

Heyho! Tere!

Since the beginning of September, we are the new volunteers here in Tipu! Our names are Carlotta and Eike, we are both 18 and just graduated from high school, so life here in Soomaa is quite exciting for us! Every day, there is something new to learn and right now, most of the work we do is outdoors. Goats, chickens and rabbits have to be taken care of and plants have to be defended from hungry goats, so we have started to pick our home-grown vegetables and fruits. Furthermore, we have been assigned with several artisanal tasks, for example, building a henhouse into the goat shed or constructing a rabbit-run for the winter. This was very new for us, since we only got to do theoretical work in school over the last years. Having lived in big cities all our lives (Eike is from Hannover, Carlotta from Berlin), it is a whole new world to stay here, surrounded by nature, and we enjoy it to the fullest! Estonia and especially Soomaa are incredibly beautiful and step by step we are experiencing its nature, which fascinates us whenever we go canoeing on the river, hiking through the bog or picking berries in the forest. Viljandi offers many opportunities to make music and go folk dancing while also meeting some people, which is awesome; we're trying our best to learn a bit Estonian with the help of our language teacher. To do this, among other things, we now have one year; a year, during which a lot is going to happen and we are looking forward to it with heart and soul!

Best wishes,
Carlotta & Eike