer atmosphere, where they can find older brothers and sisters to trust in and to ask for advice every time they need and also signifies the fact that life with scouts is like in a family.

Nocrich Scout Centre promotes youth empowerment by receiving young volunteers like ventures and rovers. Depending on how long they want to stay in the centre, the volunteers develop different kind of projects, taking decisions and assuming new responsibilities.

Scouting in Romania

The National Organization of Romanian Scouts was founded in 1913 but it was inactive between 1937-1990. After the communism regime scouting was activated again and today there are about 4000 scouts in 70 scouts groups spread across the country. There are 4 age groups: lupisori (7-10 years old), temerari (11-14 years old), exploratori (15-18 years old), seniori (18-24) years old. A fifth age group, for the kids aged 5-7, is currently under development.

About the EVS project “Find Your Talent”

Project objectives

Find Your Talent is an EVS project which will involve 5 volunteers aged 18-30 years old from 5 different countries (France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Portugal) who will perform a 8 months EVS stage in the village of Nocrich, Romania at the Nocrich Scout Centre - H.C. Habermann.

Project Objectives:

- *developing scout activities for the children and young people from the village of Nocrich*
- *creating new educational activities which are offered by the scout centre to groups*
- *promoting volunteering and Nocrich Scout Centre*

The weekly schedule will include the following activities: weekly planning, documenting and self-guided learning, classes of Romanian language, personal project, online and offline promotion of volunteering, scout activities for young people aged 7-18, involvement in the creation of activities for guests (pottery and ceramics workshop, non-formal education activities, permaculture pedagogical garden, tour of the fortified evangelic church, scout camps & activities), developing activities for the scout from Nocrich, administrative tasks, weekly evaluation, meetings with the mentor.

The project seeks to contribute to the **personal development** of the participants by involving them in the life of the scout centre and the impact of the project will target both the participants but also the community and the organizations involved in this project. The long-run outcomes of this project will result in the changing of perspective over the volunteers' life but also of the community and the involved organisations.

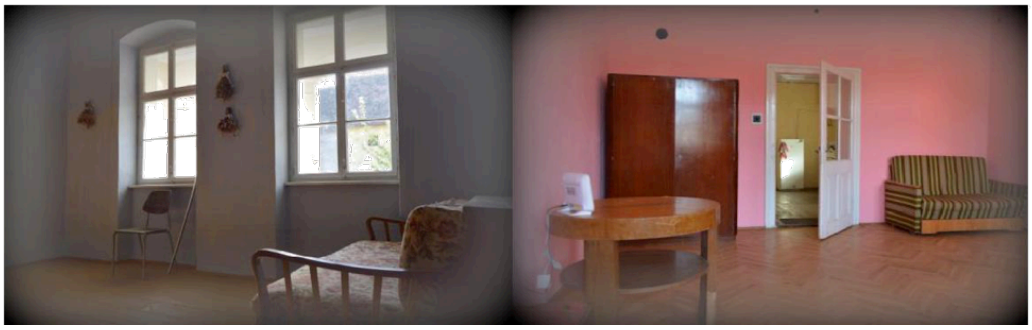
Selection process

The selection of the volunteers will be done by making an analysis of CVs and letters of motivation submitted by candidates through via email at nocrich@scout.ro. After an initial triage, we will conduct a 30 minute Skype interview with each of the selected candidates.

Our purpose is finding the right volunteers whose learning expectations and needs are met within our project objectives so that we can find the right balance between expectations and desired outcomes of the project.

Accommodation and Food

Accommodation formalities will be prearranged; the volunteers will live in a house located 200m away from the scout centre, in the middle of the village. The house has 1 kitchen and 3 dormitories, a bathroom (toilet&shower included) and a huge yard. Also, there is internet connection in the house.



As volunteers, you will have to share the housing facilities and you will also have to bear in mind that you are coming to a rural area, which means that some of the modern comforts that can be found in big cities may not be available in Nocrich village (central heating). But don't despair! The centre, where you will spend most of your time, is equipped with all these things and more, so you shouldn't be lacking in anything while doing your activity.

All of the living and food costs will be completely covered and you will also receive a monthly allowance of 60 euros/month. For the extra season months each volunteer will get 140 euro/month for food you will have to buy and cook your own food. For July and August you will get your pocket money and the food will be provided in the scout centre where you will eat together with the short-term volunteers. Depending on your daily tasks, it is possible to be involved in the cooking team also. International transport will also be covered, but within certain restrictions imposed by the Erasmus+ guidelines (further details will be discussed after the recruitment stage has finished).

Money Matters

The Romanian New Leu is the currency of Romania and the symbol is lei. **1 euro =~ 4.5 lei**

Shopping: Supermarket shopping is not necessarily way more cheaper if you buy branded Western goods, but Romanian equivalents are cheaper. Market stall fruit, vegetables and dairy are much cheaper.

