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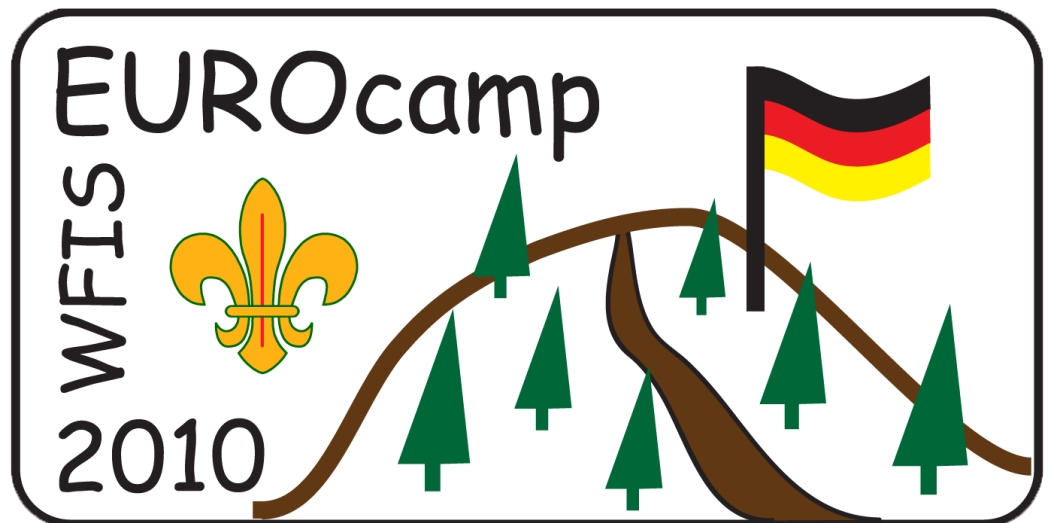
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EURO CAMP 2010—Hundsorf / Germany



“One of the best camps I’ve ever been to” – a sentence that could be heard among the leaders of the Baden-Powell Scouts – and I feel, many of the 1,300 participants would agree.

It all started some years ago – memories of a great Eurocamp 2006 in Switzerland were strong– and the General Assembly decided in favour of Hundsorf in Germany, a team of volunteers, mainly from Asgard, ISA and BCP Scouts was ready to take over the responsibility for the organisation.

Soon thereafter I received a circular from the organising team “Help needed – who could assist us in the organisation?” Well.... (a good deed every day is a must for every scout).... so I forwarded the message to all our Rovers and Senior Scouts in the Solms Pfadfinderschaft...

(If I only had known beforehand, what this would end-up with.....).

Immediately, I got the reply from Nadine – one of our group leaders: “I’d like to help, but my English is not sufficient and my only experience in organising camps is in a range of less than 100 participants in a three-day-camp near our hometown.....” I encouraged her to take the challenge, as this seemed to me a unique chance for her to gain valuable experiences and furthermore to enhance the network among WFIS associations.

So – I informed Kiebitz about this background..... and Nadine was welcomed to the organising team (as an assistant, at least I hoped so) with open arms. Well – then it started: Nadine came back from the first meeting in Hamburg, smiled at me and said: “We have to organise many days in both Scout and Rover programmes.....” She didn’t have a clue how to run the show, nor did I!!! So my first reaction was to send a “nice” message to the organising team, giving them a lesson about the slight difference between “helping to organise” and “being responsible for a big part of the organisation”....

Next was a cry for help within our own association – and thank goodness, we found six Rovers ready to take a part. Their English was ok, but their experience in an organisation of camps with more than 100 scouts and wolf cubs was zero. Those who so far had only organised hikes for a limited number of small groups all at a sudden found themselves in the middle of the challenge to arrange a hike for 20 groups with up to 40 scouts each!

Others, used to organising wild-games in local forests for about 50 scouts, faced the challenge to organise a whole- day- game for 800! The only one with experience in large-camp-organisation was (after almost 50 years in scouting) poor Funko – so I found myself involved in the show as well.



