

English Teacher Information

We are excited about you coming to minister with us at camp this summer! Below you will find important information which will make your ministry more effective.

Purpose of English Language Camps

For years Word of Life has incorporated instruction in the form of classes and workshops into its camping program in order to attract young people to our camps around the world. Many youth who would not normally go to a Christian camp come to these special weeks of camp because we offer different types of sports and language instruction.

This gives us the unique opportunity to share with Hungarian youth the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a number of ways throughout the week. Though we desire to provide a fun, interesting, and useful camping experience, our main purpose is to introduce the lost to the Savior and to help believers grow in their walk with Him. Our English camps allow an opportunity for ministry that many short-term mission trips to non-English speaking fields cannot provide. Therefore, our purpose extends beyond having a ministry to Hungarian youth, to that of providing a true ministry experience for American believers in an overseas missions setting.

Who Can Participate?

Our English language camps are designed so that anyone, high school graduate to retiree, can be an English teacher and have a significant ministry regardless of their educational background or vocational experience. All we ask is that those who join with us to teach are born-again believers over the age of 18, have a desire to evangelize and disciple young people, and of course, native English speakers. (Those not yet graduated from high school may be considered a "helper assistant" to their parents.) There are no other prerequisites and no teaching experience at all is required.

Ideally, we prefer that local churches organize teams of 6-10 members that will commit to one or two weeks of English camp. This does not mean, however, that we do not encourage or welcome individuals or smaller groups to come. We have a number of people in the second category come each year. Those churches that send teams should plan on having a designated team leader. The team leader should be in communication with the English camp coordinator to discuss the number of people needed for any given week of camp and how his/her team might be able to help fill that need. This allows us to organize more easily and communicate more effectively with you and other teams before you come to Hungary. Please contact Peg Clayton, English Camp Coordinator, at pclayton@eletszava.org for more information if you are interested in finding out more about coming to serve with us. We start planning many months in advance for the following summer's English language camps.

Arrival and Departure

We ask our summer missionary teams and individuals to plan their arrival on Saturday, the day before their camp week begins. Because of the nature of the camp schedule and new teams arriving and departing each week of camp, we try to prevent an "overlap" due to limited housing available on our campus. Our summer camps run from Sunday through breakfast the following Saturday. Therefore, we ask that your team plan for arrival to Word of Life on Saturday, and plan your departure the following Saturday. For example, if you are interested in doing some sightseeing at the end of the camp week, it might be necessary to book a room in Budapest for any extra days you will be here. Recommended hotel information is provided under "Accommodations" on our website. We will do our very best to help you to make these arrangements. Thank you for understanding.

Camp Life

We are trying to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to Christian development and spiritual growth. With this goal in mind, certain guidelines have been established to reduce the number of distractions which might diminish the spiritual focus of the camp. Since the campers watch team members closely, each person will be setting an example by his actions and attitudes. Personal testimony is a large part of this ministry. Because of this, we ask that team members follow the same guidelines as campers.

1. We request that team members not bring radios or music players, as campers are not permitted to do so. For your own listening while in your room, an mp3 player with ear buds would be fine.
2. We ask that team members not bring traditional playing cards. Games such as "Uno", "Skip Bo", "Rook" are welcome alternatives.
3. We ask that team members be on time for all meals and meetings.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, we will worship together with the Tóalmás Bible Fellowship Church on the camp property. After church there will be a brief orientation to provide some helpful and necessary information to all of our foreign guests. After lunch, there will be an orientation to discuss the placement exercise for the English campers. Camp registration begins at 3:00 pm. During this time the English teachers will be administering the placement exercise to those campers who have chosen to participate in the English language instruction. Registration generally runs until about 5:45. Supper is at 6:00, followed by our opening camp meeting at about 7:15 pm. After this evening meeting, teachers will gather once again to find out the names of their campers, teaching partners, and the level they will be teaching. There will be some time for preparation for the next morning at that time.

Monday-Friday

Breakfast is at 8:00, followed by the morning Bible hour at 8:45. The morning Bible hour is not translated into English and language teachers are not required to attend. Instead language teachers will meet with the language coordinator each morning at 9:00 for discussion and prayer. This time will be used to share concerns regarding your classes, to consider suggestions for improving the program, and to pray for the campers, counselors, other staff, etc. The remainder of the morning Bible hour time is free for the language teachers to use as personal time with the Lord, preparation for teaching or relaxing.

English lessons will take place in the morning and afternoon (Children's weeks: one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Teen Weeks: 1 hour 45 minutes in the morning and a one hour session in the afternoon). These will be held at various locations around the camp. Lunch is from 12:30-1:00. During the afternoon the campers will be involved in various sports and organized activities, followed by free time until the evening meal at 6:00. These are a great opportunities for the English teachers to participate and be involved with the campers. This time can be very important for building relationships.

On Tuesday evening, an invitation for salvation will be given. Wednesday, the evening meeting is a dedication campfire. During this meeting we give an invitation for dedication of one's life to the Lord's service. Friday always seems to come too quickly. The Friday evening meeting is a testimonial campfire. Those who have made decisions during the week can share their personal testimony with the whole camp. This is a very special time for everyone. After breakfast on Saturday morning the campers pack up and head home.

English Teaching Material

Your team leader should give you the website location for viewing the English teaching material for the summer.
<http://www.eletszava.org/en/englishteachers.php>

We are providing the English teaching material as a guide to assist you. Each section is intended to give you ideas on what to teach during class time. They are not intended to be a lesson plan you are expected to follow. You may use as much or as little of this material as you would like. You may bring copies of material you would like to use, or we can make a limited number of copies for you while you are here. We do want to keep the focus on practical and everyday usage of the English language. You will probably want to just consider in advance what you would do with an intermediate group of children or teens and then be prepared to simplify your idea if find you will teach a lower level and be prepared to make the lesson stronger if you find that you have a more advanced group of language learners.

