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INFORMATION FOR SCI VOLUNTEERS SERVING ON THE WORKCAMP AT TUCHHEIM, IN THE DDR, 29.7. - 19.8.1967

Organisers: Freie Deutsche Jugend (hosts), BITEJ (which is a section of the World Federation of Democratic Youth) and SCI.

Address of host organisation:

FDJ, Unter den Linden 36 / 38, Berlin W. 8., East Germany

Visas:

Visas will be received at the border (see <u>Travel</u> below)

Travel:

Volunteers must travel to the camp as a group, because of visa arrangements. The group will gather in HANOVER, and you are asked to arrive there on the 29th July and go to the Youth Hostel, arriving before 21.00 h. (Members of the National Committee of the German Branch of SCI will meet you at the Hostel).

From Hanover, the volunteers will travel to Marienborn (border) by train, using a group ticket which reduces the cost per person to less than 10 DM. - you will be expected to pay the exact sum due for this journey when you arrive in Hanover. The train leaves Hanover at 9.41 h. and arrives at Marienborn at 11.28 h. Travel from Marienborn to the camp is provided free by FDJ, by bus.

Youth Hostel Hanover:

Accommodation and meals are available cheap (e. g. the charge per night is about 2,00 DM, or less if you have a student card).

Address: Jugendherberge Hanover Ferdinand-Fricke-Weg 1, Hanover.

The Hostel is behind the Niedersachsen-Stadion, which is a well known landmark. It is 30 - 40 minutes' walk from the railway station, or you can take Tram Nr. 7 to Petristrasse, from which the Hostel is 10 minutes walk

Workcamp:

Tuchheim (Kr. Genthien) is in a predominantly rural area, and the camp is to assist the local Agricultural Cooperative (Landwirtschaftliche Prodktionsgenossenschaft). The work is moderately heavy, finishing the sides of ditches which form part of an irrigation and draining system. Preliminary heavy work has been done by machinery. The average number on hours' work per week is 45. The number of volunteers is 35, of which 5 from FDJ and 15 each from SCI and BITEJ (the BITEJ volunteers come from various Eastern European countries). Volunteers can discuss all camp arrangements and plans for free time activities. Modifications may be made, within reason and avoiding inconvenience to the hosts: any decisions which has the unanimous agreement of the three leaders - FDJ, SCI and BITEJ - will be put into effect.

Accommodation is in a school building.

Take with you to the camp:

- 1. Boots, gloves, a sunhat or scarf, clothes suitable for work in mud, rain and sun, and a swim suit,
- 2. Insect repellent.
- 3. Pocket money.
- 4. Information about SCI.
- 5. Musical instruments and song books.

Reports:

After the camp, each volunteer should write a brief report in English, French or German, dealing with the nature and organization of the work, discussions, etc. Send the report, please, to the European Secretariat at the address at the top of page 1.

Background information:

During the past five years there has been a joint FDJ / SCI / BITEJ workcamp annually in the DDR. The aim of the camps is to carry out useful practical work and to contribute to international understanding and peace.

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