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## CH-SCI Mini-Workcamp with Lebenshof "Wendy Welt" (Aargauer Jura)

June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

[max. 20 volunteers]

**Introduction:** The group will work with the local project partner *Lebenshof "Wendy-Welt"*. The aim of this project, who is organizing the mini-workcamp, is to take in animals that have been abandoned or that people don't want anymore and offer them a safe space to live.

**Volunteer age:** International volunteers: 12 – 99,  
National volunteers: 12 – 99

**Volunteers with kids and minimal age?** This Mini-Workcamp is open to families with children over 12 years old, as long as they are accompanied by an adult.



**Transport hub (incl. exact meeting point & time):**

**Arrival:** Lebenshof Wendy-Welt / Valurhof, please arrive between 18 – 20 o'clock in the evening on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

- By car: "Wendy-Welt" (Wilerweg 3, 5317 Hettenschwil)
- By bus: stop „Etzwil, Mandacherstrasse“ – from there it is a 20-30 minute walk
- By train: stop "Döttingen". If you come by train, please let us know in order to check with the project whether they could pick you up. ***In case you come by train: please make sure you arrive at 19:07*** (there are trains coming from Berne, Lucerne, Basel, Zurich, and Lausanne arriving at this time). This makes it easier for the project partner to pick you up all together and therefore not need to drive several times.

You will visit the farm and have dinner together on Friday evening.

**Departure:** You can start packing after a snack in the afternoon and depart after that on Sunday (after 15-16 o'clock). Project partner can bring you to the train stop "Döttingen" if you are planning to go back by train.

For more details about travel connections by train and bus from these and other cities in Switzerland, please check <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>. Please note that it is possible to travel cheaper by booking a "supersaver" ticket. These tickets are only valid for the chosen connection; in case you miss the train the ticket will be lost (except in case of delays caused by SBB). It is only possible to buy the supersaver ticket in forehead (at least 1 day before your travel). Find more information in the [General Information](#).



Exchange with quality

**Type of Work [Environment / Manual]:** We will be a group of max. 20 volunteers. The group of volunteers will gather up cut grass, restack piles of branches that have that have slipped in width, cut the high grass in the hedges with sickles so that the young shrubs have room to grow, free sand and stone piles from vegetation/overgrowth, cut out blackthorns and thistles, check trees to make sure the protection is not too close and otherwise loosen or remove them, and clear bee flowers of overgrowth, etc. The work that needs to be done is absolutely manual work, practically nothing can be done with machines.

**Accommodation:** There is one sleeping room with bunk beds for 8-9 people and also the possibility of sleeping on straw.

**Food:** Food will be provided by the workcamp hosting partner (menu will be vegan).

Things to take with you are **a sleeping bag, work footwear (shoes that can get dirty), clothes that can get dirty, rain clothes (raincoat, waterproof trousers, waterproof footwear if possible, ...) and work gloves.** If you do not have gloves or shoes for work, please, let us know beforehand – we will try to organize it for you.

**Required spoken language:** English, German or French

**Camp spoken languages:** German / French / English

The camp spoken language depends on the participants of the group – if the group is international we will stick to English, but if you have any questions, the project partners can speak German and French. You don't need to speak all these languages to participate in the camp. :-)

**Costs:** The participation fee for the mini-workcamp is **CHF 120\***.

*\*The membership fee of CHF 90 is included in the participation fee. If you have already paid this, you will receive a corresponding reduction – also for the **second workcamp in the same calendar year** (second workcamp: abroad CHF 150, in Switzerland CHF 100; second mini-workcamp: CHF 30).*

**Please be aware:** Sufficient insurance coverage is the responsibility of the participants in any case! SCI does not provide insurance for this mini-workcamp.

**Wheelchair accessible?** Unfortunately, not.

#### **What to bring?**

- A sleeping bag
- Work footwear (shoes that can get dirty and have a good grip)
- Clothes that can get dirty
- Rain clothes (raincoat, waterproof trousers, waterproof footwear if possible, ...)
- Work gloves
- Sun protection (sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, ...)

#### **What NOT to bring:**

- Alcohol
- Tobacco products
- Animal products
- No pets