The months and weeks before the camp became more and more busy – , the flags needed organising, trips to Hundsorf to see the area and the ways through the forests, negotiating with farmers and foresters, some days with 4 hours of meetings, copying papers, buying materials etc – sometimes the organising Rovers had to take a day of vacation for their preparations.

Contacts to Popper and Kiebitz indicated, that it was even tougher on their side, as so many things had to be organised: which hospitals to go to in case of accidents/ sicknesses (and I found the hospital in Dernbach quite frequented by uniformed



patients...), toilets, catering services, coordination of the program- activities, busses to be hired for the tourist-days, wood poles (mostly cut by Klaus and his family) in big numbers, firewood etc, etc.

I personally was busy with the visit of our partners from Russia – from fundraising over visa- support to finding of host-families for the visit after the Eurocamp, organisation of several day cultural, historical and political programs (not to forget the fun, everyone liked to have). And on top of that – our

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friend Claudio (a 9-year old wolf cub) came alone from Mexico and was hosted by our scouts for 6 weeks. So, with 60 scouts and wolf-cubs, including the young Mexican and our Russian friends, we set-off to Hundsdorf. At the campsite, it was for many of us like “coming home”: all over the place one could meet friends from different countries – a shake-hand here, small talk there – hardly time for more.



For setting up our camp, we brought not only all of our tents, but had as well brought three tents from Carlos, as many Italian scouts could not bring their tents so we could help-out. Also, our Russian partners needed tents – so they all learned how to build-up a German “Jurte” and “Kohte”.

The days in the Eurocamp passed too fast – from a memorable opening ceremony – with Klaus greeting each nation and WFIS scouts coming from five global regions and 14 countries – to the closing campfire.

Our wolf cubs and beavers were busy with producing ink and stuff from materials found in nature,

visiting castles and zoos and having lots of lot of fun. Rovers built towers, sliding-ropes, gates and a big stone-throwing-machine (which was used so intensively that it broke the same day.....), and went on a hike, while the scouts proved their skills on their own hike through the near-by forests. The highlight for them was the medieval-game-day, when about 800 of them – dressed in typical costumes – went through the forests, digging for gold, fighting to conquer the gold of the other teams and trying to increase their gold in tournament games. In the evening, the gold acquired throughout the day was weighed, and the (Belgian) herold announced the Earl of the winning team to be the new Emperor.

The tourist day saw our Russian friends visiting Phantasialand, others went to the river Rhine or explored a famous cave near-by. For all – this was another exciting day. Campfires in the sub-camps (we were glad to be shown by our Czech friends how they light a camp-fire – a really unique way), on the central place and in the areas of individual associations helped to tighten the already existing partnerships and to build-up new links among WFIS groups in Europe and to overseas.

At the International Day, our Russian friends offered traditional Russian food, which they prepared in their national costumes, so many visitors came to our camp. But all over the camp you could see interesting shows, things to do or to be learned and – of course –

badges swappers all over the place.....



The Eurocamp 2010 was a good indication for the fast growth of WFIS – only 14-years old – in an environment, where all other globally operating organisations are losing members in big numbers each year.

Thanks to Kiebitz, Popper, Nadine, Klaus & co for the organisation, thanks to Karim, Mounty, Puck, Forsti, Feder and Jecky for organising part of the program, thanks to Judith for the wolf-cub events and thanks to the many involved in running the show.

To end with another sentence frequently heard upon departure: “See you next year in Mexico” or “See you next Eurocamp in 2014”!



Czech looking back at Eurocamp

At the beginning of August this year, the 15-member group composed of leaders, Rovers and Scouts attended the International Camp in Germany.



Most of us had no experience of participation in such an undertaking. Although we had information about

the programme, each one was filled with expectation and some fear of a possible language

barrier. Just the size of event surprised us - 1,200 participants from 12 countries in one place. How to organize a mass of people, and provide the necessary facilities (places for tents, toilets, showers, dining room and kitchen)?

Throughout the week we had the opportunity to compare the action of Czech Scouting with each other - English, Canadian, German, Russian, Belgian, DanishPlease sorry to anyone, I forgot. A very informative and interesting finding was that not every country can, through laws and other conditions, operate in scouting activities such as in Czech Republic. During Subcamp fire we showed one of Czech ceremonial fire ignition. We could also try new things, meet new and old friends from Woodbeads.

