

# EURO LETTER

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WORLD FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT SCOUTS - EUROPE

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Dear Scout Sisters and Brothers!

We currently live in a time where things go up and down very often, Covid has intensified this and each of us has limitations in the current situation.

Nevertheless we are working with full vigor on Eurocamp22 and hope that Eurocamp22 can be held.

To make our further planning a little easier, we need following information from you by the end of September 2021.

- 1. Name from your party leader
- 2. How many of you will come?

You don't have to tell us the exact number, but we know that you because you have a feeling how many of your members want to come to Austria.

Please send your information to office@wfis-eurocamp22.com.

Thanks for your help and stay healthy.

Yits Rudi

## **EUROCAMP 2022 // SHOP ON-LINE**

www.wfis-eurocamp22.com/merchandise/

Please note the following, if you want to place orders, you have to register in advance. After you have received a confirmation of your registration from us, you can place an order. No individual orders, please, only collected from each organization. The best thing to do is to have the party leader of yours place an order for the Eurocamp22 in the system.

After you have placed the order in the system, you will receive a confirmation that we are waiting for your payment to be received.

After receiving the payment, your order will be placed on status 3,bank transfer received.

Registration deadline for organizers is March 20th, 2022 and for orders March 31st, 2022.

Orders received after that date cannot be considered and will be deleted by us.

You will receive your ordered goods on the day of arrival when you register in the camp office.

For your information, every camp participant receives a cup as a gift, so please only order a cup if you want more than one.

Of course, there is also the possibility to buy the parts in the warehouse, unfortunately we cannot say, how quickly they will be sold out, we will try to ensure that the shop in the warehouse is well filled.

If you have any questions about the shop, please send them to office@wfis-eurocamp22.com.

Yits Rudi



# WHAT SCOUT GROUPS HAVE BEEN DOING DURING THE CHALLENGES POSED BY COVID?



ur group, the 1st Dullingham and Stetchworth B-P Scout Group in Cambridgeshire UK, has been busy! Our Scout troop was meeting almost every week for almost a year on Zoom with very good attendances, and the Wolf Cubs also conducted their meetings this way, every two weeks. We held a Scout camp at home, and had a meeting with Scouts in Japan, also on Zoom.

We had a lot of quizzes and competitions on Zoom, and even had an Escape Room competition.

When we were able to meet face to face it had to be outdoors, spaced 2m apart and wearing masks.

Lighting fires and eating food is a challenge but we managed it!

The Rover Crew had some hikes with other independent crews, and we recently invested two Rovers who started in Scouting as Beavers in our group at the age of 5 years old - they are now 18 years!

Last year was very important for us as we celebrated 100 years since we were founded as a Scout group in 1920. Unfortunately we could not celebrate in the way we would have wished, but we had a special badge designed for all current members of the group, and we look forward to greater freedoms very soon.

## **EURO**





## **CZECH REPUBLIC**





**Petr Votroubek** 

# SORCERERS IN TRHONICE

he summer had come again and with it, it was the time for another traditional scout tent-based camp in Trhonice near Jimramov. Experiences don't wait at home and that's why it is important to step outside, go outdoors with other scouts, where abundance of opportunities for real adventures is

present. This year's camp was exceptional and different from previous years. The focus was on the youngest cubs and the program was tailored especially for them.

While becoming sorcerers for a few days, the cubs found themselves in a fantasy world similar to the one described by the famous Polish writer Andrzej Sapkowski. This world full of classic magic at first sight, was actually based on many traditional



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Slavic cultural references such as legends and fairy tales. In this world, the sorcerers operating as bounty hunters often fought various monsters. The heroes had to chose between good and evil.

As newcomers, cubs had to go through difficult trials to become true sorcerers. This training included outdoor scout survival skills such as working with fire, sleeping

in nature, recognising plants and animals, knotting, knowledge of encryption and many more. In order to void reducing program to learning new skills only, it was also supplemented with sessions of practicing mastering the softened swords by the young sorcerers. All this culminated within a storyline, which was presented in the form of fictional scenes, battles, night games





or two-day trips. The atmosphere of the Sorcerers' world was also underlined by well-crafted costumes and props.

