

**Cherdyn district(Perm Krai),  
International volunteer workcamp “the Heart of Parma”**

Dates: 14.07.2008 – 27.07.2008

**HIST/REST/FEST**

**25 VOLS AGE: 18 – 25**

**PLACE: Cherdyn district, Kamgort village**

**Cherdyn** (Russian: Чёрдынь) is a town in Perm Krai, Russia.

Kolva River flows through the town. Population: 5,756 (2002 Census). Cherdyn – is the oldest city of Ural. Any person who has ever visited this capital of all northern-ural lands of the Perm the Great, feels a unusual antiquity and mysteriousness of this town.

And it is not deceptive feeling. Cherdyn is located, as Rome and Moscow, on seven hills of the right coast Kolvy.

According to very widespread hypotheses it is a capital of the magic country Biarmii, whose history, apparently, has begun and has ended long before the nativity of Christ and about which today it is possible to learn only from myths of different nations of the world.

More than on 20 thousand square km the territory of Cherdynsky area is stretched, occupied almost all northern part of the Perm Krai. And the regional center Cherdyn takes a special place among cities of Urals Mountains. In 1970 Cherdyn is carried to the number 116 of historical cities of Russia.

Without exaggeration the city can be named an original open-air museum. Here it is taken on the state account and it is protected more than 100 monuments of history and culture. Some of them are simply unique. Earth Cherdynskaya stores many invaluable relics. Some of them today are world renowned: the Perm animal style, Perm wooden "gods", unique icons ...

The most ancient city of Urals Mountains becomes the known tourist center of Prikamye. From Cherdyn goes on hiking tours to Divya cave, on spurs of the Ural mountains, goes rafting on the rivers Beryozovaya, Kolva, Vishera. And for those who though once has passed on Cherdynsky taiga tracks, ancient names of settlements will start to sound absolutely differently: Pokcha, Vilgort, Yanidor, Kamgort, Iskor, Nyrob, Kolva, Polud....

Cherdyn`s web page is: <http://cherdyn.permonline.ru/> (on russian language only)

Cherdyn is the most ancient city of Prikamye; it is rich not only in memorials of history and nature but has its own civilization.

The first settlement at the place of an old Cherdyn appeared in VIII-IX centuries A.C.

In XII century, on the hill which later became Troitzk there was a city, founded by native citizens of the Upper Prikamye by the Komi. The ancient Komi called the settlement “cherdyn” which

means "in the stream's mouth". Native tribes before Russians were engaged in commerce through the Volga's Bulgaria with Persia, Byzantium, Horez.

The town was taken by the Russians in 1472.

As many Russian cities, Cherdyn experienced several fires. But still in the city there are many buildings of XVII-XIX centuries. A majestic bell tower of Voskresenskiy cathedral serves as a dominant in the city's panorama. In the architect look of Cherdyn the youth traditions of Russian north bind with methods of the Ural school of architecture of the second part of XVIII century and attract in the cathedrals, civil buildings, merchants' stores and homes.

In July, 2007 in Cherdynsky area (Perm region) was organized the first international volunteer workcamp - THE PILOT PROJECT - " the Heart of Parma ".



**This year it is going to be the second workcamp – and thats great!**

Participants of the camp - young people in the age of 18-25 years (25 persons): 5-7 person - from the Europe (Germany, France etc.), 10 person - from regions of Russia, 10 person - from Cherdynsky area.

Organizing of the international volunteer workcamp - one of the opportunities of popularization the traditional original culture.

14.07. 2008 - 27.07.2008 - workcamp, from **18.07.2008 - 20.07.2008 - Festival " the Heart of Parma "**.

The program of the camp consists of 3parts:

- educational (excursions, seminars, museum-tours);
- work (the help in restoration of a historical -architectural heritage of Cherdynsky area);
- entertaining (riding horses, hiking).

Day is planned by participants from the eve. Average duration of the working day 4 - 5 hours.