On the day of departure of our group, I asked for feedback from all participants. And what was the outcome? Everyone enjoyed it and did not regret their full

participation, created a lot of new friends across the nations, which broke down the language barriers. Definitely recommended for everyone, with no fear. For the next time we have to be better prepared for the SWAP DAY.

The behaviour of some Associations was different from my experience of Scouting and I found it a challenge to fit in with some of the ways that things are done, but it was interesting to see how Associations behave

Nations and their temperaments are different but Scouting is only one.

Written by Jan – Gray Wolf – SKAUT ABS Czech Republic



WoodBeads training Czech Republic

03/06/2010 - 08/06/2010



PARTICIPANTS VIEWS

The Woodbeadstraining of cubbing and scouting was very useful and has given us a lot of experience. In 6 days the scouts and rovers had seen almost all areas of the cubs and beavers, The Jungle book and Friends of the forest. No matter how experienced you are in those two departments you always learn something new or see another way to teach it to your scouts, cubs or beavers.

You got the opportunity, obligation of working together with other nationalities. That was not only with the languages and habits of some people but also with the physical effort. Patrol work, Six work and “be



open for everyones ideas” were two of the most important points of the training. That wasn’t always easy.

But together we can reach more than alone, even if the languages are different.



Our congratulations to the trainers for having so much patience with us, and thank you for your useful training and for sharing your experience with us.

Thank you - Gregory (Moefflon) and Natacha (Panda) – Belgium

WOLF PATROL

Orlovy, 3rd of June, 6 pm. A place and time like many others in the world, but this place was to be the home of Scouts from 6 different countries, who had gathered in a remote place in the middle of Czech Republic to take part in the International Wood Beads Course.

We met under light rain and we worked until late in the night under heavy rain to build up what we needed. Most of us did not sleep that night due to bad weather conditions: this was our camp’s welcome.

Klaus was the leader of the training team, his German mind says clearly what is expected, without discussion and any desire to not do your best quickly leaves you when you look at his

face! On rare occasions he will give some good news, however all too soon a “buuuuuut” fills the air and blows away all your good feelings.

Days were full and long, a great recap of everything concerning Scouting: from pioneering to cooking, from orienteering to first aid a full team of leaders tore us apart with every kind of activity at all times of the day.

There was Klaus himself with his ability to build a skyscraper with only a needle and an apricot. There was Marco - somebody swears he can also speak. Norman whose speaking is as clear as a Scottish sailorman and who no one could understand, as opposed to Jay who sounds like Oxford English lessons, and Marc with his unbelievable expressions.

We were lucky to have four fantastically sunny days and activities went on from 6am to



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I am every day. "Spare time" were unknown words and STAs were there to remind us we always had something to do.

The days flew by and soon we found ourselves sitting

between birches, pines and oaks waiting for the campfire to heat the last night of the Wood Beads course. Our hearts were closer than we could ever have predicted at the start of our amazing adventure. We shared work – lots of work – long nights awake and the priceless feeling of understanding somebody and laughing with him, even if you have no way to communicate. We knew that the next day we would leave this place, our roads would again take different directions, our minds would once more sink into everyday life.

So what did we gain from all this? We gained a name: Orlovy. This will never be just a name and a place like many others in the world. These six letters will always wake emotions in our heart that will never fade away.

Alessandro

Raven Patrol



Photo: M.

I have been working towards achieving my Wood Beads for a little while, and was looking forward to the Camping as a Patrol element. In the UK, this year, there was a small group of other leaders requiring this module, and it was scheduled at the same time as a 24 Hour motor race I like to attend.

As I am leader in the same Scout group as Norman Boxall and Jay Dodson, I was aware that they were attending a WFIS Wood Beads training camp in Prague as trainers and it might be possible for me to attend that, in order to keep on track for completing my Wood Beads this year. Getting approval from our Training HQ Commissioner and from Klaus to attend, allowed me to book my flight and join in the fun !

