***Spring Camp 2023***

The „Spring Camp“ is a ten day event dedicated to the maintenance of hiking trails. It intends to promote eco-tourism and sustainable initiatives in Montenegro.

Spring Camp 2023, will take place on the Mediterranian coastal part of Montengero, with a goal to improve the conditions of the *Costal Mountaineering Transversal* (Primorska Planinska Transverzala), as well as to introduce the volunteers to the beauty of this region. It aims to improve environmental awareness amongst the local habitants and to serve as an example for similar activities. Through their participation, international Spring Camp volunteers contribute to eco-tourism development, while simultaneously vitnessing the natural beauty, and afterwards spreading the word about their experience in Montenegro.

”Spring Camp” conducts two parallel activities:

\* Volunteers will: collect plastic waste and rebuild an abandoned hiking shelter at the Coastal Hiking Transversal of Montenegro (PPT), work on clearance of owergrown and abandoned hiking trails above the Boka Kotorska bay and in the Lovćen mountain.

\* Spring Camp film makers will record events in the camp thus making an easily accessible testimony about the event and the unique and beautiful area where it will be conducted.

The volunteering “Spring Camp 2023” will last for 10 days, from 12th to 21st of May and it will be organized mainly around two stages: Boka Kotorska bay (Vranovo brdo) and Lovćen slopes (CUavori village). During the stay in Perast, volunteers will visit one of Perast islands and have the opportunity of visiting the old town Kotor (UNESCO protected).

The second stage of spring camp will take place around a private property, intended for creating one of the strategically important points on the transversal, where hikers and other outdoor lovers will have access to refreshment, accommodation, food and get a chance to meet kind hosts and enthusiasts of local production (cheese, grappa).

**Program:**

***Day 1 (12th of May)***

\* Arrival of volunteers in Perast, Boka Kotorska Bay
\* Meeting and socializing in Perast
\* Transfer to the village of Ubalac from where volunteers will hike to the campsite
\* Setting up tents
\* Cooking our dinner with overnight at magic views above Boka bay at Vranovo brdo ridge

***Day 2 (13th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* If our group is big enough, one smaller part will go to work on a trail’s maintenance.

\* Construction/renovation of the hiking shelter at Vranovo brdo ridge

\* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of works in the afternoon

\* Socializing and cooking our dinner by the campfire

 (group which was working on the trail will be transferred back from the coast by a van)

\* Overnight in tents at Vranovo brdo

***Day 3 (14th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* If our group is big enough, one smaller part will go to work on a trail’s maintenance.

\* Construction/renovation of the hiking shelter at Vranovo brdo ridge

\* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of works in the afternoon

\* Socializing and cooking our dinner by the campfire

 (group which was working on the trail will be transferred back from the coast by a van)

\* Overnight in tents at Vranovo brdo

***Day 4 (15th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Construction/renovation of the hiking shelter at Vranovo brdo ridge

\* Lunch / picnic / break between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of works in the afternoon

\* Socializing and cooking our dinner by the campfire

 (group which was working on the trail will be transferred back from the coast by a van)

\* Overnight in tents at Vranovo brdo

***Day 5 (16th of May)***

\* Breakfast
\* Packing our tents and belongings for transfering the camp to the second stage location

\* Excursion by boat for visit to the “Our Lady of the Rocks” isle, in front of Perast
\* Lunch in one of Perast's restaurants
\* Transfer to the old town of Kotor and sightseeing of this medieval UNESCO site
\* Transfer from Kotor to our next campsite at Lovćen mountain slopes
\* Moving tents and all needed stuff by foot from vehicles to our campsite in forest

\* Cooking the dinner

\* Overnight in tents in new campsite, close to Čavori village

***Day 6 (17th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Second part of our event will be focused on 3 different activities:

 a) maintenance of hiking trails connecting this campsite with the hiking network

 b) workshop of traditional stone walls building for needs of the campsite

 c) wood workshop – making tables and benches for the campsite

\* Lunch break between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of work

\* Socializing and cooking by the campfire

\* Overnight in tents in our campsite

***Day 7 (18th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Second part of our event will be focused on 3 different activities:

 a) maintenance of hiking trails connecting this campsite with the hiking network

 b) workshop of traditional stone walls building for needs of the campsite

 c) wood workshop – making tables and benches for the campsite

\* Lunch break between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of work

\* Socializing and cooking by the campfire

\* Overnight in tents in our campsite

***Day 8 (19th of May)***

\* Breakfast

\* Second part of our event will be focused on 3 different activities:

 a) maintenance of hiking trails connecting this campsite with the hiking network

 b) workshop of traditional stone walls building for needs of the campsite

 c) wood workshop – making tables and benches for the campsite

\* Lunch break between 13h and 14h

\* Continuation of work

\* Socializing and cooking by the campfire

\* Overnight in tents in our campsite

***Day 9 (20th of May)***

\* Hiking to the National Park Lovćen from the Čavori village
\* Optional: free activities, including leisure time during the day

\* Afternoon gathering in our campsite
\* Cooking dinner and farewell party by the campfire
\* Overnight in tents in our campsite on slopes of Lovćen mountain

***Day 10 (21th of May)***

\* Goodbyes and thanks to the volunteers !

***The Spring Camp Team***