

Holidays for refugee children, teenagers and single-parent families



**VluchtelingenWerk
Nederland**

Getting away from worries and playing carefree while on holiday; this is so important for children. Sadly, for refugee children this is usually not an option. Therefore, VluchtelingenWerk has organised holidays for refugee children and single-parent families for more than 25 years. Will you come along with us?

This information has been translated into English, French, Arabic, Tigrinia and Dari.

For whom are the holidays?

This year, we have room for 450 children (6-17 years) and holidays for 100 single-parent families. One parent is allowed to come along on the single-parent holiday. More information about the various target groups is available on the reverse page. You are eligible if you live in an asylum seekers' centre (azc), or in a house but receive assistance from VluchtelingenWerk. Further, parents must not be able to have the financial capacity to pay for a holiday themselves.

When are the holiday weeks?

The holidays last about a week and take place in the summer vacation, between 9 July and 4 September.

What will we do during the holiday week?

Specially trained supervisors will be present during the holiday week. They are trained to care for the children and will organise daily fun activities, such as sports, hikes, cycling tours, arts and crafts and so on.

What information is stated in the holiday brochure?

VluchtelingenWerk organises different kinds of holidays, each with a different theme. Parents and children can find information about each holiday week, including about activities, food, sleeping arrangements, supervision, costs and transport, in the holiday brochure.

What do you have to look for when choosing a holiday?

When choosing a holiday, pay attention to target group, age, location and the province where you live. Please also check when the children's summer holidays are scheduled (see page 2 of the brochure).

How do I sign up?

Please contact VluchtelingenWerk in the azc or the municipality where you live. Contact details are stated on the poster. Sign up quickly, before the holiday weeks are fully booked! If it is unclear who your contact person for VluchtelingenWerk is, please ask your region coordinator. For more information about the region coordinators, go to www.kindervakantieweken.nl.

You will receive a confirmation letter about three to four weeks prior to the holiday. The letter will state what you need to bring. Please make sure to bring enough (warm) clothes for the entire week.

What does the holiday week cost?

Each participant pays a personal contribution of 20 euros. If you live at a family location, your personal contribution is 10 euros. The maximum any family will pay is 35 euros. You pay your personal contribution to your contact person when you sign up. The contribution is to cover part of the costs of your holiday.

I will not go after all. How do I cancel?

If you have signed up for a holiday week, but are unable or do not want to go, please contact your contact person and the holiday operator as soon as possible.

How do I reach the holiday destination?

Children and teenagers can take the bus or train to the holiday destination. If you save the public transport ticket, you can get your money back from VluchtelingenWerk. There will be some bus shuttle services to and from the holiday destination. You can read in the brochure how transport to your holiday destination has been arranged, or you can ask your contact person for help. Transport to the holiday destinations for single-parent families has been centrally arranged. About one week before your holiday begins, you will receive notification about the pick-up point and the time you have to be there.

Holidays for children and teenagers

You can do all sorts of sports and games, watch films, make music, go on a pick-nick, swim and so much more on our special holiday weeks for children and teenagers! There is also time to relax and hang around, talk and have fun with each other. Among friends, because your parents stay home.

You will sleep in a holiday home, tent or large holiday farm during the holiday week. All of the destinations are located in beautiful surroundings: in the woods or in the country. You eat together and help set the tables and clear the dishes. There are also snacks during the week, such as French fries and ice cream.

Important information!

- Boys and girls sleep in separate sleeping quarters.
- Pork will not be served and everything will be prepared halal.
- Everybody is divided into age groups, so you will be with children the same age.
- There is one supervisor for every five children. The supervisors will do everything they can to make the week memorable for the children. Volunteer Mariëlle has been supervisor several years: "It is so much fun to see the kids enjoy themselves. They are free to play outside and it is always sad when the week is over."

More information

There are various types of holiday: a children's camping week, chill-out vacation, sailing holiday, a holiday with a lot of outdoor activities and a special girls' week. More information is available in the brochure.

Holidays for single-parent families

Holidays for single-parent families cater to the needs of children and one parent. Some are only available for mothers and their children, while others are also open to single fathers and their children.

- The single-parent holidays are for families with children of primary school age (max. 12 to 14 years).
- Pork is banned from the meals and food is prepared halal at almost all holiday destinations.
- You will go on holiday with several families, so please respect other customs and differences.
- Parents are personally responsible for caring for their children. For example, you have to wake up your children in the morning, dress them and put them to bed at night.
- In some holiday weeks, supervisors, parents and children do a lot of activities together, while other holidays focus on children's' activities during the day. Before and after the day programme, parents have alone time with their kids. If there are night-time activities for the children, this is communicated with the parents first.
- You may be asked to help with cleaning or cooking to help the volunteers with their work. Parents are expected to contribute so that the week will be a success.
- Approach each other with an open mind so that any problems can be discussed and resolved.
- You will have a lot of time to yourself this week. So please feel free to go off on your own for a while. All we ask is to inform the supervisors before you go.



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