But scout camp is not just about having fun. Each of the four patrols had their duties through the days and nights, such as washing the dishes during the morning kitchen preparations, they were in charge of writing the chronicle and in the nights they had to guard the camp. It was incredible to watch how even the youngest six-to-seven-year-old cubs managed. Not only they completed all their tasks, but they were very keen to take on a night guarning shifts.

Overall, the sorcerers camp was one of the best ones in recent years. For twelve days, the scout atmosphere filled the local forests with laughter and great experiences, which is something the cubs will remember and carry on not only on their journey through scouting, but also throughout their whole lives. For that, I thank all the scouters from Jevicko and Moravska Trebova who participated in the preparations and managing the camp itself.

## GIRL-SCOUT CAMPERS VISITED HOGWARTS SCHOOL

COVID did not stop us again this year, and we successfully set up at our camp near the mill in Trhonice. This year's camp has had a completely different atmosphere than ever before, maybe it was because we hadn't seen each other for the whole COVID year, or perhaps it was due to the fact that our campers had been accepted the school of spells and magic at Hogwarts. For 11 days we became witches and sorceresses, and together we defeated the messengers of Voldermort.



In addition to fulfilling their duties for the magic school, the girls were also responsible for other things. There was a lot of scout activities. This year, many of them were enjoying themselves by chopping spliters for kindling or even lighting a fire with a firelock. Building



shelters and spending the night in it was also popular. Everyone also tried shooting from an air rifle. One would think that such things are for boys only, but this is not the case at scouts. What boys can do, us girls can do as well. Scout practice is very diverse and brings invaluable experience to a regular life. I know from my own personal experience that I use and will continue using what I have learnt in the Scouts. What I mean to say is that the scout camp is not just about games and fun, but also teaches independence and responsibility for myself and for the others.

Finally, I would say that the camp was very successful and all the campers left full of impressions, full of energy and motivation for further activities with us in our girl-scout troop.

## EXPEDITION PREVIS 2021

In the second half of July, we went on a five-day trip to Bohemian Switzerland.

Although it rained during the most of our journey, we enjoyed the trip a lot and walked 85 km from Hřensko to Děčín. We slept under the overhangs every single night. We made our way through the most interesting places of the national park and amongst the others, we visited the following places: Pravčická brána, Dolský mlýn, Mariina vyhlídka, Vileminina stěna, Dutý kámen, Falkenštejn, Tokáň, Úzké schody, Stříbrný a Zlatý vrch, Jehla, Pekelský důl, Ponorka, Sluneční brána, Růžová, Spálenisko, Labská stráž, Sněžnická a Stoliční hora.



## **DENMARK**





**Emily and Cecillie** 

# LET'S START AGAIN!

oon this exemplary summer will be over, which means that our weekly meetings will begin once again, with prospects for the remaining camps and tournaments of this year. A lot of scouts, no matter branch or group, can now look forward to participating in larger activities and camps. This is now possible, because the covid-19 situation has lowered the restrictions to a point where everybody assesses it's now safe to meet again.

We can, as scouts, be happy about the low level of

restrictions we have in Denmark, compared to other countries in the EU, that have been forced to introduce much stricter rules and guidelines. Therefore, for a short period we were forced to completely stop our weekly scout meetings, and shortly after be able to open again for a smaller crowd of up to ten people.

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For our bigger groups, some separation was needed to ensure only crowds of ten people were always gathered.

This put a lot of strain on the leaders but through a lot





of dedication, communication and team effort, everything was handled and was quickly resolved.