This particular part of my Wood Beads training was extremely enjoyable, but very hard work. With the activities and tasks I believe I averaged only 5 hours sleep a night for a week. During the weeks leading up to the event, I was a little concerned about how we might be able to communicate, as I knew I was the only UK participant. The Raven Patrol, which I was a member of had two Czech members, me and a crazy Belgium chap, and we were able to communicate with each other well.

The training programme covered a lot of activities, some of which I had experienced before, and some that were new to me. What surprised me from the week, was that I found some activities that I used to think I didn't have any skills or talents in were actually not bad. Specifically for me I produced the Raven Patrol Camp fire stunt, which the audience appeared to enjoy a lot and during the Hike, produced some drawings I was very pleased with. The training helped me bring out some aspects of creativity I didn't realise I had. The week in the Czech Republic did extend my circle of Scouting friends, who I have then had the chance to introduce to my Scouting colleagues at Eurocamp. The location of the camp in the Czech



countryside was ideal, with access to woods and good trails for hiking. Our Czech hosts were very hospitable and I would like to thank them again for all they did to make it a success for the participants. So if you are thinking of taking the module, I can recommend it. It is hard work, but is a lot of fun. You might also make some lifelong Scouting friends as well.



Mark Hayden - Raven Patrol, WFIS Wood Beads Camp - ASM,

Denmark

Yellow scouts celebrating 25th anniversary

The concept of scouting as a global basis is more than 100 years old, and this is also true in Denmark, but it was last summer the Yellow Scouts in Denmark were able to celebrate their 25 years of existence. Many Scouts got together on the Jamboree Space in Skørping in Jutland to have a week of fun and

We lived in small camps, with people our own age; we ate together, played together, built things together. In a good way we were not used to this, because we do not see each other that often. As mentioned earlier, the reason for the camp was the 25th jubilee for the Yellow Scouts



ent people came to perform, and make sure that we all had a great night. The camp fire started with all the groups in the corps including those that do not exist anymore, represented by our scarves as flags, and a story about the how our corps had become what it is today, was told. Then a man with a huge falcon came and showed us what amazing things that bird was trained and able to



experiences, with the people they maybe see once or twice a year.

We gathered many people, who came with a lot of different hopes of what the next week would bring. The theme of the big camp was the same



as five years earlier; the middle age. Everywhere we looked, there were, kings, knights and big Middle Ages tents, it was very cool, and every one, young or old enjoyed it.

in Denmark, and of cause such a big thing needs a big party, so Thursday was the big day of celebrations, all sorts of Scouts were invited to a big, big dinner party, people who had not had their uniform out of the closet for at least a hundred years, showed up, and showed their respect and took part in the fun. There was a huge camp fire and we were now supposed to see and experience things we could not in any way have dreamed about. The menu was roasted pig, home slaughtered chicken, and then all sorts of other delicious things, some of us ate outside, others in a big tent.

Later that night we had a huge camp fire, lots of differ-



do. Lots of other people came and told us about what they had experienced in their life as a Scout. It was an amazing week, and I look forward to the next time the corps will be gathered that way again, to a camp with more fun, more new friend ships and more good time.



Invitation Christmas Camp CFP

Dear WFIS Members!

We have now completed nearly half the time of our prospect membership in WfIS, and we hope to become full members in 2012. To learn more about each other and get to know better we would like to invite you and all members of WFIS to "Vechtaer Waldweihnacht 2010".

Last year Julie and Marco were our guests - and maybe some of you have heard about it.

It will be from 17th-19th December, taking place near Wildeshausen. It is especially for scouts aged 10-15 and their scout-leaders but older scouts who are willing to help are welcome too. On Friday



evening we will have a game, on Saturday there will be a great walk (nearly 15 kilometres I think) with some exercise on the way. In the evening we will meet around a campfire or something like that (maybe in a fireplace). On Sunday we will make a short service. If there are any questions please ask!

Yours in scouting,

Ralf Fennig

info@pfadfinder-goldenstedt.de

Invitation Survival Course Amazon- Brazil

Date -29.06. – 03.07.2011

What

Survival Training Course in Amazon jungle – directed and organized by Scouts GE Vitoria (located Imperatriz) and 50th battalion da selva. Good health and condition is a must!

