

## Info Guide

## International Volunteer Camp "The Sapieha's Heritage"

Republican Public Organization "Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs" with support from the Ministry of Education of Belarus and Pruzhany District Executive Committee.

July 16 - 28, 2012

**Background:** The palace complex in <u>Ruzhany</u>, dating back to early 17th century, is sometimes calleded the Belarusian Versailles. For a long time it used to be the residence of powerful family of <u>the Sapieha</u>. In August 2008, the restoration of the site was launched. The entrance gate and the east wing (where now is a museum) have already been completed. Now the west wing is being reconstructed.

In 2012, the <u>Ruzhany Palace</u> has been included into the program "Castles of Belarus". The same project in <u>RPO "BelAU"</u> coordinates international youth volunteer camps on locations of historic and cultural significance - every year since 1998. So far, such camps were organized in Mir, Niasvizh, Navahrudak, Smilaviczy, Medviadka, Tarasava and Zaliessie.

**Activities** during the workcamp:

- cleanup of the palace and surrounding territories
- construction works
- archaeological excavations and research

**The program** also includes educational workshops, cultural events, tours, outdoor hiking/camping trips.

**The participants** of the project: 20 students or working young people aged **18 to 25**, from Belarus and other countries.

\*Changes in the program are possible

**Location:** town of Ruzhany, Pruzhany district, Brest region; (235 km away from Minsk)

Language of the camp: English

**Conditions:** accommodation and food (3 modes per day) are provided

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**Fee:** there is a compulsory fee 30 \$ (for foreign participants) or 150.000 BrB (for

Belarusian participants)

The participants cover **travel and visa** 

**expenses** themselves **Application form** 

**Application deadline:** June 1, 2012 **Selection notification:** no later than June 5

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