



## **Habitat for Humanity and Venturing, Boy Scouts of America Working Together to Build a Better Future**

### Goals:

- Help Young People to achieve their personal goals and to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
  - Personal Goals
    - Develop a sense of being a “global citizen”
    - Learn about another culture
    - Work on a project from its inception to completion
    - Learn to plan and organize a large project by dividing it into smaller projects
    - Develop personal responsibility for the success of a project
    - Use a “concrete” project as a way of expressing their personal beliefs

### **What is Venturing?**

Venturing is the co-educational program of the Boy Scouts of America for youth (not just American youth) 15-20 years of age.

Venturing has four specific goals for Venturers:

1. To gain practical experience in a special interest, a skill, or leadership
2. Engage in a program of activities centered on the following areas: social, leadership, fitness, service, outdoor, and citizenship
3. To experience positive leadership from adults and youth and to have an opportunity to lead others
4. To learn and grow in a caring environment

### **What is Habitat for Humanity?**

**Habitat builds houses.**

**However, it does much more.**

**If someone were to ask you:**

**“What is the most important result of Habitat for Humanity?”**

**You would probably think of**

**“a life changed, a family strengthened, or a community revitalized”.**

**That is much more important than budgets, bricks or house numbers.**

## **Building Global Village Teams**

Ages: 15 and older (minimum 16 in EU Countries and Romania)

Where can you volunteer in Europe/Central Asia?

Armenia  
Bulgaria  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Kyrgyzstan  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Russia  
Tajikistan

Why should young people join an international volunteer team?

Global Village projects last for between one to two weeks and offer a challenging yet deeply rewarding cultural experience for volunteers aged 15 and above. Individually tailored itineraries ensure that the team's needs and interests are met, and that both the local community and the team have many chances to interact, share their stories with one another and build lasting relationships.

Global Village teams are an integral part of the work of Habitat for Humanity International and make a significant contribution to the mission of Habitat. The presence of a Global Village team in the host country helps to raise local awareness and understanding of the work of Habitat. Team members, however, are equally blessed through their involvement in Global Village. Participation in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable opportunity to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience great self-development through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their home countries transformed. Lasting relationships with fellow team members and local people are created, and greater understanding of the effects of poverty housing and of developmental issues is gained. Youth are particularly impacted by their involvement, and experience a change in their worldviews. In the words of one recent youth volunteer, "As the week progressed we realized that our reason for being there was not simply to 'build a house.' It was to live with the people, to talk with them and learn from them, to share a common vision and to work together to see this vision materialize. This experience has changed me."

## **Finances**

### **Venturing Fees**

Registration: \$10.00 per youth and adult volunteer to national organization, \$1.00 health and accident insurance

Transatlantic Council fee \$60.00 per youth is waived until group has had a successful operation for one year.

Insurance: As a Venturing Crew, the sponsoring organization and leaders are covered with a blanket liability insurance policy totaling \$20,000,000.

### **Habitat for Humanity Fees**

Here are the things you need to budget for your Global Village trip:

- **Travel Cost:** Booking your tickets in advance would both save you money and help your host volunteer coordinator prepare better for your visit.  
Don't forget to find out about the visa requirements, costs and departure tax
- **In-country Costs:** Estimate \$25 - \$45 per day per person for in-country costs which cover accommodation, 3 meals per day, transportation, and sightseeing. Your host affiliate will provide more specific information to allow you to adjust your budget.  
Paid by Team Leader while in-country; collecting receipts for appropriate accountability. Your Host Coordinator will assist in this.
- **Insurance:** \$2.85 per day per person (including the international travel dates). This HFHI issued insurance covers the participants for work on a construction site and emergency medical evacuation at a minimum level of \$150,000. Under this coverage, medical assistance for GV team members is available 24/7.  
Payable to HFH Germany – details and process to be communicated at a later time.

**Donation:** Habitat for Humanity Global Village teams provides a donation to the Habitat program to be used in building houses. The minimum donation is \$450 for adults and \$350 for students. Out of this, \$100/person will be kept for the administrative costs of the Habitat for Humanity sending program and the rest will be sent to the affiliate you will be working with to support their building efforts

\$50 per person is due when registering a Global Village Team so \$61 (or approximately € 50) would be due per person for initial registration.