



SWAP/SAST Volunteer South Africa Program Application Form

Sending Organisation:

SWAP Working Holidays

2010 Arrival Dates

Please indicate your program selection:

Volunteer – 9 Week

Wildlife – 5 Week

Program Start Date _____

21 February	<input type="checkbox"/>	*16 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 August	<input type="checkbox"/>
07 March	<input type="checkbox"/>	*06 June	<input type="checkbox"/>	05 September	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 March	<input type="checkbox"/>	*20 June	<input type="checkbox"/>	19 September	<input type="checkbox"/>
04 April	<input type="checkbox"/>	*04 July	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 October	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 April	<input type="checkbox"/>	18 July	<input type="checkbox"/>	24 October	<input type="checkbox"/>
02 May	<input type="checkbox"/>	01 August	<input type="checkbox"/>	*07 November	<input type="checkbox"/>

**No educational placements available for these dates*

8) We need to be confident that you are in good health and that you are suited for this programme.

Please answer all the questions below.

- 8a) Have you ever suffered from any serious or permanently debilitating illness? Yes No
- 8b) Do you have any physical limitations? Yes No
- 8c) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown or psychiatric treatment? Yes No
- 8d) Are you undergoing any sort of medical treatment, including pills or drugs? Yes No
- 8e) Have you had any criminal convictions? Yes No
- 8f) Have you ever been accused of, or involved in an incident involving the sexual or physical abuse of a child? Yes No
- 8g) Do you have any special dietary requirements? Yes No
- 8h) Are you prepared to financially make provision for any special dietary requirements
E.g. gluten allergy Yes No

If you have answered Yes to any of the above questions, please explain below:

9) Taking into account your educational background and work experience, please indicate whether or not you have any practical experience in the following areas. (ONLY APPLICABLE TO VOLUNTEER APPLICANTS)

Project Areas	Practical experience
<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Pre-school (6 months-5yrs). This involves singing, playing and taking general care of children. Experience is not essential, willingness and love for children is most important.</p>	
<p>Primary School (6 yrs– 12 yrs). This involves teaching or assisting with school related activities. To work here one must be specific on what she/he wants to teach.</p>	
<p>Secondary School (13yrs-19yrs). This involves teaching or assisting teaching or any other school activities. Recommended for people with a strong background in English Language with good writing skills and preferably some related tertiary education or experience.</p>	
<p>Primary or Secondary School Placements – Which of these subjects would you prefer to teach: Please specify here → → →</p>	<p>Maths: <input type="checkbox"/> English: <input type="checkbox"/> Reading classes: <input type="checkbox"/> Arts: <input type="checkbox"/> Sports: <input type="checkbox"/> Music: <input type="checkbox"/> Dance: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>MEDICAL / HEALTH</p> <p>Hospital/clinic. Work ranges from taking the patients background to examining patients. Recommended for people with backgrounds in medicine, nursing and primary health care.</p>	
<p>HIV/AIDS project. This involves targeting, organising seminars and publishing material to educate people about AIDS. Recommended for people with a strong background in English Language with good writing skills and speciality skills.</p>	

<p>ENVIRONMENTAL/CONSERVATION AWARENESS This involves community conservation, General nature conservation with an element of environmental awareness amongst children in terms of care for the environment. E.g. Working with camps of young children</p>	
<p>SOCIAL WELFARE Homes for the physically/mentally handicapped. Recommended for people who have work experience in this field. Patience is very important as most of the children and young adults are profoundly disabled.</p>	
<p>Homes for abused children and orphans. Recommended for people who have work experience in this field and who enjoy working with children. Activities will mainly be centred around offering games and assistance to children. At orphanages with babies and toddlers assistance is needed with washing, feeding, playing and nurturing.</p>	
<p>Old age homes and frail care units. Recommended for people with experience working with the elderly. Experience is not necessarily required but it would be an advantage.</p>	
<p>WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS – Environmental & Wildlife Conservation Volunteer placements are based either in the Limpopo Province (approximately 2 hours drive from Johannesburg) or the Eastern Cape. Volunteers assist on a daily basis with feeding of animals, caring for the young or the sick, cleaning of cages, camps, clinic, kitchen, bomas and enclosures, 24h emergency stand-by (once a week), assisting the owner and manager in ad-hock duties, creating natural environment in enclosures, building of camps etc.</p>	
<p>**** NB: These are intended only as a general indication of the categories available.**** All participants should be prepared to be extremely flexible.</p>	
<p>10b) What is your motivation to take part in the Volunteer Program in South Africa? What do you think you can contribute and what do you hope to get out of this program? PLEASE PROVIDE A SEPARATE LETTER OF MOTIVATION</p>	

Description of local community options:

Township – Rural area not as developed as middle-class residential areas. Limited extra-mural activities as these areas are not usually located close to town shopping centre areas. Not located close to railway stations but accessible to stations using local mini bus taxis. Provides the opportunity to experience more African experience where local Xhosa language is spoken and local African flavour (food, music, Xhosa urban culture) is more evident.

