



Newsletter for International Groups #3



Dear international groups,

The national jamboree is only a few weeks away. Time for the last newsletter.

Please read the newsletter carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to see you soon,

Your international Team

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1. Checklist

By now you should have arranged most of your trip. Here is a checklist regarding issues that you should have discussed with the international team or your partner group by now. So please make sure that you

1. Organized the journey to the camp ground. Booked a shuttle bus from Münsingen or Metzingen train station if required. Contrary to prior information, the shuttle bus should be booked via your VCP-partner group.
2. Organized the journey home. Booked a shuttle bus to Münsingen or Metzingen train station if required. Contrary to prior information, the shuttle bus should be booked via your VCP-partner group.
3. Discussed with the partner group if you bring your own cooking equipment or if your partner group will provide it.
4. Discussed with the partner group if you bring your own tents or if your partner group will provide them.
5. Filled in the health sheet for each participant.
6. Paid the camp fee.
7. Sent a contact person's mobile number to the international team s.t. we can stay in touch if needed.

2. Musical Contest (Singewettstreit)

It is tradition among German scouts to have musical competitions during the camp. Groups bring their instruments, write their own songs or adapt a song and present their work on stage. There are going to be contests in your subcamp where a candidate for the camp wide contest is found. Of course, you are invited to take part in the show.

3. Prepare a meal in the ranger/rover center

The Ranger/Rover center looks for ranger/rovers that are interested to cook a meal typical for their country. 5-10 (you choose) German ranger/rovers are invited to cook and eat with you on one evening during the camp. This "workshop" is addressed to group leaders or participants above 18. Please let us know if you are interested and send us a recipe indicating the number of people you want to cook for (including those from your group). We will do the shopping, unless you need ingredients that are hard to get in Germany. In this case we would ask you to bring them.

4. Contact number

Should there be any problems occurring during your journey (or during the camp), you can get in touch with us under the following numbers:

+49 (0)7383/ 94878-51 (International Service Centre on the camp site)

+49 176 23505688 (Jobst Liebau) Please note, that this is a private mobile phone. Use this phone number only, if the above number does not work.

+49-(0) 7383/948780: This is the administration's telephone number and can be contacted in important cases if you have general questions. Also, it may be passed on to parents, in case they need to get in touch with their children. Please note, however, that this number should only be used in very important cases, in order not to overload the camp administration. Additionally, we cannot guarantee that the operators are fluent in English.

5. Check-in at the camp site

In order to check-in at the camp site it is sufficient that a group leader makes her/his way to the central administration. We will make sure that team members of the international team are also in place. Your registration is checked and you receive

- Camp badges
- Participants' wristbands
- Camp booklets

6. Participants

About 4250 participants, group leaders and staff have registered to participate in the jamboree, among them 450 participants from abroad. The 30 international groups come from 15 countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Hungary, Israel, Luxembourg, Norway, Palestine, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine) and about 25 ISTs come from 13 countries (Australia, Austria, Croatia, EL Salvador, Finland, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, UK).

7. Test evacuation

We are obliged to test the evacuation plan which will come into effect in case of emergency, such as bad weather or fire. The test evacuation will take place sometime at the beginning of the camp and instructions will be given during the opening ceremony. We just want you to be aware of this and check with your partner groups or the international team in case you did not understand the instructions.

8. Church, mosque, and interreligious workshops

VCP is a scout organization with ties to the protestant church in Germany but which is open to all denominations or atheists.

Because of that, there is going to be a camp church with regular services, many sorts of workshops on religious themes and a camp-wide religious service on Sunday, August 10.

Also, the Lebanese contingent is going to set up a mosque.

We would like to highlight the interreligious workshop offered by the international team. Here, we need your help: If you are a Muslim, Jew, Christian ... and interested to participate in this workshop, let us know. We need your input!

9. Health sheet, Cultural Festival Day, your itinerary, your contact number during your journey, presentation

Some important issues have been mentioned in previous newsletters. Please check that you are up-to-date on or send us the following

- Health sheet,
- Feedback on Cultural Festival Day,
- Feedback on your travel itinerary,
- Your contact number during your journey,
- Your presentation