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## 64<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND FRIENDSHIP CAMP 2019

Dear Colleagues!

The Austrian Youth Red Cross (AYRC) is hosting its 64<sup>th</sup> International Study and Friendship Camp in the summer of 2019. 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 08 July to 22 July 2019 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:

## Crack the Code

*Activate your mind and leave your judgements behind*

In the era of endless information, we do not only leave literal footprints behind, but we leave them on the internet as well. We have the possibility to share our thoughts and opinions with people from all around the globe at any time – whether it's 2am or 2pm. On the internet you can be anything and anyone you desire to be. But this freedom also puts an extra responsibility on our shoulders. Are we really aware of how we behave online? Do we only leave nice comments and posts behind? Do we recognize if someone is being bullied or outcasted if it is hidden behind a screen and a keyboard?

That is one of the topics that you can explore in the once-in-a-life-time summer camp organized by the Austrian Youth Red Cross. We believe that living together peacefully should exceed beyond our time spent offline.

Sometimes we have much of a bigger impact on other people's life than we think, especially in our younger years. Luckily we can use this to our advantage. Volunteers worldwide know this exactly. To be able to help those in need we also need to keep up with the pace of the rapidly evolving technology. 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 64th International Friendshipcamp in Langenlois, Austria in July this year.

This year's two-week programme focuses on the use of technology and its achievements in the civil sphere, the role of the individual acting against discrimination and bullying both online and offline, cultural exchange, network- and friendship building with fun exercises and activity groups. The workshops and information groups will give a better insight and help to understand the importance of these topics and later on use them in your own national society. Also you will get several chances to explore the beautiful sights and culture offered by this lovely country in the heart of Europe.

So, if this sounds like the perfect summer, do not hesitate and fill in the application form! We are looking forward to meeting you!

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 **17 May 2019**. 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.

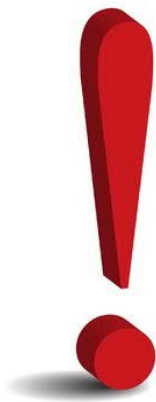
For more information please contact: Günter J. STUMMER, mail: [guenter.stummer@redcross.at](mailto:guenter.stummer@redcross.at), phone: +43 1 589 00 378

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 17 May 2019!** Please send your response (whether „YES“ or „NO“) to the Austrian Youth Red Cross. We can host only max 45 participants at the camp 2019. (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', written in a cursive style.

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, 08 July 2019 morning or afternoon (not earlier than 06a.m., latest about 17p.m.), and depart on Monday, 22 July 2019 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. Participants also shall wear shirts with Red Cross / Red Crescent signs for recognition by our team at their arrival in Vienna!

## 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 0,88 (rate by: 04 March 2019, <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