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## **ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

# **63<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND FRIENDSHIP CAMP 2018**

Dear Colleagues!

The Austrian Youth Red Cross (AYRC) is hosting its **63<sup>rd</sup> International Study and Friendship Camp in the summer of 2018**. The International Study and Friendship Camp is an annual event that brings together young people who are involved in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at local and national levels from around the world. These young volunteers come together to work on certain topics, exchange ideas and opinions, share life-experiences, and discuss cultural perspectives.

This year's Camp will be held from **09 July to 23 July 2018** in Langenlois – a beautiful small city in Lower Austria!

We would like to invite a group of **two (2)** motivated and enthusiastic youth members who are involved in and/or who volunteer for your organization to attend this exciting event. The young people that you choose to represent your National Society should be aged between 16 and 23. **Important: Participants must have reached the age of 16 before they start the camp in Austria!** (according to the camp programme and the Austrian Youth Protection Law)

The theme of this year's Camp is:

# You've got potential

Join our quest to discover your best!

The International Federation of the Red Cross/ Red Crescent societies has over 17 million volunteers providing daily assistance to over 150 million people worldwide. This exceptional service is only possible thanks to our volunteers and so it is of the highest importance that we are all kept safe and healthy.

The youth of today have the potential to be the leaders of tomorrow. With this in mind the Austrian youth Red Cross would like to invite two motivated youth delegates from each national society to join us at the 63rd international friendshipcamp in Langenlois, Austria in July this year.

The international friendship camp is a once in a lifetime event and this year our two week programme will focus on cultural exchange, network and friendship building, fun excursions and we will also have information groups and workshops led by specialists in their field that will focus on increasing your awareness on the importance of your own physical, mental and social health in order to discover how you can perform at your best and also as a future leader, how to look after the welfare of your team.

The workshops are designed to educate currently healthy youth members and we will not be able to accommodate delegates with active health issues requiring treatment or psychosocial support.

So if this sounds good to you, join our quest to discover your best and complete the attached application form. We look forward to meeting you in July.

The topics of discussion at the camp will be based to the seven fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement - topics that are important and meaningful to all young people. The discussions will take place in Information-Groups (moderated by competent group facilitators) and in creative workshops. The camp's diverse program will be supported by a variety of written materials and multi-media tools. **The camp's official language is English. It is therefore vital that the participants can communicate effectively in the camp language.**

**FACT BOX:**

Up to two (2) young and motivated volunteers active in your National Society, 16-23 years of age, are invited. The **application-form** should be **sent** to the Austrian Youth Red Cross, before **18 May 2018**. Boarding, lodging and costs related to the program will be covered by the Austrian Youth Red Cross, **travel costs to/from Vienna and the participation fee have to be covered by the respective National Society.**

For more information please contact: Günter J. STUMMER, mail: [guenter.stummer@redcross.at](mailto:guenter.stummer@redcross.at), phone: +43 1 589 00 378, fax: +43 1 589 00 179

**Excursions to Vienna, Melk and Mauthausen** will provide participants with the opportunity to explore the culture and history of Austria.

The annual **Torchlight peace-walk** at the Camp is a symbol of our efforts and an opportunity for participants to interact with Austrians outside the camp.

At the „**Festival of Nations**“, the camp’s impressive closing ceremony, participants will present their home countries (song, dance, sketch etc.) and the work during these weeks will be displayed and/or performed.

We are inviting youth delegates from selected countries all over the world. We kindly ask you to respond to our invitation as quickly as possible, or **latest until 18 May 2018!** Please send your response (whether „YES“ or „NO“) to the Austrian Youth Red Cross. We can host only **max 45 participants** at the camp 2017. (Applications will be considered according to the date of arrival – **note: first come, first serve!**)



**Attention!**

There is a **Participation fee of EUR 75,- per participant which has to be paid (in cash) during the camp.**

**Travel costs have to be covered by the participating national society. Your organization is responsible for all travel costs incurred by your group (to and from Vienna).**

Boarding, lodging and costs related to the program will be covered by the Austrian Youth Red Cross.

More detailed information (programs, details regarding arrival and departure times, bank details etc.) will be sent to you once we receive your registration form.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Langenlois!

Greetings from Austria,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Günter J. Stummer'.

Günter J. STUMMER  
Austrian Youth Red Cross

**Annex:**

- Info-Sheet

# INFO-SHEET

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Two Red Cross Youth volunteers of your National Society, male or female, aged between 16 – 23 years can participate at the International Study and Friendship Camp. In the last years between 21 and 23 national societies participated with young delegates.

There will be about max.45 participants at the camp.

## **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

Participants are requested to arrive in Vienna on **Monday, 09 July 2018 morning or afternoon (not earlier than 06a.m., latest about 17p.m.)**, and depart on **Monday, 23 July 2018 after breakfast (not earlier than 10a.m.)**. Please let us know your flight schedule as soon as possible. Our volunteers will meet your delegates at Vienna International Airport upon your arrival to provide shuttle service (about 1hrs drive to the camp location with shuttle service). Our team will wear and/or show the Red Cross sign for recognition.

## **HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Participants are suggested to have a individual health and accident insurance.

For medical treatment at the hospital, the easiest way by experience is to pay directly in cash at the hospital or with credit card and handle the process with your insurance back home afterwards. Otherwise participants are requested to give their address to the hospital for the delivery of the invoice.

## **CLIMATE**

The camp will be held in summer, July, the hottest time anyway is August. The weather is expected to be hot and humid with 25° - 35°C and there possibly can be some rain. **Please be prepared for the unexpected and changing weather** (rain and temperatures also in summer only about 15°C and less possible).

## **EXPENSES**

The Austrian Red Cross Society will be responsible for accommodation, meals and in-country travel costs – everything related to the camp.

The participants must be responsible for other personal expenses such as shopping, telephone etc.

## **CURRENCY**

Money should be exchanged to Euro. US\$ 1 is equivalent about EUR 0,81

(rate by: 05 March 2018, <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>)

## **WHAT TO BRING ALONG!**

- **Participation fee in cash (EUR)! -** has to be paid at the beginning of the camp
- National RC/RC uniform for opening ceremony
- National Costume for international activities and "Festival of Nations" (closing ceremony)
- National Flag
- Country Report and exhibition items of your National Societies
- Light Clothing (casual)
- Personal belongings
- Sport shoes, slippers, raincoat
- Souvenirs, badge pins and other trade items for exchange
- Personal expenses