

Newsletter #1

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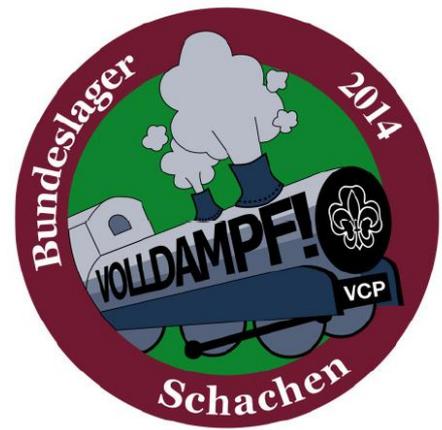
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A General Information

1. Structure of the camp

About 3400 participants are expected to join Volldampf 2014. 600 volunteer staff members work in all kinds of areas to make the camp a lasting experience for everyone. The camp is divided into 7 subcamps with 400 – 500 people each. Program activities and the daily life are centered in the subcamps. If you want to know to which subcamp your group is allocated, contact your partner group or contact person in the international team.

2. Program

Program activities are mainly centered in your subcamp. They vary strongly from subcamp to subcamp but are always related to the industrial revolution. If you want to know about the program activities in your subcamp, contact your partner group.

Every participant is going to go on a two day hike (i.e. one night off camp) to get to know the region Swabian Alb. Besides exploring the natural beauty of the Swabian Alb there will also be cultural sightseeing related to the history of the Industrial Revolution during the hikes. This could be the visit of museums, textile industry companies, going by historical trains, etc.

Besides this, there will be some big events like the opening and closing ceremony and the EXPO where subcamps present their projects at the end of the camp.

On visitor's day everyone is invited to come to the camp. On this day you will have the chance to present your traditions, culture, group or country (see D 1).

3. Sustainability concept

Using resources thoughtfully is a major goal of this camp. This is why we will avoid waste production as good as we can. We are going to separate our waste in different categories so that it can be recycled. Moreover, showers will be warmed up to 25 C only to avoid excess consumption of water and oil for warming up the water. Electricity is available only in exceptional cases (see A 4).

4. Electricity and internet access

Electricity supply is going to be limited on the camp. There are no charging stations available for participants. Also, there is no internet access provided for participants! The international service centre does have electricity and internet access, though. If necessary for organizational matters, only leaders of the international groups may use charging stations and internet access. Also here, resources are limited.

5. Cooking and camping equipment

Cooking and camping equipment is not provided. If you can or do not want to bring your own pots, stoves, tents etc., talk to your German partner group. They will certainly be able to help you out.

6. Alcohol, smoking and drugs

According to German law and our national camp policy, no one below 16 is allowed to consume alcohol, smoking is prohibited if you are below 18.

It is only permitted to consume alcohol (wine and beer) in the pub area after 10.30 pm and during opening hours. The pub area is somewhat isolated from the subcamps, so that you can sleep if you want to or have a beer if you wish. Spirits are not to be consumed.

Smoking is generally strictly forbidden on the camp site and in the nearby forests. Smoking is only permitted in designated smoking areas.

Drug consumption is strictly prohibited.

7. Flags

Flags of each participating country are going to be located around the main stage. Please bring your own flag as we cannot provide any flags (1x1.5 m). Flags are hoisted every morning and lowered in the evening. We are aware that customs regarding flag ceremonies differ among countries. We are not going to have official flag ceremonies. You are invited to hold a ceremony, if you wish to, or send a delegate to hoist and lower your country's flag.

B Travel issues

1. Travel to and from the camp

Location of the camp

The easiest way to find our camp site is just to type in "Pfadfinderzentrum Schachen" in Google maps and you will be right there.

By train

Finally, a transportation modus has been decided. In contrast to prior information, shuttle buses will be provided from the train stations Münsingen and Metzingen to the camp site, but not from Reutlingen. Note that bus shuttles will not be free. The costs are estimated to be 3 € per person from Münsingen and 4 € from Metzingen (one way).

Travelling to Metzingen train station is recommendable if you arrive from the North via Stuttgart, whereas you should take a train to Münsingen if you arrive from the south-east via Ulm.

A remark regarding the trains to Münsingen:

From Ulm Hbf to Münsingen there will be special trains on 06. and 15.08.2014 which operate only for the reason of our national jamboree. Relating to the motto of our national jamboree "With full steam" these are historical trains, of which you can get an impression on the following website:

<http://www.bahnhof-muensingen.de/>

You can get the timetable of these special trains via the official timetable of the German railway:

<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query2.exe/en?ld=9643&country=DEU&rt=1&newrequest=yes&&country=GBR>

Although these are special trains, the regular tickets of German railways are valid on this connection. Additionally all regular local public transport tickets are valid in these trains, e.g. the "Baden-Württemberg-Ticket".

