

Short Term Volunteer



Our Chalet
SWITZERLAND
World Association
of Girl Guides
and Girl Scouts

The World Centres belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Providing a warm, comfortable, friendly place to stay, each Centre is a "home away from home" for Girl Guides, and Scouts around the world, where they can feel part of a family of new and old friends. They provide the chance to learn about international aspects of the Movement whilst meeting people from different countries and cultures.

Our Chalet, has various programmes for people who like to volunteer and meet people from many different cultures, to explore Switzerland, and share their skills to the benefit of the center.

Short Term Volunteer programme is designed for people who have a special skill which they can use at Our Chalet who want to experience, learn and dedicate short period of time in order to improve the certain job field – whether is programme, administration, guest services or grounds and maintenance. We welcome people from all backgrounds as long as they have the same common goal: to work to benefit Our Chalet.

Applicant Criteria:

- Is aged 18 years,
- Enjoys meeting and mixing with lots of new people,
- Is practical and not afraid of hard work,
- Has a good understanding and speaking level of the English language – English is the working language of Our Chalet and is essential for communication purposes.
- Has a specific skill to share such as cooking, painting, gardening, environmental education etc.

What does a Short Term Volunteer do?

Our Short Term Volunteers come to Our Chalet to work on a special project or programme development or during a busy periods offering additional support to the Guest Services team. This is usually agreed with Our Chalet based on a skill or time availability they have to offer and what the center is working on. For example: sewing curtains, painting buildings, building paths, catering and housekeeping support, specific programme focuses etc.

Although you will not receive the regular "seasonal" volunteer training you will still enjoy daily living with Our Chalet Staff team. We welcome people for a minimum of two weeks. During your stay you will receive full board and lodging and other benefits. The programme welcomes people whole year around (apart from November closure month). Specific needs, projects and busy periods are announced on Our Chalet website.

Benefits of Short Term Volunteering:

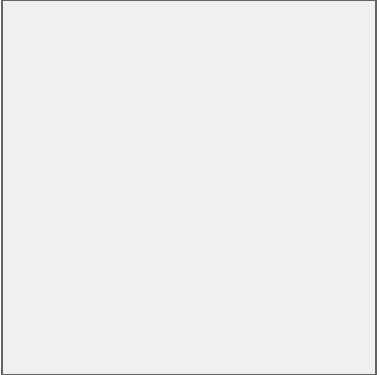
- Experiencing a unique environment and life at Our Chalet, WAGGGS first World Centre
- Experiencing Swiss culture and customs and beautiful natural environment
- Full free board and lodging in Our Chalet Accommodation
- Access to Laundry
- Free internet access
- 2 days off per week
- Staff fun evenings and Staff day out (depending on the time and season)
- Living in the International residential environment
- Personal and professional development



Volunteer Application Form

Short Term Volunteer

I. Personal details

Full Name:			(Photograph) 
Date of birth:	Nationality:	Gender:	
Address:			
Phone (include country code):		Other contact such as Skype:	
Email:			

II. Volunteer Application Dates:

I am available to work as a Short Term Volunteer at Our Chalet

From _____ to _____ and
from _____ to _____

Membership:

I am a member of - please state full name of your member organization WAGGGS/ WOSM:

Present position in Guiding /Scouting:

Language Skills:

Written English

- Fluent
 Conversation
 Understood
 Poor

Spoken English

- Fluent
 Conversation
 Understood
 Poor

Other Language

- Fluent
 Conversation
 Understood
 Poor



III. Skills & Competencies:

What job area would you like to work with at Our Chalet and what experience do you have in this particular area?

What practical skills and experiences would you like to offer to Our Chalet?

Why would you like to volunteer in Our Chalet?

IV. SIGNATURES (please write names and contacts clearly):

To be completed by an International Commissioner or a National President

(Please note that we might contact you in case we require more information regarding the applicant).

Name:

Position in the organization:

Phone:

Email:

*I approve and support this application for a Short Term Volunteer position at Our Chalet on behalf of
(name of the organisation- member of WAGGGS/WOSM).*

Signature:

Date:

This application is a true and honest representation of myself and my experience. I agree that Our Chalet may verify this information at its discretion, consulting my national Girl Guiding / Girl Scouting organization.

Applicant

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Application Process

Upon receipt of your application Our Chalet will notify you of the outcome of the application in due course.

Please send your applications via email to: volunteers@ourchalet.ch or post the to Our Chalet, Hohliebeweg1, 3715 Adelboden, Switzerland.