Middle-class residential areas – These areas are slightly more developed areas. In some of these you will experience more freedom in terms of recreational activities such as taking walks, jogging and walking to local shopping area. Easier accessible to public transport (still limited though). You may find middle-class residential areas where you will also be very restricted in terms of recreational activities.

Remote rural areas – These are areas located in rural locations outside of main town areas. Not closely situated to shopping or town areas and public transport very limited.

VOLUNTEER SOUTH AFRICA

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. You must have a valid Canadian passport, and you must be a Canadian citizen. You must further meet all other eligibility criteria listed on SWAP's website at www.swap.ca. These criteria are the requirements of the host governments and there are no exceptions.
2. All round trip transportation must be purchased from Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus, The Adventure Travel Company or Odyssey Travel. If you are related to airline staff who qualify for free or greatly reduced flights, you may be exempted from this policy.
3. You must allow SWAP to represent your visa application to the appropriate foreign government on your behalf. You furthermore agree not to interfere with this process in any way.
4. **Upon payment, registration fees are non-refundable.** Exceptions apply when the registrant is not accepted on the program (see condition #5) or cancels due to family death or illness, documentation is required.
5. SWAP reserves the right to reject any application. In such cases, notification will be made in writing and you will be refunded for the registration fee minus a \$100 administrative fee.
6. Your application is accepted based on the understanding that you realize the challenges involved in this kind of volunteering adventure may include inconvenience, discomfort and possibly illness. The principle of this type of travel is to provide volunteers with a real life experience in a developing country.
7. You are screened based on your maturity and independence. All dealings with regards to your application will be made between you and the Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus/Adventure Travel Company agent. Information will not be divulged to third parties, including friends and/or family members.
8. SWAP/SAST will do all their best to arrange a suitable placement on your behalf. Placements will depend on your skills and experience and the type of vacancies available at the time of your proposed trip. Placements will vary and placements may be subject to change. SWAP/SAST cannot guarantee that a specific placement will be available.
9. You must show proof that all required immunization has been administered to you prior to your departure. You will be responsible for covering the cost of all immunizations. It is your responsibility to discuss your trip with your family doctor and to make the necessary arrangements for appropriate inoculations prior to travel.
10. You are aware that the standards of accommodation and hygiene will be in accordance with local standards and may be below western standards. These facilities may sometimes be very basic.
11. Medical Insurance in addition to your provincial health insurance plan is mandatory for SWAP Volunteer South Africa. You are expected to have insurance coverage for the full duration of your travels. If you are otherwise adequately covered, you may be waived from this requirement as long as proof of medical coverage is demonstrated and it meets the proposed insurance requirements. Participants who let their coverage lapse while overseas waive SWAP and Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus* of any responsibility, financial and/or otherwise.
12. Foreign governments may change regulations that may affect the program and this is beyond SWAP's control. In such circumstances, SWAP will do its utmost to update participants of any changes.
13. Some visa issuing offices will not grant visas to married individuals or individuals convicted of a criminal offence. Participants should consult their travel counsellor in these instances to see which programs they may be eligible for and/or what additional documentation may be required.
14. Registration fees cover approximately 75% of the costs required to operate SWAP. The remaining costs are for program administration and are provided by Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus*. SWAP does not rely on funding from any level of government.
15. The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) reserves the right to alter or terminate the program at any time. In the event of this unlikely occurrence, affected participants are entitled to an immediate refund of any or all monies paid for services not rendered.
16. SWAP is administered through the cooperation and permission of the national governments in the respective countries and operates on an exchange basis. Corresponding numbers of foreign students from receiving countries are eligible for employment in Canada, thereby eliminating any adverse effects on domestic employment opportunities.

**The Adventure Travel Company and Odyssey Travel are Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus offices.*

I have read and understand the conditions of the program. I agree to be bound by them and certify that all the statements I have made on this application form are true. There should be no reason why I should be refused to enter South Africa.

Signature

Date(day/month/year)



SWAP VOLUNTEER SOUTH AFRICA DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please include the following documents as part of your SWAP application. Your application will not be accepted unless all items listed below are attached:

- SWAP Volunteer South Africa Application Form**
- One copy of your typed **resume** outlining your past work, volunteer and travel experience. Ensure to include a list of your hobbies and personal skills
- Attach a **motivational letter** to your resume describing your past volunteer work and travel experiences, and why you would like to take part in this program
- Two references** - one from a past employer/teacher; one from a close friend of the family (Please use the Reference Forms that are provided)
- Doctor's Letter** - A letter from your doctor verifying that you are in good health and free of contagious disease.
- Police Clearance Letter**
- Proof of support funds** indicating that you have at least \$2,000 CAD
- One passport photo**
- A photocopy of the **picture page of your Canadian Passport** (passport must be signed and valid)
- Language Evaluation Form** - complete this form only if English is not your first language
- Program deposit of \$1000.00 made payable to **SWAP Working Holidays** by certified cheque or money order*

The above documents must be sent to SWAP at:

SWAP Working Holidays
187 College Street, 2nd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 1P7

Attn: Volunteer South Africa Coordinator

*Please note that the remaining balance for the registration fee must be paid in full upon acceptance into the program.