



BALTIC STATES “TEACHING TOLERANCE THROUGH ENGLISH” CAMP

Lithuania 2015

U.S. Embassy Vilnius and the Lithuanian Association of English Language Teachers (LAKMA), in cooperation with the U.S. Embassies in Tallinn and Riga, are organizing a week-long multicultural camp in Lithuania for Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian youth to foster the development of tolerance, diversity, human rights, and civil society in our communities.

English teachers interested in working at the camp “Teaching Tolerance Through English” **August 2–8, 2015 in “Dvarčėnų dvaras,” Alytus region, Lithuania** (www.dvarcenudvaras.lt) are invited to apply by **April 30, 2015**.

- Two teachers from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania together with a group of five students each will be selected to attend the camp.
- Students ages 11–13 from diverse ethnic backgrounds – Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Russian, Polish, Jewish or other nationalities who live in the Baltic countries.
- Each teacher will bring five students from the same school.
- A total of 6 teachers and 30 students – boys and girls – will attend the camp.
- English will be the language of daily communication for the whole week.
- Alumni of United States Government programs, serving as camp counselors, will assist teachers and students as they engage in educational activities.

The camp is **FREE OF CHARGE** for the students and teachers. All costs will be covered, including transportation, accommodation, meals, and educational supplies.

WHO CAN APPLY?

TEACHER profile:

- * a qualified teacher of English, with at least three years of work experience
- * experience in teaching students at lower secondary level / age group 11–13
- * working at a school in a village/small town with a mixed student population
- * (preferable) experience using social media platforms (Facebook, Blogs etc.)

STUDENT profile:

- * sufficient knowledge of English (3+ years of studies)
- * interested in meeting peers from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
- * has written parental permission to participate in the camp

WHAT ARE THE COMMITMENTS?

Selected TEACHERS are expected to:

- * participate in a preparatory workshop, **June 25–27, 2015** in Vilnius, Lithuania
- * complete a home assignment before the preparatory workshop
- * bring to the camp a group of five students each (girls and boys) ages 11–13 years (5th–7th graders)
- * work in a team with other teachers of English, counselors and volunteers
- * organize educational activities for groups of students from ethnically-diverse backgrounds
- * prepare a written report about the camp to be posted on the school website / Facebook
- * make a presentation about the camp for the school community

Selected STUDENTS are expected to:

- * participate in camp activities throughout the week
- * contribute to the written report about the camp to be posted on the school website / Facebook
- * contribute to the oral presentation about the camp for the school community

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The TEACHERS will:

- * be working in an English-only environment for a week
- * be working together with Baltic colleagues, United States Government programs Alumni, and guests, whose native language is English
- * receive a stipend of **180 EUR** for the whole camp to cover the working hours
- * receive an educational certificate issued by the Lithuanian Association of English Language Teachers
- * gain motivation and inspiration for the upcoming school year
- * develop their social media skills

The STUDENTS will:

- * make new friends
- * become better team players
- * practice English with peers from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
- * improve English skills through interesting activities
- * meet interesting people, who have studied in the U.S. and guests from the U.S.
- * receive a certificate of participation
- * live for a week in a beautiful environment, spend a lot of time outdoors and eat healthy food

Please submit your **APPLICATION FORM**:

- Applicants from Lithuania should complete the online form: www.lakmaonline.lt/news by **APRIL 30, 2015**.
- Applicants from Estonia and Latvia should send their Application Form as a Word.doc (see ATTACHMENT) to their respective Embassies OR teacher associations by **APRIL 30, 2015**.

The teachers selected for the camp will be contacted between **May 10–14, 2015**.

Lists of students need to be submitted **by May 15** to LAKMA president **Eglė Petronienė**:
admin@lakmaonline.lt

Selected teachers will be required to participate in a three-day preparation workshop in **Vilnius, June 25–27, 2015**. All costs (transport, accommodations and meals) will be covered.

***Background information about the camp:** The camp Teaching Tolerance Through English for Baltic students has previously taken place in Latvia (2011 and 2012) and Estonia (2013 and 2014). This project revisits the successful pan-Baltic tolerance camp for youth, reinvigorating it with innovative tools for English-language learning. This week-long camp helps young people from the three Baltic states, who have had limited exposure to other cultures, to understand the importance of tolerance and diversity while improving their English language skills to be more competitive for placement in higher educational institutions and the job market.*

The program is sponsored by the ECA/P/A, Public Affairs Section of the United States Embassy in Vilnius and organized in cooperation with the U.S. Embassies in Estonia and Latvia.

ATTACHMENT

Baltic States “Teaching Tolerance Through English” Camp

International Summer Camp in Lithuania

APPLICATION FORM FOR TEACHERS

To be submitted by April 30, 2015

Please give the following data:

Name (first, last)	
Date of Birth (month/day/year)	
Country of Citizenship	
Home Address (Street, City/Village, Zip Code, Country)	
Contact Phone (incl. country code)	
E-mail address	
School Name	
School Address (Street, City/Village, Zip Code, Country)	
School Phone:	
School website address	

Please answer the following questions:

What is your educational background and current qualification?	
What grades / age groups do you teach?	
What are your earlier	

positions, if you have been less than three years in the current position?	
Have you tutored foreign students before, or worked in an international environment? If so, what was it?	
What is your experience using social media?	
What creative skills relevant for a teen camp do you have? Consider: singing, playing a musical instrument, music and dance, drama, photography, sports, arts and crafts etc.	
Why would you like to work at the Tolerance Camp? Please give at least 3 reasons.	
What does the word “TOLERANCE” mean to you? Please write 50-70 words.	