

CAMPUS15 SUMMER CAMP 2009

Central Europe
meets
Southeast Europe

IN KÖNIGSWINTER / GERMANY
25 July to 15 August 2009

A project of
"CAMPUS15 - Youth Goes for Peace"
for young people from

Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Croatia,
Germany,
Montenegro,
the Netherlands,
Poland,
and Serbia

SUMMER CAMP 2009 IN GERMANY

“Central Europe meets Southeast Europe”

Aim

To spend three extraordinary weeks together and promote active citizenship, human rights and Europe

When does the Summer Camp take place?

From 25 July to 15 August 2009

Who will participate?

15 to 16-year-old girls and boys from all regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Croatia, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Montenegro, and Serbia. Altogether, 36 young people and 10 team counsellors will participate.

"The participants will come from two European regions, both of which have gone through a time of conflict and war. In the case of the Central European countries, the memories are still present, but the relations between Germany and its Eastern and Western neighbours are now mostly trustful and positive, in particular among young people. In the case of the successor states of former Yugoslavia, the wounds are fresher and the strained relations, both within and between those countries, still need some ongoing effort to re-establish a supportive and cooperative neighbourhood."

Where does the Summer Camp take place?

At the Malteserhof in Königswinter near Bonn. The Malteserhof is a large, old, romantic, half-timbered farmhouse estate, located on the east bank of the Rhine River with direct access to a nature reserve. The rooms are modern. The



house is surrounded by a large park with very old trees. Three daily meals – breakfast, lunch

and supper – are provided. Special food requests (religious, allergy and vegetarian diets) will be met.

Travel

- Participants from Southeast Europe by plane
- Participants from Central Europe by car or bus, train or plane, whatever is more economical

What can participants expect?

- Sports activities (volleyball, basketball, table tennis, swimming)



- Outdoor activities (raft-building and rafting, climbing, orienteering, adventure games)
- Excursions: Cologne, Bonn, Haus der Geschichte (history museum), Phantasialand (theme park)
- Creative workshops: percussion/music, theatre, circus, land-art
- Media projects: video, radio, newspaper, press conference
- Discussions: the situation of young people in the participating countries / Europe / Human Rights, Active Citizenship)

Team of Counsellors

- Camp leadership and counsellors from all participating countries will be present throughout the summer camp.
- Experts will be engaged for creative workshops and discussion rounds, in addition to the team of counsellors.

What is expected of the participants?

- Cheerfulness!
- A good knowledge of English!

- A desire to take an active part in the camp!
- Readiness to be open, fair, social and tolerant!
- Team work!

"As in previous years, the young people from all those countries are given the chance to gain first-hand experience from their "camp mates", to question stereotypes and to discover that what they share may be more important than what divides them. If successful, the summer camp will begin with seven national groups, but will end with just one large community."

Insurance

For all participants and counsellors insurance will be taken out to cover accident, personal liability and health care (this also meets the requirements of the visa regulations for the Schengen countries).

Costs

Travel costs (except for travel inside the home country), food, accommodation and expenses for all programme elements will be covered by CAMPUS15.

Participation fee

- Participants from Southeast Europe will be asked to contribute € 40 towards the costs.
- Polish participants will be asked to contribute € 150 towards the costs.
- Dutch and German participants will be asked to contribute € 250 towards the costs.
- CAMPUS15 will willingly make exceptions on request if necessary
- Participants should only bring a small amount of their own pocket money.

How do I apply?

- The application is free of charge.
- **Fill in the CAMPUS15-Application Form in English in your own handwriting.**
- **Attach a recent photo of yourself.**
- The form must be signed by the applicant **and** the parents/guardians.
- **The form has to be sent in by April 2nd, 2009 (date on post stamp) at the latest.**
- Applicants from Bosnia-and-Herzegovina, from Montenegro and from Serbia, please note: if you are selected for the summer camp

you will need to apply for a visa. To do that you also need to have a *valid travel passport*. **YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE PASSED ON.**

What are the next steps?

- We will contact you as soon as we have received your application.
- Usually we have more applicants than we have places at the camp. We will inform you by about the end of April 2009, whether your application has been accepted or not.
- With the letter of acceptance you will receive detailed information on the journey to and from the camp and the camp itself.

For participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro or Serbia:

- You will also receive an official Letter of Invitation, so you can apply for your visa. Your country coordinator will help you with the visa application procedure.

What is "CAMPUS15 – Youth Goes for Peace"?

"CAMPUS15 – Youth Goes for Peace" is a registered non-profit organization that is politically and denominationally independent. Its members are all volunteers. CAMPUS15 enables young people who come from areas of (former) conflict to meet and spend time together in a supportive environment. Young people of different nationalities, ethnic backgrounds or creeds are given the opportunity to interact in a positive way, together with Germans and other young Central Europeans.

CAMPUS15 has been bringing young Europeans together since 1998. So far, we have organised seven summer camps in Germany and four reunion camps in former Yugoslavia. Our activities are usually supported by YOUTH IN ACTION, a programme of the European Union, and the by the Youth Welfare Office of North Rhine-Westphalia, if applications for funding are successful.

Applicants should note that this Summer Camp may be followed up by a Reunion Camp in one of the Western Balkan countries in the summer of 2010, as has been our practice since 2001