The prices for gadgets and clothes (well-known shops like H&M, Zara, C&A) are the same like in any European country.

Entertainment: Eating out is not as affordable as it once was, but you can still get a three-course of Romanian dinner at a good restaurant for 20 EUR per person; while dinner for two at a mid-range American chain restaurant will set you back about 10 EUR.

Nightclubs can be a rip-off, but if you like jazz or classical music, concert tickets are quite cheap (as are theatres and galleries).

Food and Drink	Price
Milk (1 litre)	1 EUR or Less if you buy it from the locals
Cheese (350g)	3 EUR
White bread (loaf)	2 EUR
Rice (1 kg)	2 EUR
Coca Cola	0.75 EUR (can), 1,5 EUR (2 litres)
Tomatoes (per kg)	1 EUR in summer, 2+ EUR in winter
Apples (per kg)	+/- 1.5 EUR or free from the scout centre's garden in the summer and autumn
Fresh beef filet (250g)	3+ EUR
Olive oil (1 litre)	5 EUR

Fresh white fish (250g)	3+ EUR
Household	Price
Deodorant	3 EUR
Soap	1 EUR
Toothpaste	2 EUR
Shampoo	4+ EUR
Entertainment	Price
Cup of coffee in cafe	2 EUR

Bottle of beer	1+ EUR
Marlborough lights cigarettes	3,5 EUR
Cinema ticket	3-5 EUR

Location: Nocrich Scout Centre - H. C. Habermann

Postal Address: Centrul Cercetăşesc Nocrich - H. C. Habermann, Strada Principală, Nr. 208, sat Nocrich, judeţul Sibiu, cod 557165, România

Nocrich Scout Centre - H. C. Habermann is the only scout centre in Romania and it was opened in 2010 in the old parochial house of the Evangelical Church, a house built in 1797 which hadn't been used for 20 years. The National Organization of Romanian Scouts received it in order to develop non-formal activities and since then, many groups and single scouts from Romania and all around Europe came to Nocrich and volunteered for the restoration of the house and for ensuring the sustainability of the entire centre.

The house is located in the middle of the village, near the Evangelical Church and it consists of 2 bedrooms (16 beds), one activity room, one dining room with library, kitchen and bathroom. The yard is 10.000 m^2 and we have plenty of space for camping and as well a building with toilets and showers, a barn which is used for activities and a pottery workshop. The centre is a meeting place for Romanian but also foreign scouts and each year we welcome about 600 guests and volunteers from different countries such as Argentina, Costa Rica, Portugal, Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Sweden, New Zealand, USA and Denmark.

You can find more information here:

Website: http://nocrich.scout.ro/

FB: https://www.facebook.com/NocrichScoutCentre

About Romania

With a surface area of 238,391 square kilometres (92,043 sq mi), Romania is the largest country in southeastern Europe and the twelfth-largest in Europe. The Danube flows into the Black Sea within Romania's territory forming the Danube Delta, the second largest and best preserved delta in Europe, and also a biosphere reserve and a biodiversity World Heritage Site. The Carpathian Mountains dominate the Central Romania.

Romania enchants visitors with its scenic mountain landscapes and unspoiled countryside areas, and also with its historic cities and its busy capital. Over the last decade Romania had undergone a significant development and it is one of the recent members of the European Union. Tourists from western countries might still, even today, enjoy some surprising experiences in Romania. This is a large country which can sometimes be shocking with contrasts: some cities are truly Western Europe; some villages can seem to have been brought back from the past. While it has significant cultural similarities with other Balkan states, it is regarded as unique due to its strong Latin heritage. Ethnically, the population is 90% Romanian and 7% Hungarian.

About Sibiu

Sibiu is situated at 30 kilometers from Nocrich, has around 150.000 inhabitants and it is a city that offers a variation of touristic attractions and shopping retail centre. You can reach the city by bus from Nocrich or by car.

Sibiu is one of the most important cultural centres of Romania and was designated the European Capital of Culture for the year 2007, along with the city of Luxembourg. Formerly the centre of the Transylvanian Saxons, the old city of Sibiu was ranked as *"Europe's 8th most idyllic place to live"* by Forbes.

You can find more details here:
http://romaniatourism.com/

Weather

Romania has a climate which ranges from temperate to continental. Summers are generally very warm to hot, with average maxima in Bucharest being around 29°C, with temperatures over 35°C not unknown in the lower-lying areas of the country. Minima in Bucharest and other lower-lying areas are around 18 °C, but at higher altitudes both maxima and minima decline considerably.
Winters are quite cold, with average highs even in lower-lying areas being no more than 3°C and below −20°C in the highest mountains, where some areas of permafrost occur on the highest peaks.
Precipitation is generally modest.