



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH ARANYA AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES

Aranya Agricultural Alternatives is looking for volunteers who can lead and execute some of its projects. Aranya is an environmental and developmental organization providing permaculture guidance to communities, organizations, governments and other national and international agencies and creating sustainable livelihoods since 1999. Aranya hosted the International Permaculture Convergence (www.ipcindia2017.org) in Nov-Dec 2017 to provide a platform for our farmers and urban citizens to get exposed to global thinking. 'Aranya' is a Sanskrit word for forest. The forest is a self-regulating ecosystem, with the ability to sustain itself in the present and in the future. It is the source of the guiding principles of agriculture. Thus, we chose the name Aranya Agricultural Alternatives to encapsulate the tradition of a regenerative nature. We aim to provide alternative solutions to industrialized and chemical agricultural practices. We have strongly believed that a lasting change can happen only when everyone comes forward to do their bit for the community. This is your opportunity to join this belief system.

Please read through the following information to know of long-term volunteering opportunities available:

Volunteering opportunity # 1

Place	Aranya Permaculture Farm, Zaheerabad
No. of volunteers required	2-3
Volunteers' role	<p>You will have the unique experience of working on a 20-yr old Permaculture farm that's a success story of turning a dry land into a green haven. You will get to observe and be involved in applying various permaculture practices on the farm. Get exposed to Indian traditional farming knowledge and various permaculture techniques adapted to the local context.</p> <p>You will also have the pleasure of conducting the farm tour for the visitors. We will conduct two farm tours in a month.</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers who have exposure to Permaculture. If you have applied</p>

	<p>Permaculture, it'll be an added benefit. Read more about Aranya farm and permaculture on this link.</p>
About Aranya farm	<p>It is a 20-yr old, 11.5-acre Indian tropical dryland permaculture farm and a beautiful example of how to regenerate a dry, bare land and turn it into an abundant food forest. The food forest and annual crop fields are entirely rainfed. There are over 300-350 different species of trees giving tropical fruits 365 days a year. Recently, solar system and pump have been established which have diversified some of the planting even more.</p> <p>The farm has been designed by the co-founders of Aranya Agricultural Alternatives Padma & Narsanna Koppula and is a place of experimentation that's still evolving and always welcoming, with one motto: (almost) everything should come from the system and remain, as long as possible, within the system.</p> <p>Aranya Farm is also a learning center and chosen venue for the various Permaculture-related courses conducted by Aranya. We conduct courses like Introduction to Permaculture for farmers and urban dwellers, Permaculture Design Course and similar other courses.</p>
Duration of volunteering	<p>You are welcome to volunteer for any length of time. We encourage applications for at least 45 days.</p> <p>If Indians, please pay INR 300 per day towards your food expense and for International volunteers USD 250 per month.</p> <p>You will be provided with a tent for accommodation against the deposit of Rs. 1000/-. If you have a tent, you are welcome to bring it.</p>
Work hours	<p>Life at the farm is hard but very rewarding. You get to live with likeminded people who</p>

	believe in sustainability and regeneration and learn permaculture hands on. Work hours on the farm vary depending on the time of year and individual circumstance. But generally, we expect the volunteer to put in at least 4 hours a day.
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Volunteering opportunity # 2

Place	Aranya Permaculture Patashala, Badangpet, Hyderabad
No. of volunteers required	1-2
Volunteers' role	You will work on a quarter acre urban Permaculture farm that will serve as a model for Aranya and its students. The designing for the plot is complete and you get to implement the design elements. This is your chance to apply Permaculture in urban context under the guidance of the experts. You will get to participate and support implementation of permaculture at different urban farms in and around Hyderabad.
About Permaculture Patashala	The Permaculture Patashala at Badangpet is Padma and Narsanna Koppula's dream to promote Permaculture among urban dwellers and encourage them to take their first step towards sustainable living.
Duration of volunteering	You are welcome to volunteer for any length of time. We encourage applications for at least 45 days. If Indians, please pay INR 300 per day towards your food expense and for International volunteers USD 250 per month. You will be provided with a tent for accommodation against the deposit of Rs. 1000/-. If you have a tent, you are welcome to bring it.

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We hope you are excited with these opportunities. Please read through the following guidelines with great detail to ensure that your experience is mutually rewarding, and a positive learning experience filled with joy.

- International volunteers need to pay USD 250 per month towards food and accommodation expenses. Indian volunteers need to pay INR 9000 per month.
- Please make an advance payment towards your food and accommodation expenses.
- Every day brings a possibility to learn, so soak in the learning and apply whatever you learn.
- Living with a community requires respect, teamwork, commitment, communication and a certain amount of flexibility. You will be working with people from different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences.
- You will be encouraged to participate in daily chores as you will be a part of the family!
- No drugs, no alcohol policy and no smoking inside the premises has to be followed at all the locations.
- If you have any contagious disease, please refrain from volunteering.
- Dress modestly during your volunteering experience to avoid any uncomfortable situations. Please remember that you will be working with farmers and locals who usually wear Indian clothing.
- Limited WIFI will be available in some of the volunteering locations. You can procure Jio portable 4G device for WIFI. Additionally, if you are a foreign national, please take a local number so that you are reachable.
- The food served will primarily be vegetarian and simple Indian meals. If you have any dietary restrictions or requirement, please mention it to us beforehand.
- Bring essentials like sleeping bag, blanket, two bed sheets, torch, sunglasses, a stole/scarf/hat to cover your head, mosquito repellent, water bottle and any other items which will help you be more comfortable during your stay with us.
- Before reaching any of the volunteering locations, you need to arrive at Aranya office on a working day. If you are a foreign national, you will also be required to fill a Form C at the office.