



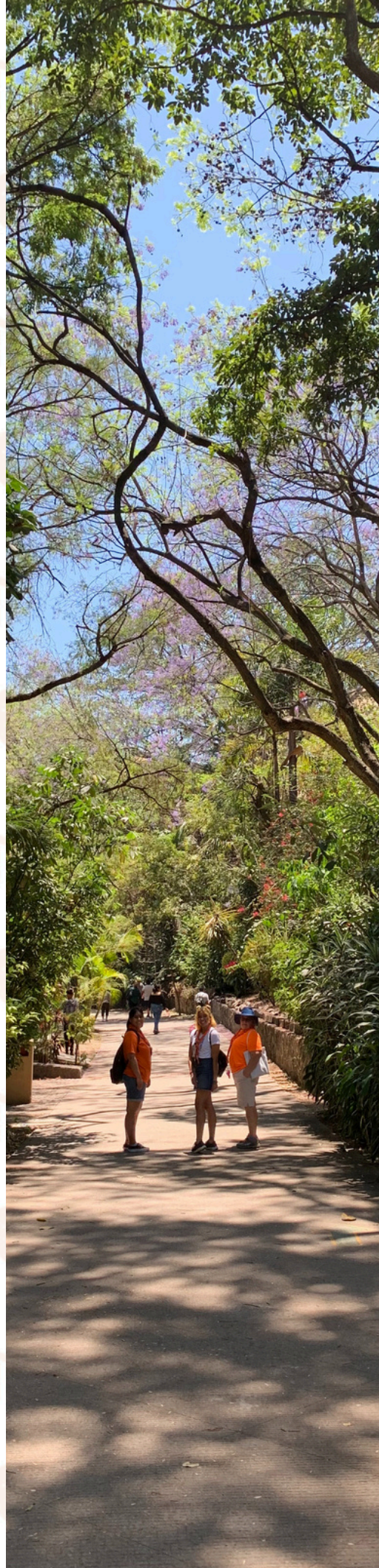
NUESTRA CABAÑA

ANNUAL REPORT 2024
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OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



GUIDING AND SCOUTING GUESTS

527 Guiding and Scouting guests

207 Independent Guests, staying overnight but not taking part in an event

320 Event Guests



EVENTS DELIVERED IN 2024

7 Events delivered with participation from 26 countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, Curacao, Dominica, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, UK, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela.



VOLUNTEERS

12 full season volunteers from 11 different countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Germany, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Scotland, England, Sweden, Zimbabwe) and 2 remote volunteers from Argentina and Costa Rica.



DAY VISITORS

24 Day guests for self-guided tours, guided tours, and pinning ceremonies.



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OUR PROGRAMMES



2024 EVENTS

LET'S CELEBRATE: FRIENDS OF NUESTRA CABAÑA ANNUAL GATHERING

This event was held from 7th to 11th of February, there were 79 participants between Friends of Nuestra Cabaña, WAGGGS World Board, Western Hemisphere Board and Girl Scouts USA Board, including volunteers and staff of NC, there were 9 different countries in the event. During the event, there was a parallel programme offer, hosting activities in and outside the centre, such as presentations, committees work, tours, and fundraising activities. On February 9th, we celebrated the official reopening of the centre with a special programme.

WORLD THINKING DAY AT NUESTRA CABAÑA

The week event was held from 19th to 26th February, there were 7 participants (3 leaders and 4 young girl guides) from New York USA. During the week event, participants visited the Monarch Sanctuary in Valle de Bravo. On their return to the centre, we hosted the World Thinking Day Celebration with multiple districts from Guías de México, the day pass had 77 participants from 5 different districts. During the WTD Celebration, we had programme for 3 age groups and the participants were awarded with the WTD 2024 Badge.

TASTE OF MÉXICO 1

The event was held from 9th to 16th of March, there were 48 participants in total, from USA and Canada. The aim of the programme was to explore Mexican culture and learn about International Guiding and Scouting values through a mix of learning styles, highlighting a gastronomical and cooking experience. For this event, the centre had extra help from one WAGGGS staff member and one Local Girl Guide Volunteer.



