INTERNSHIP BEARDED VULTURE PROJECT

Where	Parco naturale Alpi Marittime, Entracque (CN)
Starts	21 May 2010
Finishes	31 July 2010
Minimum stay	2 weeks
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Type of activity	Monitoring the two Bearded Vultures reintroduced in Valle Gesso
Description of the activity	The volunteers will be responsible for the daily monitoring of the vultures' activities. The two vultures will be placed in an artificial nest in Valle Gesso prepared for them and watched until they make their first flight and then start to move away from the site. The observations are made using telescopes and binoculars checking the release site and surrounding area with regular notes taken as to times and types of activity observed (rest, feeding, flight, etc). We foresee 5-6 working days per week with shifts of about 7 hours to keep up the observations from dawn till dusk.
Requirements	Indispensable: - own vehicle - adaptability to working in the mountains; - good team working skills; - own full mountain equipment suited to the season - own binoculars 8x30 or 10x40 or similar. Preferable: - similar experience in observing birds or other wildlife.
We offer	 Professional training information concerning the territory, the environment and the running of the Park with particular attention to the biology of bearded vultures tutor Logistic support free lodgings in double rooms in a Park hostel, bathroom and kitchen shared with other guests (food and transport are the volunteers' responsibility; availability of a computer with internet access at the Park, on days off possibility to accompany park staff in their daily activities
Contribution to expenses	Amico Parco guarantees each volunteer a single weekly contribution towards expenses of € 75,00 per week.
Level of difficulty	easy Bearded Vulture monitoring requires only patience and concentration while watching the birds.
Useful Links	http://www.parks.it/parco.alpi.marittime/