**LOCATION:** the camp place – Cherdyn town is 284km far from Perm.

**WORK:** Participants of the camp, during 2 weeks are engaged in reconstruction, restoration historical and architectural heritages of the area (restoration church in a village Bonduge, works on beautification of a monument of architecture " the store of the merchant Timohov " in a village Kamgort).

In the camp there always will be organizers - employees of the Center of cultural and social projects " Heart of the Parma ". For carrying out of restoration works experts from Cherdynsky area in the field of restoration of monuments will be involved.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Residing of participants of the camp will be organized in tents - first week of the camp+ in the house – the rest of the camp.

Meals for volunteers will be organized on a tourist base: 500 m. far from the location of the camp.

Meals 3 times a day. For vegetarians - a separate menu, depends on their wish. Cooks will prepare the food.

**Medical maintenance:** In the camp, there will be a first-aid set of a basic package contents. !The request for participants of the camp - to inform on probably necessary medical medicines. ! If necessary - the doctor is called by phone at any time.

**FOOD:** Cooking and meals are provided by the canteen staff. Volunteers get 3 meals a day.

**LEISURE TIME:** Day is planned by participants from the eve. Average duration of the working day 4 - 5 hours.All cultural and educational program will be leaded by organizers. The camp leader will advice the best options. There also will be some trainings for intercultural communcation and ...

**...!!!!THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROJECT IS FESTIVAL!**



Within the camp there will pass a meeting of participants with well-known Russian writer Alexey Ivanov, the author of the book " the Heart of Parma ".

**A few words about the FESTIVAL-** the idea of the festival is in **immersion of participants in original traditional russian culture of 15-16 centures!!!**Within the Festival **ROLE GAMES**,based on a fantasy book by Alexey Ivanov(famous russian writer) are planned,

archers`competition, national amusements, creative teams` performances, riding horses, water outings,excursions to some historical places of interest in Cherdyn and Nyrob!!!!!!Also – exhibitions of useful arts and workshops where everyone can try jig or weave a basket etc!!!!!!!!!!

**LANGUAGE:** English, (if you have at least very basic knowledges of Russian - you`re more then welcome!)

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Volunteers are expected to bring good mood, enthusiasm for working. Additionally, volunteers should be open, interactive and communicative, should be creative and imaginative concerning the activities of the workcamp ( THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROJECT IS FESTIVAL!) as well as leisure time activities.

**TERMINAL:** The nearest international railway station and airport are located in PERM (the major city of the Perm region). A transfer of participants from Perm II train station or BOLSHOYE SAVINO airport up to a place of the camp.

**MEETING POINT:** Perm (airport “ Bolshoye Savino” or train station Perm II). Organizers take obligations on full maintenance of participants of the camp from the moment of the beginning of the camp - on July, 14th, 2008 9.00. Till this time questions on delivery of participants of the camp from trainstations and airport will be solved as fast as possible by organizers.

**FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION please don`t hesitate to contact me your camp-leader Nataliya directly:**

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## APPLICATION FORM

for participation in the International volunteer workcamp, "THE HEART OF PARMA"  
devoted to the historical and cultural restoration of Cherdynsky district

14– 27 July 2008

### Center of Cultural Projects "The Heart of Parma"

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2	<b>First name:</b>	
3	<b>Sex:</b>	
4	<b>Date of birth:</b> (day-month-year / age)	
5	<b>Nationality:</b>	
6	<b>Present occupation:</b> (employee/student)	
7	<b>Home address:</b>	
8	<b>E-mail address:</b>	
9	<b>Telephone:</b> (home, work, mobile)	
10	<b>Emergency:</b> (telephone number and person to contact )	
11	<b>Passport number / expiry date:</b>	
12	<b>Native language:</b>	
13	<b>Languages you speak:</b> (G-good, F-fair, S-slight)	
14	<b>Previous workcamp experience:</b> (year, country, organization, theme)	
15	<b>Dates between which you are free to participate in program:</b>	
16	<b>Special wishes:</b>	
17	<b>Special needs:</b> (vegetarian food, allergies...)	
18	<b>Explain your motivation:</b> (reasons and expectations for your particular camp choice)	