2024 EVENTS

MEXICO ADVENTURE: SUMMER FRIENDSHIP 3

This event was held from 3rd to 10th of August, there were 10 participants from Philadelphia USA (3 Leaders and 7 young Girl Scouts), the programme of this event was created especially for young leaders aiming to increase their knowledge in international Guiding and Scouting values and programmes while discovering sisterhood at the World Centres. During this event, we had sessions such as community service projects with our community partners (VAMOS) and visits to Downtown Cuernavaca, Tepoztlán and El Rollo Waterpark.

JULIETTE LOW SEMINAR 2024 NUESTRA CABAÑA EXPEDITION

The event was held from 27th September to 5th October, there were 26 participants, 5 JLS facilitators, 1 WAGGGS Core Mission team and 3 WAGGGS Interpreters, together with volunteers and staff, there were 26 countries present. The space was diverse, with enriching and unique peace building spaces, the overall evaluation of the event was very good. It was the first time visiting the centre for approximately 80% of the participants, the event was facilitated in both English and Spanish. One of the highlights of the programme was the simultaneous community partners connection, where we connected and helped three different communities in Xoxocotla, Tepoztlán and Temixco.

VOLUNTEERS AT NUESTRA CABAÑA

Nuestra Cabaña is currently hosting 5 volunteers for the autumn season on site (September to December) from UK, Scotland, Sweden, Germany and Panamá. In this season the centre has 2 Programme Volunteers, 2 Guest Services Volunteers and 1 Marketing and Communication Volunteer. Nuestra Cabaña has the support of 3 local Ranger Girl Guides Volunteers from Guías de México, 1 remote volunteer from Costa Rica working in Marketing and Communications and the Marketing and Communications Manager from Argentina.



During the Summer Season (May to September) we had one Programme Volunteer from Zimbabwe and during the Spring Season (starting in January) we had one Programme Volunteer from México staying till April, one Programme Volunteer from Paraguay staying till June and the first Kitchen Volunteer of the centre from Costa Rica staying till July. During the first months of the year (Jan-Feb) 4 volunteers of 2023 leave the centre, they were from Brazil, Argentina (continued remote), Australia and Scotland.

Nuestra Cabaña has an open application from offering volunteer positions for 2025 in 3 different areas: Marketing and Communications, Programme and Gest Services. The current seasons are Spring (Jan-May), Summer (Jun-Sept), Autumn (Sept-Dec), there are current efforts to open positions as Eventual Volunteers for Guides of Guías de México to support in specific events where more help is needed, these volunteer positions will last from 1.5 to 2 weeks.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Connections were established with 6 organizations in the community: San Vicente de Paul, Unidos, VAMOS, Fundación Comunidad, ECOCE, Casa Hogar Heredia López.

Some were previously known to the center, others were new.

VAMOS

First meeting with Mercedes (Director of Vamos) and Rosario (Coordinator of Casa Tatic). Service project and donation of oral hygiene supplies from Nuestra Cabaña during Summer Friendship event. The last connection with them was during JLS, where a group of 15 participants, JLS facilitators and NC team spent a morning in the centre of elderly women in Temixco.

UNIDOS

NC Volunteers as staff in a rally on inclusion and disabilities for high school students and as staff in a reforestation as a recreational activity for people with and without disabilities

SAN VICENTE

Delivery of free food supplies in Loma Esmeralda Community and free breakfast in San Vicente HQ in Cuernavaca. Volunteers made meaningful connections with San Vicente volunteers. The last connection with them was during JLS, where a group of 15 participants, JLS Facilitators and NC team visited the HQ and then delivered packed lunches and different dynamics with around 200 children at a local elementary school in Tepoztlán.

FUNDACIÓN COMUMIDAD

Nuestra Cabaña, along with other local NGO's, were invited to participate in the event "Redefining philanthropy from the perspective of social organization". The last connection with them was during JLS, where a group of 15 participants, JLS Facilitators and NC team visited a cultural centre preparing for a fair centred in the conservation of indigenous languages, in Xoxocotla.

ECOCE

Monthly collection and weighing of materials for recycling with Ecoce. Till October 2024 we will turn 6 months following the separation programme.



