

**Voluntarios Internacionales Mexico A.C (VIMEX)** Is a Mexican organization that was founded on December 4th, 1985. However it began to work in 1982. Located in Mexico City. VIMEX is an independent non-religious, non-governmental and non-profitable organization. It organizes International Workcamps in Mexico, it accepts incoming volunteers in its projects and at the same time it send young Mexican students from our preparatory schools, universities and in many cases graduated students abroad. VIMEX's national program receives incoming volunteers and helps in the social needs of Mexican people by making voluntary action, so the foreign volunteers will know our culture, our customs and our daily realities. VIMEX also encourages the exchange of different ways of thinking and being and it practices tolerance in living together with people from other countries.

In relation to VIMEX's international program, our objective is to give support and provide our students the possibility to see and know different types of life in comparison to ours, to reaffirm their point of view about our country, living together and working in an international team. Vimex's objective is also the practice of different languages other than Spanish, and most important we hope volunteers' changes in their attitudes for their own benefit and for the benefit of our country. Founded the 4th December 1985.

Mission: to promote the global solidarity, the tolerance and the mutual understanding between the different cultures and races through the International volunteer workcamps and to be capable to detect the necessities of our country in social, educative and environmental areas.

General Conditions of Participation:

- a.) Age from 18 & (+).. For the volunteers of 30 years old or (+) must have an open mind, and they have to accept the conditions of the camp.
- b.- Common Language: English and Basic Spanish is welcomed (it will be useful for the volunteers, they will enjoy more their time in Mexico, but it is not necessary).
- c.- Participation Fee: Yes, It is required in All Our Camps. It must be paid in the bank in México City or in our office.
- d.- VIMEX is a non – profit organization and does not have external funding, all costs of the camp are sustained through participation fees from volunteers. Therefore all volunteers are expected to pay the Participation Fee.
- e.- This participation fee covers food basically and another expenses related in each camp. Not all the participation fees from the volunteers are assigned for the camp. The participation fee is divided in 4 parts mainly: Administrative (Office Rent, Light, Internet, Telephone, Fax, Paper, Copies, Ink, National and International Memberships, Publicity), Searching of projects (transportation, hotel, food), Travels to Europe and inner Mexico, Salaries: 3 staff people paid.
- f.- Please, each volunteer must bring his/her own insurance.

#### **VIMEX SPANISH COURSES PROGRAM 2007**

The cost for the Spanish Course is: 160 Euros

These Spanish Courses were designed for those volunteers that have no knowledge of the Spanish language and for those volunteers that can not speak a good Spanish but they wish to take part in one of our workcamps. The main idea is that the volunteers "feel like in their own home". When somebody visit a country and know a little bit the local language they feel more motivated, more secure during the travel and of course they will fell more comfortable at this country. We believe that this course will be very helpful for the volunteers that will come to our workcamps because they will have the chance to be in touch with the locals. They will enjoy more their time in Mexico with the knowledge of the language. Spanish Course offers to you: 3 hours daily of Intensive Spanish course language with professional teachers 5 days a week, Material: theory and workbook, lodging in a close hostel with breakfast for 5 nights. The Spanish Courses will be at Mexico City. At the end of the Spanish Course a conference will be given. This conference will address different topics as the volunteer work, geographical situation, idiosyncrasy of Mexican people and Mexican culture. After the Spanish Course the volunteers will be sent to their workcamps. Besides learning some Spanish this will allow them to know each other and develop a support group.