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HandsOn Workshop
IS VERY GRATEFUL to all Step
Up's volunteers
and friends who have helped us
make 100 bird houses
for Gorky Park!
We did it!

**Summer Camp in Belskoye
Ustye Orphanage**
In July our volunteers or-
ganized a summer camp for
mentally and physically dis-
abled children in the Pskov
region

A New Academic Year — A New Journey!



Photo by Dina Magnat

On September 16th we held the opening ceremony marking the start of Step Up's new academic year. After the traditional congratulations and well-wishing we reminisced about the achievements and highlights of the previous academic year. At the end of last year five students received their certificates of basic secondary education and four students received their certificates of general secondary education. One graduate from a previous year passed the Unified States Exams and began university.

In total, four graduates were admitted to university, five graduates to college, and one graduate is getting ready to take university entrance exams next year.

Congratulations to our students for passing their exams
successfully
and starting at college and university!



Everyone is invited to attend Literature Club!

On November 16th

the next meeting of our famous Literature
Club led by the inspirational Mikhail Sverdlov
will take place!

This year Literature Club is starting later than
usual, but the delay gives participants a
chance to prepare properly and make sure
that they have read ***The White Guard***
by **Mikhail Bulgakov** in full. We will discuss
this novel at the club's first session.

Everyone is welcome!

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➔ Belskoye Ustye Orphanage Summer Camp



Volunteer performance

From 2nd to 21st July volunteers, students and staff from Step Up put on a summer camp for mentally and physically disabled children living in the Belskoye Ustye Orphanage (Pskov region, near the town of Porkhov).

The Camp was a continuation of a 10 year tradition of holding such summer camps at this orphanage.

The main purpose of the Camp is to help children from closed institution overcome their isolation, provide a stimulus for their future development, and make their summer holidays interesting and exciting. Volunteers from all over the world came to a small village in Russia's remote Pskov region to accomplish this.

The Camp gives every child at the orphanage – whatever their level of disability – the chance to participate in games, activities, shows and different projects. Just by being there, and talking about themselves and the wider world, volunteers can help. Volunteers also share their experience with orphanage staff, giving them ideas for new activities.

Read a detailed report about the 2013 Camp on our website vverh.su (in Russian)

We want the Belskoye Ustye Summer Camp for mentally and physically disabled children to take place again in 2014, which is why we have already started preparations

To support Summer Camp in Belskoye Ustye next year you can:

1) make a financial donation on our website vverh.su

2) become a volunteer and be involved in organising Summer Camp

Send an email with the subject "Summer Camp 2014" to info@vverh.su

We are very grateful to the volunteers and sponsors whose participation and support made this year's camp such a wonderful event!

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