

**SERVIAS
PEACE**
SCHOOL ANTAKYA
TURKEY



WHAT IS SERVAS?



Servas International is an international, non-profit, non-governmental federation of national Servas groups, encompassing an international network of hosts and travellers.

The purpose of the network is to help build world peace, goodwill and understanding by providing opportunities for personal contacts among people of different cultures, backgrounds and nationalities.

WHAT IS SERVAS PEACE SCHOOL?

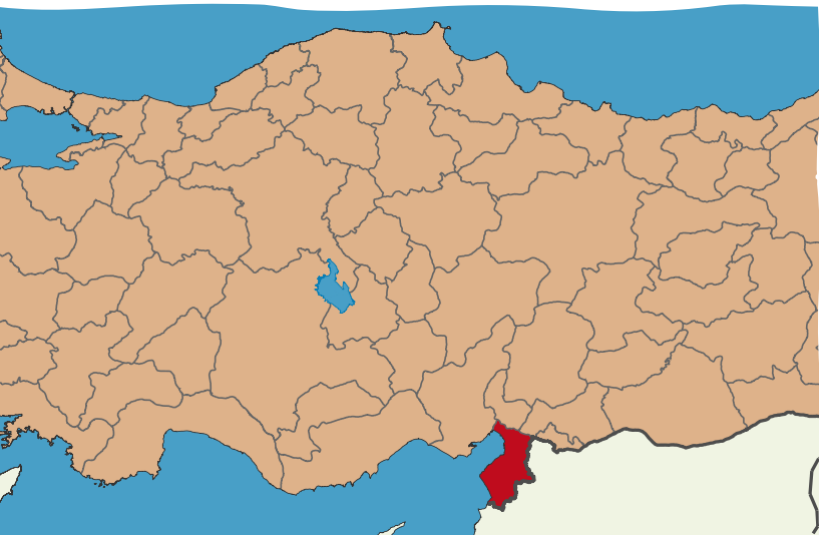
- Servas Peace School takes place in Ekinçi (3aydiy) village in Antakya, Turkey since 2009.
- Within this project we invite Servas people to come and volunteer for children in the village.
- Volunteers teach children aged 5-15 anything they know such as peace, drama, music, children's songs, languages, chess, pantomime, cultural and environmental issues, art, cooking, etc.
- We teach in a big garden, a house yard, olive trees garden and streets. Everywhere is a classroom for us in this village.
- The main goal of this programme is to open new windows in the local children's lives.
- Volunteers stay with local families and exchange experiences with them. Families serve meals and their hospitality. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming and ready to hug the volunteers.





WHEN & WHERE?

- Servas Peace School takes place *in July* every year in a village in the southeast part of Turkey called *3aydiy (Ekinci)*.



ACCOMODATION

- **Volunteers stay with local families in the village.**
- **They experience the daily life, culture and traditions of families.**
- **The volunteers and host families cook together, eat together, sing together, dance together...**
- **The volunteers also tell families about their own culture and countries.**
- **Cultural Exchange takes place and the world gets smaller.**





PROGRAM

- We hold Peace School workshops in 2 sessions:
 - *Morning session (9:00-11:30)*
 - *Evening session (17:00-19:30)*
- All volunteers sit for a daily meeting once a day both to give feedback for the activities of that day and to plan the next day.
- During the day, volunteers have free time. They usually spend time with locals and enjoy cultural activities.
- We also organize additional activities for volunteers such as city tour, museum visit, bar hang-out etc...

Final party, goodbye breakfast

- At the end of Peace School every year we have a **final party/ceremony** where we present everything we do throughout the camp: pictures, exhibitions, multilingual children choir etc...
- The morning after final ceremony we say good-bye to each other with a big breakfast under the olive trees.



WHERE DO EVENTS TAKE PLACE?

- Everywhere in the village
- Gardens
- Streets
- Near the river
- Under the olive trees
- In locals houses
- In the nature
- etc





WHAT DO WE FOCUS ON

- Peace
- Different cultures
- Nature
- Recycling
- Human rights
- Gender equality
- And any nice thing that volunteers want to focus on

Some activities we do every year:

- Playing traditional games
- Painting peace wall
- Recycling
- Planting seeds
- Getting to know leaves around
- Language games&activities
- Multilingual children choir
- Human rights games



Watch these videos for more Peace School spirit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEHnA94qKZQ&t=2s>



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