However, in exceptional cases it might not be possible to book a ticket to Münsingen in advance, e.g. international train tickets. In this case please buy a train ticket only to Ulm main station. The train ticket from Ulm to Münsingen can be bought either at the ticket machines at Ulm main station or in the special trains itself. According to our information the fare from Ulm to Münsingen is 6.75 € per person.

When buying tickets for long distance trains in Germany it is recommendable to buy the tickets far in advance because you can get cheap "Sparpreis" savings fares. Please note that on long distance trains (category ICE, IC, EC, TGV, CNL) these tickets are only valid for the booked train connection, with exactly the departure times and train numbers as indicated on the ticket. However, in regional trains (RE, RB, S) these tickets are not bound to a specific train connection. On the validity day of the ticket they are valid for all regional trains which run on the booked railway line.

If you are not able to book a cheap "Sparpreis" ticket and if more than six people are travelling together you can try to book a group fare:

http://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/prices/germany/group_discount.shtml

For these group fare tickets the same rules concerning the obligation to use a specific train connection apply as for the "Sparpreis" tickets (see above).

If you use only regional trains you might travel cheaper by using regional tickets:

<http://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/prices/germany/laender-ticket.shtml>

Please note that these tickets are not valid on long distance trains. To get train connections only with regional trains please choose “only local transport” at the online timetable of German railways (see above).

If you have come this far, you certainly realized that buying train tickets is not straightforward. **Get in touch with your contact person in the international team if you need help.**

By car / by private bus

If you come by car or bus, please note that the direct road from Buttenhausen to the Schachen camp site (see Google maps as mentioned above) will be closed during our national jamboree. Therefore please use the roads via Hundersingen or Eglingen to get to the Schachen camp site.

By plane

If you fly in please use Stuttgart airport which is the closest to the camp site. However, Munich is also recommendable because it offers much more international connections and Memmingen could be interesting because some low budget airlines use it. Stuttgart and Munich airports have train stations. For train connections see above. Memmingen is connected by a local bus, just type in “Memmingen airport” at the online schedule of the German railway (see above). If you use only public buses and regional trains to get from the airports Stuttgart and Memmingen to our camp site you can use the “Baden-Württemberg-Ticket”, which e.g. costs 39 € for 5 persons:

<http://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/prices/germany/laender-ticket.shtml>

From Munich airport you can either use long distance trains (for savings see above) or use only regional trains with the Bayern-Ticket and the “Baden-Württemberg-Ticket”. The reason is that you travel through the provinces of Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg.

If travelling from the airport to the camp site by train is not convenient for you, we can help you in booking a private coach that brings you directly from the airport to the camp ground. Please note that the costs for such a private shuttle service will be invoiced directly from the international group.

2. What to bring and how to pack

You have to bring everything you need yourself. The only exception is propane gas to operate gas stoves. This is centrally provided but you have to make sure to bring proper adapters. As mentioned in A5 you should talk to your partner groups who in general will be able to provide you with kitchen and camping equipment.

Make sure to pack all your personal belongings into backpacks. Suitcases are absolutely not suited for this event. Note also that everyone is going to hike for two days and has to carry everything s/he needs during that time.

C Health related issues

1. Health sheet

All of you received a health sheet which is to be filled in individually by each participant. You can hand in the health sheets upon arrival. We would prefer, though, if you send them to us in advance so that the medical staff can file them before the camp starts.

Whatever option you choose: All information in the health sheet is treated confidentially, is only accessed by medical staff if needed and is destroyed after the camp.

2. Vaccination recommendations

The German standing committee on vaccination recommends persons exposed to ticks vaccination against tick-borne encephalitis in the area where the camp is held.

3. Health insurance

The medical practice/hospital located on the camp ground cooperates with the general health insurance and is run like a regular medical office in Germany. This means in particular that each participant has to have a proper and comprehensive health insurance valid in Germany. Moreover, treatment is not free and an up-front payment may be required.

4. Hygiene

The camp ground is inspected by the local health authorities. A high hygiene standard is required. This means among others that drinking water has the same high standards that apply everywhere in Germany, that sufficient wash and showering facilities as well as toilets are provided and that food is treated properly.

Note, however, that there will be shower racks only with about 25 showers per sex. These shower racks do not contain individual shower boxes, i.e. these are communal showers per sex. There are no separate showers for staff or group leaders. Please contact us, if this is a major problem for you.

D Present your country and group

Your group is going to participate in the jamboree as any other group. There is no particular program for international groups. Still, we want to give your group the opportunity to present your country, culture, customs, or scouting traditions so that anyone on the campground may benefit from the international touch you bring to the jamboree.

1. Cultural Festival day

On visitor's day everyone is invited to come to the camp. Friends, relatives, locals and scouts from other subcamps are coming to see what is happening in your subcamp. On this day you have the opportunity to present yourself in whatever way you wish. You will receive detailed information soon.

2. International exposition

Inside the International Service Centre we plan to have a permanent exhibition, where you can present yourself, your country etc. Most likely you will have a 0.8 x 1 meter space. Create a creative picture/collage/information board or poster at home, and bring it with you. We will put it up. Detailed information follows soon.