

Project Harmony Israel Volunteer Staff FAQs

Who volunteers with Project Harmony?

Project Harmony volunteers are typically American 18-22 year olds, however past staff have included senior high school students as well as post-grads, Masters students and young professionals. As Project Harmony is an English immersion program we recruit heavily from American Universities, however anyone who is fluent in English is eligible to apply. We look for individuals who are creative, energetic, and enthusiastic, and have a strong commitment to working with children in the field of coexistence in Israel.

What are the dates of Project Harmony 2019?

Staff training is generally held during the last week of June, and camp itself runs throughout July. Please contact us at staff@projectharmonyisrael.com if you have any questions about scheduling.

Where is the camp held?

Project Harmony is held at the Max Rayne Hand in Hand school in Pat, a neighborhood in southwest Jerusalem. The address is 7 Arieah Behem, near the intersection of Dov Yosef and Yaakov Pat. [Link to google map.](#)

Are there stipends available for volunteers?

Project Harmony operates on a very modest budget, so unfortunately at this time we cannot offer stipends to volunteers. Volunteers are responsible for covering the full cost of their travel, housing, and food. We do provide lunch every day of staff training and camp, and breakfast most days.

Where do volunteers live?

Volunteers have a few options for housing while in Jerusalem. A handful typically stay with family or friends, however the majority of volunteers live in shared staff housing that is arranged by Project Harmony administrators. It may be possible to arrange a few home stays with the families of Project Harmony campers, however we won't know the availability of this until later in the Spring. As stated above, volunteers are responsible for the full cost of their housing.

How do volunteers fund their travel, housing, and food?

Volunteers most often apply for funding from their universities to cover their expenses. Volunteers also contact their local Hillels, Jewish Federations, and non-profits that are committed to social change in the Middle East. A handful of past volunteers have also launched successful personal fundraising campaigns, asking family and friends to sponsor their time abroad.

What does a typical day look like for a volunteer?

All counselors arrive at camp at 8:15 am, greet the campers and set up a simple breakfast. In the mornings, General Counselors run two 50-minute English and Team Building activities with their age-based bunks of 12-14 campers. General Counselors then take their campers to lunch, at which point campers sign up for afternoon elective activities conducted by Specialist Counselors. There is a quick rest period following lunch, after which campers are dismissed to their elective activities. At least once a week, all staff and campers go on field trips (to local pools, bowling, theaters). Camp ends at 3:30 each day.