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59TH INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND FRIENDSHIP CAMP 2014

Dear Colleagues!

The Austrian Youth Red Cross (AYRC) is hosting its **59th International Study and Friendship Camp in the summer of 2014**. 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 07 July to 21 July 2014 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!** (related to the camp programme and the Austrian Youth Protection Law)

The theme of this year's Camp is:

Up **4** Action

Make a move, To help improve
Life in conflict

The work of the International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement is extremely diverse. With millions of volunteers we deal with a wide range of both national and international topics – from first aid education to health and disaster management programmes (water purification, HIV prevention ...).

One of the most humane aspects to our international work is carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC): For the last one hundred and fifty years the ICRC with the help of volunteers has been watching over wounded and sick soldiers and civilians in conflict zones to ensure their rights under the Geneva Conventions are respected.

In July 2014, the 59th International Friendship Camp of the Austrian Youth Red Cross will look at how RC/RC youth can help to improve the lives of people in conflict areas.

Using a variety of resources and media led by guest speakers, we will look on topics such as:

- *The Geneva conventions and how they work.*
- *How the emblems of the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement provide protection and assistance to the vulnerable in conflict zones.*
- *Refugees and the work of the RC/RC movement to restore family links (RFL) separated by conflict.*
- *How RC/RC youth can play their part by sharing their knowledge about the Geneva Conventions and standing up against the inhumane treatment of soldiers, prisoners and civilians in conflict zones.*

As the founder of the Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement, Henry Dunant, has shown us, all it takes sometimes is one person to stand up and make a positive difference in peoples lives.

Are you up 4 action?

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 **May 19 th, 2014**. 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, phone: +43 1 589 00 376, fax: +43 1 589 00 179

Excursions to Vienna, Mauthausen and Melk 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 May 19th, 2014**. Please send your response (whether „YES“ or „NO“) to the Austrian Youth Red Cross. We can host only **max 50 participants** at the camp. (Applications will be considered according to the date of arrival.)

Attention!



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

If you are not able to cover the participation fee or don't hesitate to contact the AYRC to find a practicable solution.

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



LATEST NEWS – OFFER 2014

Internship within Austrian Red Cross following the camp

The Austrian Red Cross is pleased to invite interested camp participants to apply for taking part in an internship within our National Society and thus have an extension of their stay in Austria.

The internship dates are July 21 to August 1 and the interns will get to know the different activities and service lines of the Austrian Red Cross, such as first aid, health and social services, youth activities, dissemination work, etc. Interns will do the programme in pairs and in direct contact with the regional branch youth service with a joint gathering at Headquarters level at the end of the internship. The interns will also have some free time to explore and sightsee with our staff and volunteers. It would of course be appreciated that the interns present their National Society and its activities and we invite them to share their experiences and activities on our Red Cross blog.

Typically, a long time volunteer or staff member of the Red Cross opens their home to the interns and interns can of course always count on the support of the youth service colleagues

on the spot. Board and lodging will be provided throughout the internship as well as local transport, personal expenses have to be covered by the interns themselves. In special cases and upon prior request, financial support can be granted on a per-diem basis.

Applicants are requested to send their CVs and a letter of motivation indicating why they are interested in and what they expect from participating in this programme.

For any additional information please contact Johannes Guger,
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We are looking forward to seeing you in Langenlois!

Greetings from Austria,



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 (from about 90 invited countries) can participate at the International Study and Friendship Camp.

There will be about max.50 participants at the camp.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants are requested to arrive in Vienna on Monday, 07th July 2014 morning or afternoon (not earlier than 06a.m., latest about 17p.m.), and depart on Monday, 21st July 2014 afternoon (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).

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 0,72 (rate by: 10th March 2014, <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