



World Youth Alliance



Latin America

What is Viviamo! Camp – Latin America?

Viviamo! Camp Latin America is a month-long program in which participants work with WYA partner organization, Acortar Distancias (AD), in social development. It will run from July 7 to August 5, 2007, and will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Acortar Distancias

WYA Latin America chose AD in order to showcase it as an example of a best practice in development work since its social-development model is one that enables street children and their families to live in a manner commensurate with their dignity. AD facilitates its goal by providing solutions, in cooperation with residents, that address problems at each level of development rather than settling for temporary palliatives.

Summer Camp

Latin America's Viviamo! Summer Camp will run from July 7 to August 5. Participants will be given a chance to engage with the local community and participate in housing construction in the morning, and join in cultural activities in the afternoon.

Intensive Habitat Week

The highlight of Latin America's Viviamo! Camp is the Intensive Habitat Week which runs from July 30 to August 5. During this week, participants work with local WYA members and AD volunteers on housing construction and various workshops and activities with the street children. The week will culminate with a carnival for the kids, and a formal closing program.

How do I apply?

All participants must be between the ages of 15 and 29, and members of the World Youth Alliance. If you are not yet a member, sign up online at www.wya.net! While both activities are open to WYA members from all regions, members from Mexico City, Querétaro and Guadalajara are highly encouraged to join the Summer Camp, while members from other regions who wish to visit Mexico are encouraged to join the Intensive Habitat Week.

Interested applicants must submit their application forms to the Latin America Director of Operations by June 15, 2007. Upon review of the application, the applicant will be notified about the payment procedures and deadlines. The camp fees are as follows:

Summer Camp:	\$100.00
Intensive Week:	\$80.00

You may download the application form at www.wya.net or request it from Marianne Gerhard, Latin America Director of Operations, by emailing marianne@wya.net.