In the last year and a half covid-19 has been above us, and therefore has a lot of trips, camps and meetings been postponed or cancelled, but the individual group has still been

able to go on day trips, and smaller local meetings, to maintain the scouting spirit. A lot of summer camps have been affected by covid-19, but instead of postponing



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## **ITALY**



## A.S.C.I. ESPLORATORI E GUIDE D'ITALIA TRAINING CAMP

rom 31 July to 07 August 2021 A.S.C.I.
Esploratori e Guide d'Italia planned and took
part in the preliminary school camp at the
BROWNSEA scout base in Ripatransone.

The training camp had 25 students and instructors attending, from 6 different Italian regions.

In spite of the difficulties of COVID, ASCI also strongly supported this training event, which was crowned by the success of all the participating students. The Leaders' staff that made the event possible was composed of the A.S.C.I. L.T. Gennaro Limatola (Grottammare - AP),

assisted on the spot by A.L.T. camp chiefStefano Mantovan (Merano - BZ) and A.L.T. instructors Riccardo Pettoello (Iseo - BS) and W.B. Giulia Neri (Valdelsa - SI).

Present at the camp were W.B. leaders Lucia Limatola, W.B. Bernardo Salvestrini, W.B. Sandra Filanti and Marco Gianfelici. Our thanks go to all of them and to Beppe who took care of the galley for the success of the camp.

The A.S.C.I. has the following training steps for Leaders

- **Preliminary course** (8 days; qualification: Helping Section Leader)
- Technical course (8 days; qualification: Section Leader)



•Personal thesis (qualification: Leader W.B.).

The A.S.C.I. School Camps can also be attended by non-members and cover both methodological and technical-practical topics.

Taking up the invitation launched at the last General Assembly, the last evening of the camp was an opportunity to celebrate all together with a cake for the first 25 years of the WFIS.

We couldn't think of a better way to feel part of the great Scout brotherhood.

A.S.C.I. sends a welcoming invitation to the next



Gennaro Limatola President - Stefano Mantovan (Merano 3) General Commissioner for the boy's sections

At the BROWNSEA base in Ripatransone (ITALY)

## Feedback from a participant student:

"Leaving from our scout headquarters with our red and white scarf, we arrived on Saturday 31 July 2021 at the base in Ripatransone. We were 6 students curious to participate at the ASCI Preliminary Course. Our leaders had told us that it would be an intense week but full of fun, friendship and formative moments useful to improve our service. And so it was! Even though the safety regulations for Covid-19 put a strain on our trainers, we were able to enjoy the camp to the full and return home with our backpacks full of many notions and experiences that we are sure will be very useful to us sooner or later. The great thing about the School Camp was also that we got to experience it together with other students from other parts of Italy, compare different traditions and share experiences. We hope that the 2nd part of the school camp can be as much fun, exciting and at the same time rich in values and scout experiences."

**Estote Parati!** 







Rüdiger Funk - Funko

## A SPECIAL GOOD TURN

n Summer 2021 a terrible Flood struck many villages along the small river Ahr in the Wetern part of Germany. 180 persons - among them many children - lost their lives within a only few hours. The flood was rising so fast, that some people did not have a chance to leave their cars or houses and found themselfes trapped in the desaster, where many of them died.

A member of the Solmser Pfadfinderschaft - for many years in various leadership and trainer functions - had moved a few years ago to a village now less than 10

kilometers away from those villages. Her village is located a little higher up and thus hadn't been hit by the flood.

Immediately she started activities to help the people in trouble, who had no food, no electricity, non net for their cellphones and many even no more home. Some villages were even totally cut-off, as roads were destroyed.



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Solmser Pfadfinderschaft

A call for help reached the Solmser Pfadfinderschaft the very next day, and immediately a help-project was started, which we never had in the 60 years of our scoutingexistance.

All (active and passive) members were informed and many oft hem passed the call to their friends, families and neighbous.

A coordination spot was set-up and while here the telephone didn't stand still, scouts and other people lined-up bringing material, which was highly needed in the flood area: Shovels, rubber-boots, gascookers and

> gasbottles, blankets etc. Adult scouts living in other areas started collections of material in their hometowns, among which were urgently needed powergeneratos.