Where

Imperatriz Maranhão, Brasilia

Fee:

13 Euro for Certificate, T-Shirt, Badge

What to bring:

You need to bring your own equipment – contact Christian for advice! Food will be supplied A vaccination against yellow fever is a must



For those interested a post course programme can be arranged

Applications to Christian and your adventure can start (please do not forget to send photos and a report for the Euroletter afterwards!)

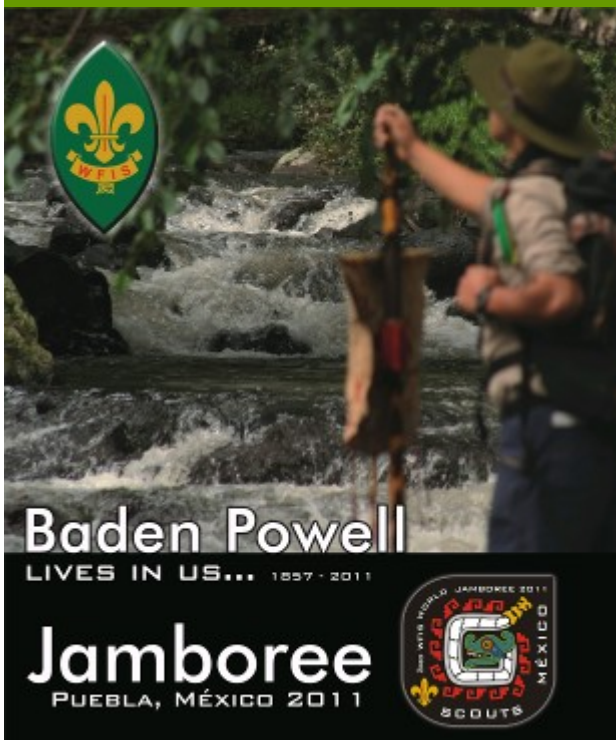
mail to chris@uol.com.br or gevitoria@hotmail.com

Supplies

Eurocamp articles on sale ½ price – We have a number of T-Shirts, Caps, badges available for ½ of the original price (plus postage) – contact office@wfis-europe.org for orders and additional information

FLIGHTS TO JAMBOREE IN MEXICO

We are trying to negotiate good flight prices to Mexico. Groups and single persons from Europe interested in booking a group flight to Mexico please send an email to office@wfis-europe.org



Owner missing

Leftovers from Eurocamp still hopes to find its owner – every hint welcome.

Contact office@wfis-europe.org



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

The General Assembly 2011 will take place on 29th January, near Manchester. The official invitation will be mailed to the official contacts early December. Nearest airport is Manchester International.



WFIS-Training, Klaus Tegeder, Angelstraße 15, 65558

To
All Member associations

23. November 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,

We would like to invite you to the 11.Woodbeads Training -
Part 3 / Practical Training in Germany.

Date: 06. September 2011 Start time: 17.00 h
End time: 11. September 2011 ca.13.00 h

Fee: 80.- Euro include all costs

Training place : Scout center St.Georg - Rodgau near Frank
furt / Main, nearest Airport: Frankfurt International

For the course you need the following items : Sleeping items ,
full uniform, personal stuff, walking shoes, pen and pencils,
paper, musical instruments (optional), mug and plate etc.

Please send your registration form no later than the 1.June
2011 to the WFIS Training department.

Yours in Scouting

Klaus Tegeder

Woodbeads Course—Registration Form

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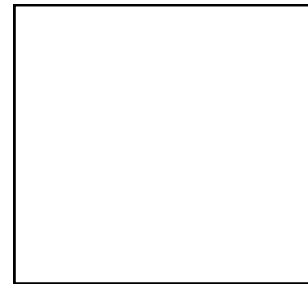
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* Please tick your training section



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Scout since: _____ Proficiency: _____

Name of Scouts Group: _____

Area: _____

Association: _____

Leader qualifications since: _____

Past Courses: _____

Vegetarian spec. Diet: _____

Address, Date Sign: _____

