

**ACRES PROJECTS:**

**Code: GVC-AP 11 – 20 Sep 11 ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre Animal Protection 10 Vols**

**Background:**

ACRES is a Singapore-based animal protection charity with 6 focus areas: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Tackling the Wildlife Trade, Addressing Zoo Animal Welfare, Humane Education, Community Outreach and Promoting Cruelty-Free Living.

ACRES runs the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC) for wild animals rescued from the illegal exotic pet trade and rescued native wild animals in need of veterinary care before release back to the wild.

**Work:**

Volunteers are to assist with animal care at the AWRC (minimum age 16, please see special requirements below), native wildlife rescues (minimum age 21), maintenance work at the centre (e.g. gardening), education programmes, supervising student volunteers and office work.

**Leisure Time:**

During the free time, volunteers can visit the many tourist attractions (eg. Sentosa, Merlion Park, etc), nature reserves, wetlands, horticulture park, shopping areas, the museums and historical landmarks in Singapore.

**Accommodation:**

The volunteers will be housed in ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (4 person to a dormitory room equipped with bunk beds and fan) and cook their own meal at the kitchen area of the Centre. In line with ACRES vision for cruelty-free living, only non-meat, non-seafood meals/snacks allowed in the Centre.

**Location:** This work camp will be held in ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC), 91 Jalan Lekar (Western Singapore).

**Terminal:** Changi International Airport

**Special Requirement:** Copies of vaccinations for Hepatitis A, B and Tetanus for those interested in helping with animal care. In addition, Rabies vaccination is required for volunteers interested in wildlife rescue.

**Participant fee:** SGD 360

**What does the volunteer participation fee cover:**

We are a non-profit organization, so we have kept our prices as affordable as possible. We receive absolutely no financial support from the government of Singapore or from any other foreign agency. The main source of income available for GVC is the participation fee that is collected from the volunteers.

The participation fee is spent as follows (from the most to the least expensive item):

1. Project development: To identify and set up projects
2. Volunteers hosting payments: GVC pays for the food, accommodation, transportation to project site for participants.
3. Running the camp: This includes all the materials needed for the project, tools, professional charges.
4. Supporting local NGOs by the placement of volunteers and by organizing short-term work camps.
5. Office expenses including staff salaries, telephone, internet, postage, photocopy, printing, stationery, electricity and other equipments.
6. International travel costs to attend Conferences and international meetings to interact with its worldwide partners and develop its activities.
7. Participation fees to international conferences and meetings.
8. International membership fees for networks and platforms of like-minded organizations.
9. Promotional Material & Web Site costs.