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NOCRICH SCOUT CENTRE H. C. Habermann

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About Nocrich Scout Centre - H.C Habermann

Who we are?

Nocrich Scout Centre - H. C. Habermann is the only national scout centre of 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, restored and developed with the help of volunteers from all around the world. 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 offer activities for groups of scouts from Romania and abroad and to get involved in the community life.

On one side we offer scout activities for the children and the young people from the village of Nocrich and we have weekly activities 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). On the other 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.

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 250 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 opened 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, and with the help of volunteers. The pottery workshop is coordinated by Alin Ciocea, a young scout that learns from Balint Csaba, who is a potter with an experience of over 30 years in ceramics and who designs saxon roosters for roofs and all the products that are sold in our pottery shop.

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

Nocrich Family - volunteers from all over Europe

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 youths develop different kind of projects, taking decisions and assuming new responsabilities.

Scouting in Romania

The National Organization of Romanian Scouts was founded in 1913 but it was inactive between 1937-1990. After the comunism regime scouting was activated again and today there are about 6000 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 “Make it Happen”

Project objectives

“Make it Happen!” is an EVS project which will involve 5 volunteers aged 18-30 years old from 5 different countries (Germany, France, Portugal, Spain, Austria) who will perform a 7 months EVS stage in the village of Nocrich, Romania at the Nocrich Scout Centre - H.C. Habermann.
Volunteers will develop youth worker competences, raising your employability profile and improving their offline and online communication skills, with the purpose of spreading the positive impact of non-formal education towards their peers and supporting their upwards professional trajectory that resonates to their personal interests. These targets will be achieved through their active involvement in the development of youth programs and activities in Nocrich Scout Centre - H.C. Habermann, a youth centre located in the rural area of Nocrich, Romania.

The objectives of the project:

O.1 Developing youth worker competences of 5 young people aged 18 to 30 by involving them as volunteers in creating weekly non-formal educational activities with children and youth in Nocrich village.
O.2 Increasing the employability of 5 young people aged 18 to 30 by developing skills such as project planning, management, evaluation, reporting, and work in intercultural teams through their direct involvement in local, national and international large scale educational programmes implemented at Nocrich Scout Centre.
O.3 Improving the online and offline communication skills of 5 young people aged 18 to 30 by directly involving them in promoting to local and national audiences of all partner countries: their volunteering experience and results of the project, the Erasmus+ programme focusing on EVS, and the Nocrich Scout Centre as a youth centre which offers non-formal educational activities.

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 evangelical church), classes of foreign languages for children and young people, activities for children aged 5-14 with the Scout group of 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 intent submitted by candidates through the partner organizations, as well as an analysis of those organizations' recommendation. 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.

Profile of the volunteer:

- Aged 18-30 years old;
- Basic English language knowledge and desire to learn a new language (Romanian);

Background of the volunteer:

- He/she is interested in living and working in an multicultural environment;
- He/she would like to get or improve teamwork abilities;
- He/she is willing to live in a rural community;
- He/she wants to get to know or put in practice non-formal education methods while working with children and young people.
- motivated to acquire and improve social and coordinating skills such as planning and carrying out activities, creating programmes, promotion and communication skills

Needs of the volunteer:

- Needs to improve his soft skills (communication, teamwork, leadership, time management, work ethic)
- Needs to improve his hard skills (proficiency in a foreign language, Romanian and English, a Youthpass certificate, online communication skill in social media, marketing of educational activities)
- Needs a safe and supportive environment to reflect upon own abilities and how to strengthen them;
- Needs to live and work in an inclusive, non-discriminatory environment;
- Needs to gain more independence and self organization skills;
- Needs to improve practical skills, discover crafts and arts
- Needs to live abroad and gain experience working in an international team;

From the 5 volunteers involved in the project, we are planning to have two participants with fewer opportunities. We aim to increase his/her chances of getting a job back home after participating in this EVS project and to raise the inclusion of the young people in their communities.

Accommodation and Food

Accommodation formalities will be pre-arranged, we have a historical house for you at 200m away from the scout centre, in the middle of the village. The house has 1 kitchen and 3 dormitories, a shower room, toilets (1 inside and 1 outside) 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 by us as the host organization and you will also receive a monthly allowance of 60 euros/month. For the extra season months you will get food money of 140 euro/ month and 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 together with the summer volunteers. Depending on your daily tasks, it is possible to be involved in the cooking team also. 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 cheaper if you buy branded Western goods, but Romanian equivalents are affordable (but not easy to find). Marketstall fruit, vegetables and dairy are much cheaper, but limited to seasonal offerings (and unpasteurised).

You're better off buying your electronic gadgets and clothes (especially for children) abroad, they tend to be more expensive in Romania.

Entertainment: Eating out is not as affordable as it once was, but you can still get a three-course cost of entertainment in 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 a peasent in the village
Cheese (350g)	3 EUR
White bread (loaf)	2 EUR
Rice (1 kg)	2 EUR
Still mineral water	1,2 EUR
Tomatoes (per kg)	1 EUR in summer, 2+ EUR in winter
Apples (per kg)	+/- 1.5 EUR or free from the scout center garden in the summer and autumn
Fresh beef filet (250g)	3+ EUR
Olive oil (1 litre)	5 EUR
Fresh white fish (250g)	3+ EUR
Milk chocolate bar	0.6 EUR
Household	**Price**
Deodorant	3 EUR
Soap	1 EUR
Toothpaste	2 EUR

Shampoo	4+ EUR
Eating Out	**Price**
Three-course dinner in restaurant	Variable, from 15 EUR pp up to 50 EUR pp
Fast-food meal	+/- 5 EUR
Cup of coffee in cafe	2 EUR
Entertainment	**Price**
Spirits (1 tot)	3+ EUR
Bottle of wine	5+ 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:

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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.

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.