

UKRAINE

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Ukraine has a rich and storied history. Kyiv was the original capital of the Kievan-Rus' empire dating from the 700s. In 1991 it once again became its own country. Even though it has faced many difficulties in the ensuing years, the resourceful and dedicated citizens have come a long way in a short period of time. Do take some time and read Wikipedia's excellent write up on the history, culture, and country of Ukraine. We are privileged to be able to interact and share with these people.

Key Dates: 27Jun11 – Team arrives in Kyiv
29Jun11 – Travel to Chernihiv
2Jul11 – Campers arrive
4Jul11 – American Day
9Jul11 – Campers depart
10Jul11 - Team departs Kyiv

Location: Camp will again be located near Chernihiv about 150km north of Kyiv in the rolling hills of northern Ukraine near the Belarus/Russian/Ukrainian borders. The camp is located in a forested area outside the city and has a full size soccer field as well as a basketball court, auditorium and other activity centers. There is ample space to relax and engage in building relationships with the Ukrainian campers and staff.



Conversational English: Each year we have a wide variety of English skill levels but they fall into three fairly broad categories: beginner; intermediate; and advanced. These can be further broken down depending on the number of students in each classification. One of our goals is to have a student/instructor ratio of 10:1. This facilitates our goal of developing oral communication and listening comprehension skills. Many of the campers have had English (especially grammar and vocabulary) courses taught by non-native speakers and need to practice oral communication with native American English speakers.



Bible Study: Many people throughout the world are turned off by "religion" but are very interested in learning about Jesus. My responsibility is to proclaim Jesus and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. The Bible Study planned for this year is entitled "The All-Sufficient Jesus." I encourage you to click on the link and view/download the study as you prepare for this exciting time.

Application Form: I have revised the “**Application Form**” and introduced a new “**Release Form.**” Please fill out the application form and submit it to me at <aelt@accts.org>. I will have a filled in copy of the release form for you to sign when we meet each other.

Costs: ACCTS is a service organization and relies 100% on donations. Therefore all applicants are responsible for raising their own support. Any donations made to ACCTS on behalf of an applicant are 100% tax deductible. The cost is approximately \$2500. This is based on the availability of a \$1900 roundtrip airfare to Kyiv from Denver. We have team members from different parts of the country and the airfares will likely vary considerably. Those of you who have worked with ticket agents understand the variability of ticket prices from day to day as seats are added or removed from each fare class and as countries change tax rates. Your actual cost will consist of your actual airfare and the fixed costs for the in-country portion of the trip. A \$100 deposit (nonrefundable) is required with your application. Another \$1000 will be due on or before 1 May 2011 and the balance due on or before 1 June 2011. Payment for your trip costs can be made through the ACCTS on line donation system. In the comments field please put “Ukraine.” If you send a check, please put your name on a separate piece of paper and not on the check.

Travel: 26 Jun – 10 July 2011. Vasily K., our host, has asked that we arrive and leave basically as a group and not spread out over several days on either end of our engagement. I am planning for our group to arrive in Kyiv around 13:00 Monday June 27th and depart on Sunday, July 10th. Please contact me individually if you have a special requirement or want to do some additional travel either before or after camp. I will plan on making all ticket arrangements unless notified. You can easily reach me by email at aelt@ACCTS.org or by telephone at 303.985.8808. My cell phone number is 303.520.4439.

Scholarships: The Ukrainian exchange rate as of this edit (2/23/2011) is 8:1 which is about the same as last year. Unfortunately the cost of food and other necessities has increased making it rather difficult for the average Ukrainian. Thus, we are supporting a scholarship program for the campers. With a full camp the scholarship need will be \$14,000. If you or your church would be willing to help with this fund, please click on the donation tab on our home page and follow the instructions. Be sure to mention “Ukraine Scholarships” in the comments field.

Travel Documents: Your passport should be valid through at least Jan 2012 and have several blank pages for immigration stamps etc. If you don't have a passport that is valid at least eight months after return with ample blank pages, today is the day to start working that issue. Contact your local Post Office for details. Airlines are double checking passports and will not permit you to board without this important document. Most Post Offices have the applications and picture taking equipment and will help you fill out the forms etc. Ukrainian visas are currently free and issued at the airport upon entry.

Cancellations: Should an applicant, after having raised support, have to withdraw from the program for any reason, no refund will be given. These funds will be applied to the overall program of the ACCTS AELT mission work.

Curriculum: ACCTS offers both English and Bible studies.

English - We are pleased to be able to use an excellent program developed by Dr. Lois Webster. Her formal education is in English with a subspecialty of ESL. Her educational background coupled with her experience has allowed her to put together an exceptional program for teaching/training conversational English. The methodology presented in the training classes and

in the manual is applicable to all skill levels. It does not depend on an interpreter or on the use of the native language. [Click here for further information.](#)

Bible - Chaplain Norris Webster (Col, Ret) has developed a cycle of three studies around the theme of "Visits with Jesus". Each study consists of multiple lessons complete with questions that the students discuss in class. The questions are constructed such that they can be used with all skill levels. The questions deal initially with the more objective elements of the passage and progress to the subjective. This approach helps a student to both observe the biblical facts and consider the application to his or her life. For the Bible course we use an interpreter in the intermediate and lower skill levels to ensure that the message is not obscured by a lack of English comprehension. [Click here for further information.](#)

Training: The ACCTS AELT Program preparation phase includes training in both conversational English and Bible instruction. Please contact me for further information.

Testimony: How many times have you been asked about your relationship with Christ and did not know how to respond? Don't worry, if it hasn't happened it will. We lose the opportunity because we are spending the time trying to put our witness together in our mind when we should be presenting it. A good way to overcome this problem is to take the time to write out your testimony. The process of developing your testimony is good training and preparation for going overseas. Not that you will be called on to give it to an audience, but that you have it in your mind when another individual begins to ask you about Christ and what He means to you. The guide at the end of this paper provides you an excellent process to accomplish this task. We require it of all participants who take any of these trips

Your Decision: After reading the above material and you wish to join us, please fill out the **Application Form**. It will be automatically sent to the ACCTS office and we will contact you as soon as possible. Additionally, please take the **Faith Reference Form** to the appropriate person and ask him or her to complete and send it to the indicated address.

Questions: If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at aelt@ACCTS.org or by telephone at 303.985.8808(W) or 303.520.4439(C).