Most teachers use a mixture of our material along with their own games, songs, crafts, and lesson ideas. This material does not need to be Bible stories or Biblical material, because the campers receive Biblical instruction in the morning Bible Hour, the evening meeting, and in room devotions every day. Many campers come from a background that has been devoid of any religious training, and benefit greatly from these meetings.

However, because of the strong focus on Bible teaching at other times in the day, they tend to enjoy having their English instruction time be less of another Bible lesson and more of a fun time where they can learn real conversational English. This is a lot of fun for the campers, and we know you will enjoy it as well. The Lord is going to use you greatly in the campers' lives this summer. We are looking forward to having you here.

Those coming for Children Weeks will be teaching approximately 9-10 lessons over the course of the week. Those coming for Teen Weeks will teach approximately 10 lessons during the week. You will want your teaching material and activities to be based on the proficiency level of your campers. Some of the campers will have studied English for several years and be quite fluent, while others will be complete beginners.

We have structured the material so that there are three basic levels of material that can be adjusted to specifically fit the average level of those in your group. We have prepared our teaching materials to be as effective and easy-to-use as possible. As we continue to develop our English camp program, we always welcome materials that will help in this regard. We encourage individuals and churches to put together small packages of materials, which they

can bring with them and leave with us for other groups to use as well. The following is a list of things we need and do not need.

UPDATED ENGLISH CAMP NEEDS LIST 2009

I have marked in **bold print** items that are needed the most. Please do not feel it necessary to bring everything that is on the list. We have many people coming during the summer and simply need to replenish our supply of materials and equipment. Thanks so much for anything that you can do.

- **Hole punchers (would be nice to have 3 of these)**
- Erasers for Dry Erase Boards
- **Dry Erase Markers (prefer black in color, EXPO 2 Low Odor)**
- **White Board Cleaner (for dry erase surfaces)**
- Any Games that help encourage rehearsing and practicing the English language
- **Store bought Name Tags, or materials to make nametags**
- **CANDY! Always needed and useful. Fun types of wrapped candies! In a bag or individual**
- Small, very inexpensive gift items for prizes, for both children and teens
- Pictures of your family, home, neighborhood, church, city, etc.
- Map of the USA, Map of Hungary
- Materials for making bracelets for children and teens
- Colorful Post It Notes
- Unique Teaching Posters
- **Big Scissors (7-8 would be nice)**
- **Magazines with pictures of people (a few would help, no need to bring too many) some good magazines to bring, Better Homes and Gardens, National Geographic, Country, etc...**
- Colored craft foam sheets for making creative name tags
- **Stapler (2)**
- **Fun stickers (nothing evil or scary looking, please)**
- **Construction paper (light colors, pastels, etc...preferred) the darker colors don't seem to get used very much**

NOT NEEDED

- Sunday School materials
- Bible Stories
- Travel Brochures
- Coloring Books
- Books
- Flash Cards
- Crayons
- Calendars

Expense Information for Individual Team Members

Due to the fact that we are functioning as a mission organization in Hungary, our funding comes primarily from the generous gifts of individual supporters, not from fees. In most cases the fees we charge for our various activities, including camps, retreats, seminars, and the Bible School do not come close to meeting our actual costs. The Hungarian economy simply will not yet allow us to charge on a break-even basis. This means that all who come to minister with us must truly come as missionaries themselves. Therefore, though we know that a "laborer is worthy of his hire," we must ask that each English teacher fund his own travel. We also ask for a donation to help cover room and board expenses. Some team members may choose to raise the necessary funds, while others may choose to pay for the trip personally. At times a church will fund the trip.

Please see website for suggested donation amount for housing and transportation.

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You may want to budget an extra \$20-30 or so per week to purchase snacks at the snack shop, or food items at a local grocery store. Postcards and camp t-shirts are also available. When touring Budapest and its surrounding areas, you can anticipate a meal at a restaurant costing between \$20 and \$40. There are plenty of McDonalds and Burger Kings in Budapest as well. In addition, you may wish to budget some money for souvenir and gift shopping.

Withdrawing / Exchanging Money

The unit of currency in Hungary is the Forint. The worth of the dollar to the forint fluctuates daily, so it is impossible to know now what the rate will be when you arrive, but you can keep track of the rate by checking a currency exchange website such as www.xe.com.

Using a debit card at an ATM machine will give you a higher exchange rate than exchanging cash. There is an ATM machine in the airport, they are scattered all over Budapest, and we even have one in our humble village of Tóalmás. We suggest taking advantage of them as opposed to bringing a pile of cash with you. (Traveler's checks are near impossible to cash here, please do not bring them.) It would be wise to withdraw or exchange some amount of spending money upon your arrival at the airport, to last you until you are able to walk to the ATM machine in Tóalmás. (When you withdraw from an ATM machine, you first have the option of choosing a language, including English. However, you must choose the amount to withdraw in Hungarian Forints, so be prepared ahead of time.)

Closing Comments

In addition to this document, you should receive the following from your team leader: Camp Survival Kit, the link for viewing the English Teacher Lesson Materials, Welcome to Word of Life Hungary Booklet (optional) – please keep in mind that some of the information in this booklet is dated. However, most of the information in it will give you a better understanding of Hungary and its people, and the ministry of Word of Life Hungary. Please be sure to read through these materials carefully, because they will help you to prepare for your ministry with us. You may also want check out our website at www.eletszava.org.

We are thankful to the Lord for this opportunity to partner in ministry with your team and your church. The summer camp ministry is a life changing experience for all involved -- campers, staff, and short term missionaries. We are praying for your team as you continue to make your preparations to come and serve with us.

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