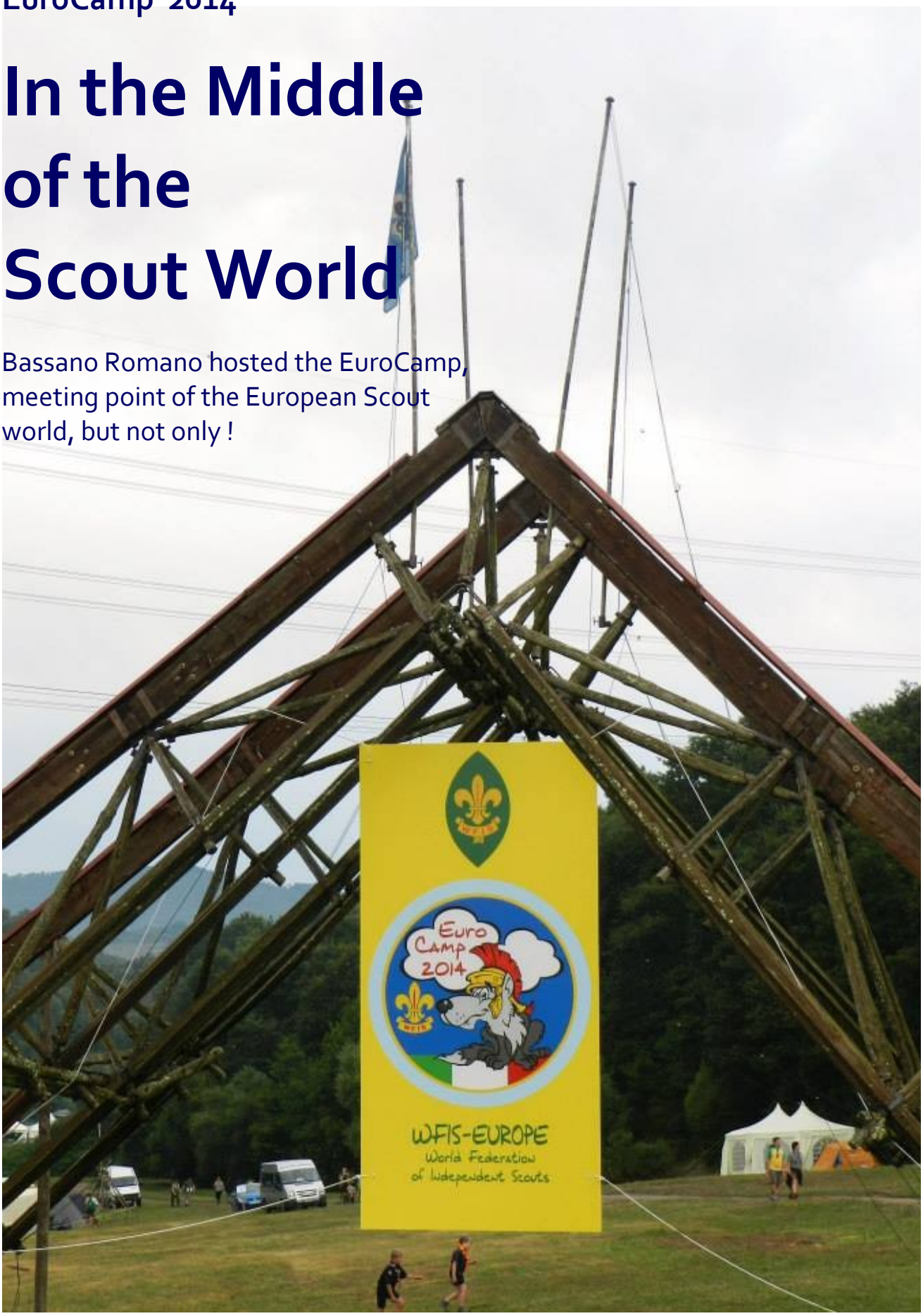
EuroCamp 2014

In the Middle of the Scout World

Bassano Romano hosted the EuroCamp, meeting point of the European Scout world, but not only !



EuroCamp : at WFIS centre

On August 2nd started the EuroCamp 2014 at B-P Park near Bassano Romano, not far from Rome.

The Opening Ceremony was the same night, with all the participating Scouts, many guests from others Italian Scout Associations and local authorities.
20 flags were raised, 19 of the participating Countries and the WFIS one.

Quite all European Associations attended and some also from outside Europe as Canada, Mexico, Ghana and Congo, with a total of 1.906 participants !

Klaus declared open the EuroCamp and Julie said that this was the EuroCamp with the greatest number of participants.

The Ancient Romans was the background theme for the programmes of all Sections.

At the Opening Ceremony, the symbol of this theme was the presence of some members of the **"Legio II Parthica Severiana"**, a group of lovers of the Ancient Romans, with their uniforms, faithful copy of the originals.

The Ancient Roman Empire included many people from different lands living together, with many customs, languages and styles, just like us, today.

All about this EuroCamp began years ago – just before the great EuroCamp 2010 in Germany – when the General Assembly decided in favour of a place in Italy and a team of volunteers was ready to take over the responsibility for the organization.

Italian and Spanish Associations were involved and a great work for the programmes was made.

Months and weeks before the Camp became more and more busy with meetings of the organizing team, meetings with the Mayors of

the surrounding villages, copying papers, buying materials, organizing the catering (without to know exactly how many people will arrive….), etc, etc.

All Sections were represented at the Camp : Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers each one with their own programme, but all with the same theme.

The programme of the Scout Section was centred on the improvement of the Patrol System with the "slogan" ***Scouting flows through Patrols.***

For the Rover Section there were also a particular adventure camp at about 10 Km from B-P Park called "TRAPPER CAMP".

On August 6th many participants visited Vatican City and Rome, and in this occasion Klaus Tegeder, WFIS Worldwide President, was received by Pope Francis.

Italian Mail made a special philatelic stamp for the EuroCamp and a lot of people sent postcards or asked it.

The last day of the Camp there were a great activity for all participants together : The Roman Market, during which all people, with Roman dresses or National dresses, make a

great party with special food of their own Countries or an exhibition of handmade things with a lot of fun for all. 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 Closing Ceremony on 8th evening with a great campfire and a lot of new friends and new experiences to carry home !

The days in the EuroCamp passed too fast, from the wonderful opening to the closing ceremony.

The EuroCamp 2014 mark a new step in the growth of WFIS, in a world were other scout organizations are losing members each year.

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To end with a sentence said by all upon departure

"See you next EuroCamp in 2018" ! ! !

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