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OUR OPERATIONS

STAFFING

Full team is now in place:

- World Centres Manager - Martha
- Programme Manager - Veronica
- Programme intern - Enya
- Guest services Assistant - Danna - joined as an intern in July from Tec Milenio University to work during her business semester.
- Maintenance team x 3: Rodolfo, Gabriel and Sergio, who joined in May
- House keeping team x 2: Liliana and Sughey joined in July

- Kitchen x 2 : Mago and Mary who joined in August
- Night Guard x 1 , Roberto

After thoroughly reviewing the operation of Nuestra Cabaña, it was decided to hire temporary staff only to support when there are groups on-site. At this time, there is no need to hire more permanent staff.

Training and development: Martha and Veronica travelled to Our Chalet in Jan 2024 for programme training. All staff have had safeguarding training.





FACILITY UPGRADES

1. The security booth was remodelled, providing more space for the guard, and security was reinforced. The Nuestra Cabaña sign was repainted.
2. Significant work has been done to upgrade the internet on the property, with key components replaced for optimal functionality. The security cameras were also reset, with cameras and cabling replaced for proper operation.
3. Bathrooms have been serviced and where necessary upgraded in all dormitories and private rooms.
4. The well, water pipes and drainage system all needed repairing and in some part completely renewing because tree roots were causing obstructions.
5. A termite treatment was applied to the last dormitory (which also needs a new door because the pest destroyed it) and to the workshop, where it was necessary to replace damaged drawers and rails.
6. Seven gas tanks were replaced
7. Extensive tree and lawn pruning was carried out throughout the year.
8. An extensive review of the property was done to locate and fix any roof leaks.
9. Lighting across the property was upgraded.
10. Fans have been installed in private rooms and dormitories.





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2025 AND BEYOND



WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2025

In 2025 Nuestra Cabaña will be enjoying its first year since the reopening and 68 years since the inauguration back in 1957, the year will be filled with adventure, celebration and of course a lot of guiding/scouting sisterhood! Here is what you cannot miss:

HER ROOTS, HER FUTURE, SUSTAINABILITY AT WORLD CENTRES

Nuestra Cabaña is starting 2025 with a strong and vibrant sustainability programme as they start building its newest project: 'Her roots, her future'. The project, funding by Global Youth Mobilization, consists in the building of an urban garden on site, where local young guides and volunteers will create and deliver environmental and sustainability programmes to different communities of Morelos. Aiming to support vulnerable communities of the area, the garden will function as a laboratory to explore and learn all the ways we can take care of our community, environment and even ourselves.

The content of the programme will be supported by WAGGGS Global Programmes such as GLACC (Girl-led action for climate change) or the YUNGA (Youth and United Nations Global Alliance) Badges. This project is sponsored by GYM (Global Youth Mobilization) an initiative of the European Union Youth Empowerment Fund, the fund prioritized working with WAGGGS as it is recognized as one of the 'Big Six Organisations' thanks to our work with youth. Everyone participating in Nuestra Cabaña events will get a taste of the project with a session in the garden!





WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN 2025

2025 EVENTS

Nuestra Cabaña team has been working hard on mastering their programme delivery while participating in an event, the calendar for 2025 and 2026 is out and the offer is so good that soon they will be sold out! Don't miss the opportunity to explore the most iconic and significant parts and traditions of México while living the whole World Centre Experience with your guiding sisters. The centre offers different themed events to adapt to your perfect travel experience, from gastronomy with Taste of México, or traditions with Día de Muertos, to unique natural phenomena with Monarch Butterflies or Fireflies Forest. For our cherished young guides, events like World Thinking Day, Splash into spring or Summer Friendship will leave you lifelong learning and friendships, not easy to miss! Get together with your go-to travel group and start planning, check out Nuestra Cabaña web page and choose the event that is most appealing to you and book now.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Every four months, new volunteers arrive to the centre to work in three different areas: Programme, Communications and Marketing and Guest Services. During their term, they get to know all the coordination, logistics and programmes of the centre, developing knowledge and experience in their areas while also incorporating their guiding and professional expertise to make it even better. This is a unique world centre immersive experience, they complete a programme to strengthen and further develop their leadership skills and while they do it, they get to know the culture of a truly amazing and diverse country as México. If you are someone that loves challenges, cultural exchange and volunteering and you also want to practice or improve your Spanish, this is your opportunity! Applications for summer and autumn 2025 seasons are opened!

SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES

TO CONTINUE IMPROVING THE FACILITY IN 2025

1. Finish installing at least two more cameras to cover the gardens and fire pit area.
2. In all rooms, dormitories, and private rooms: replace curtains, install missing mosquito screens, and repair damaged ones.
3. General carpentry for all the wood on the property: room doors, bathroom doors, lockers, closets, etc., and replace four lockers and two dressers lost to the termite infestation.
4. Replace old and outdated electrical outlets.
7. General maintenance of ironwork, such as doors and windows.
8. We have two kitchenettes, one in Noche Buena and one in Verna Orndorff, as well as two for volunteers. They are very old and in poor condition and need upgrading.



Nuestra Cabaña

2025 CALENDAR

JANUARY



18-24 Taste of Mexico 1

FEBRUARY



5-9 Friends of Nuestra Cabaña Annual Gathering
24-25 World Thinking Day Activities

MARCH



1-8 Splash into Spring 1
15-22 Taste of Mexico 2

APRIL



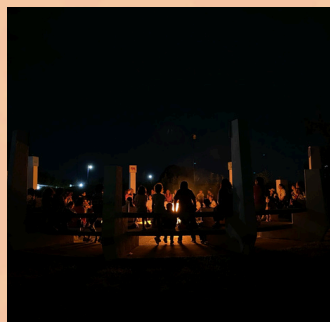
6-13 Splash into Spring 2
19-26 Taste of Mexico 3

MAY



1-4 Climate Action Summit

JUNE



22-29 Natural Mexico: Fireflies Forest

JULY



21-28 Mexico Adventure: Summer Friendship 1

AUGUST



3-10 Mexico Adventure: Summer Friendship 2
17-24 Mexico Adventure: Summer Friendship 3

SEPTEMBER



**Independent
guest bookings
available**

OCTOBER



11-18 Taste of Mexico 4
28Oct-4 Nov Real Mexico: Day of the Dead

NOVEMBER



**Independent
guest bookings
available**

DECEMBER



7-14 Natural Mexico: Monarch Butterflies
28 Dec-4 Jan Ringing in the New Year in Mexico

Nuestra Cabaña

2026 CALENDAR

JANUARY



18-25 Taste of Mexico 1:
New Year New Flavors

FEBRUARY



4-8 Friends of Nuestra
Cabaña Annual Gathering

16-23 World Thinking Day
Activities

MARCH



7-14 Splash into Spring 1

19 -26 Splash into Spring 2

APRIL



1-8 Taste of Mexico:
Celebrating Easter

MAY



Independent
guest bookings
available

JUNE



14-21 Real Mexico:
Mexican History & Culture

23-30 Mexico Adventure:
Summer Friendship 1

JULY



2-9 Real Mexico: Fireflies
Forest

11-18 Mexico Adventure:
Fiesta Latina

24-31 Mexico Adventure:
Summer Friendship 4

AUGUST



2-9 Mexico Adventure:
Summer Friendship 5

11-18 Mexico Adventure:
Summer Friendship 6

20-27 Real Mexico:
Fireflies Forest 2

SEPTEMBER



Independent
guest bookings
available

OCTOBER



3-10 Taste of Mexico 4:
Tasting Traditions

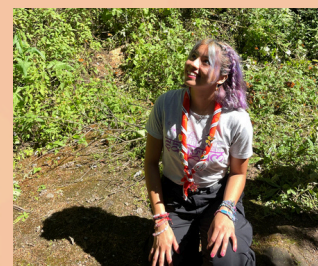
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the New Year in Mexico



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MESSAGE OF THANKS

THANK YOU

As we reflect on 2024, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible support we have received throughout the year. It has been a great adventure leading Nuestra Cabaña, a place that holds so much history, meaning, and love for so many around the world. Maintaining and caring for this cherished

World Centre is both a great responsibility and a privilege. Every day, I am inspired by the generosity and dedication of those who support Nuestra Cabaña—through donations, volunteer efforts, and the unwavering commitment of our team. The love for this special place is truly evident, and it is heartwarming to see how many people, near and far, care so deeply about its future.

Being part of WAGGGS and this global movement fills me with excitement, responsibility, and hope. Together, we are creating opportunities for girls and young women to connect, grow, and lead change.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and belief in Nuestra Cabaña. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2025!

Martha Concha

**Get
involved**



**Volunteering
opportunities**



**Support
Nuestra Cabaña**



**Become a
Friend**



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Gracias! Thank you!



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