Ecological educational Centre “Zapovedniks”

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Zapovednik is strictly protected scientific Nature Reserves (World Conservation Union or IUCN category I State Nature Reserves or Scientific Reserves)
Russian System of Federal-level Protected Areas

- 105 Zapovedniks
- 50 National parks
- 70 Federal sanctuaries
We work since 1996 for the benefit of Protected areas

- Educational center for specialists
- Infrastructural projects
- Tourism in Russian Protected areas
- Collaboration with local communities
- International volunteer center

Youth program started in 2002
International volunteer program since 2006
International volunteer center “Burunduk”

Since 2006 helps protected areas to find their volunteers & volunteers to travel
Challenges

• Volunteer camp is one time event;
• It partly involves youth in real work of Protected areas;
• Absence of specialists in tourism like guides;
• Absence of work place for graduated biologists, geography, tourism specialists
Protected areas Academy
Solutions

• To teach young people to make excursions, quests in PAs;
• Make an app – data base of PAs paths;
• Give the possibility to practice in parks and PAs work
Academy program

• Protected areas system

• Secrets of guides

• Quest as a new version of excursion

• Excursion without guide: work wit app

• To park!

• Final work “Excursions marathon”
International Forum of Friends of Protected Areas
Petrozavodsk, September 23-27, 2019
wildnet.ru
Aims of the Forum:

To foster environmental education of children and youth, to wide FPA movement.

Objectives:

• To develop the movement of Friends of Protected Areas (FPA) and promote other Green initiatives in the PAs;
• To build a common platform for cooperation, share environmental info and experience, encourage active youth with incentives;
• To promote and scale up effective methods of environmental education;
• To support and enhance cooperation between PAs and businesses, NGOs in the field of ecotourism
January – May:
• Start of the info campaign. Attraction of partners, sponsors.
• Program development. Running the competition, cast of participants.

May – August:
• The active part of the info campaign, call for applications, naming the winners of the project competition among schoolchildren.

September 23 – 27:
Running the Forum

October:
Post-info campaign.
5 Day program

- Educational program “School of Nature friends”. Master Classes for FPA by the experts, project exhibition
- Round table meeting on “Prospects for the development of ecological tourism in Pas”
- Round table meeting on “Interactive methods of environmental education. Scientific info interpretation for children and adults”
- Foresight-session for tourist business “PA and Ecotourism”
- Souvenir fair "PA Traditions"
- Seminar-conference for adults “Our heritage in responsibility of all generations”
- Quests, evening cinema, Festival, disco, etc.
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Proposal for Europarc Federation:

to make a video broadcast with Europarc Conference 2019