

## SDA 411 Back to nature

22/08 – 10/09/2010 ▪ ENVI ▪ VOLS: 10+2 ▪ AGE: 18+

**Project:** The camp is organized in co-operation with the environmental organization “Nova zeme” (= New Land). It takes place in an abandoned but exceptionally beautiful, hilly area of Cesky les (The Czech Forest), near the western border of the Czech Republic. The campsite is totally isolated from civilization (the nearest Czech village is about 11 km away). The camp may be joined by some Czech volunteers.

**Work:** You will work in a natural reservation. The work will be manual: mowing meadows, raking grass, cutting brushes, collecting biomass, preparing wood, additionally there will be some manual work on the campsite.

**Leisure time:** Excursions to the forest, nearby villages and small towns. Games and performances at the campsite.

**Study part:** The volunteers can try different kinds of handicrafts such as ceramics and woodcarving. An original pottery kiln and an Indian sauna are available.

**Accommodation/Food:** You will sleep in Tee-pees (Indian tents with a fire place in the middle) on wooden pads. The nights in the forest are cold, in the morning there could be temperatures around 0°C. Therefore it is necessary to bring a very warm sleeping bag, 2 blankets or carry mats and 2 thin bedcovers, which can be sewed together and filled with hay from the campsite. You will wash yourself in a small stream with quite cold water, which flows through the camp. The food is strictly vegetarian and the volunteers will prepare it themselves.

**Location:** Valley “Josefske udoli” in the Czech forest. The nearest town is Tachov.

**Note:** The consumption of alcohol and drugs are strictly forbidden! Bring waterproof working shoes and rain-gear. If you have a driving license, bring it with you. The NOVA ZEME association is a Czech partner of a European organization of Eurosolar ([www.eurosolar.org](http://www.eurosolar.org)).