> Within 8 hours, two VW vans with trailors were packed to the roof and left with several adult scouts for the flood region. The first money - 500 Euro from the penny activities of the Solmsers - went along with them. In



the area hit the most people couldn't get medicine, as all but one pharmacies were impacted by the flood and no doctor could issue recipies. People who needed their medicine urgently had to line up in front of the only pharmacy still able to operate. However, most of these people didn't have money for obvious reasons. As the owner oft he pharmacy was a scout himself, he trusted the scout word of the Solmser scout at the scene that the money was on ist way – so the first financial help was spent well before the money arrived.

For many days more than 1000 hot meals were prepared and distributed every day!

While the adult scouts (one brought even hiss on to help) started immediately to assist the people and distribute the collected material were it was needed the most, scouts at home continued to collect staff – now including food – and published articles in the regional newspapers. This was the point where money began to come in. As we could guarantee that every

Cent would be handed over tot he scout coordinator at the scene and from her directly tot he people in need (without money taken away for administrative costs as it was the case in other fund-raisings), people preferred to give their donations to us. An astonishing amount of € 8.770.- (including donations from WFIS scouts from other countries) came together within a week and was handed over personally the next weekend. This time, even parents of Solmser scouts went along with the material and money to help personally in the villages.

But unfortunately this was the temporary end of personal help. So many volunteers from all over Germany had come tot he region to help, that roads were blocked by their cars and the trucks coordinated by the now commencing government catastrophy help couldn't pass trough.

Plans for the future, however, have been made and as soon we know what the people will need, phase 2 will start with collection of the relevant material. Money collection continues in the meantime.



Groß ist die Zerstörung im Ahrtal und die Hilfe aus Laubach wird dringend benötigt

Fotos: privat

## Solmser Pfadfinder unterstützen Hilfsnetzwerk im Ahrtal

Laubach (mt). Zwei Tage nach der Flutkatastrophe im Ahrtal erreichte die Leitung der Solmser Pfadfinderschaft ein Hilferuf einer ihrer Pfadfinderinnen und ehemalige Gruppenleiterin Lizzy Mick aus dem Ahrtal, Zusammen mit ihrer Lebensgefährtin Missy Motown und der ganzen Dorfgemeinschaft in Krälingen (ein Dorf mit 200 Einwohnern) hatte man sofort einen Helferhotspot aufgebaut. Krälingen selbst war nicht betroffen, aber nahe gelegenen Ortschaften wie Mayschoß, Laach, Dernau und Reimerzhoven.

Innerhalb von 24 Stunden hatten die Mitglieder der Solmser Pfadfinderschaft mit Familien, Freunden und Bekannten die ersten dringend erbetenen Sachspenden wie Gasflaschen, Gaskocher, Aggregate, Trockner, Schaufeln und Gummistiefel zusammengetragen und die ersten drei Fahrzeuge transportierten sie ins Ahrtal. Auch am darauffolgenden Wochenende war der nächste Sachspendenbus mit Helfern der Solmser Pfadfinderschaft, darunter auch Eltern und Freunden, in Krälingen. Die Fahrer blieben für ein paar Tage vor Ort und packten bei den Aufräumarbeiten an.

Lizzy Micks schreibt: »Liebe hilfsbereite Laubacher und Nicht-Laubacher, Vielen herzlichen Dank für Eure großzügigen Spenden an die betroffenen Flutopfer aus dem Ahrtal. Über die Solmser Pfadfinderschaft dinieren, medizinische und psychologische spenden beigetragen haben.



Die Solmser Pfadfinder unterstützen den Aufbau in den Flutgebleten

ist eine riesige Summe zusammengekom- Hilfe sicherstellen und täglich für etwa 1000 men, mit der wir vor Ort wirklich effektiv helfen können.

Wir sind Missy und Lizzy und betreiben ein kleines Café am Rande des Ahrtals. Wir selbst blieben von der Flutkarastrophe verschont, haben aber von der ersten Stunde an hautnah mitbekommen, wie viel Schrecken, Leid und Verluste so viele Menschen um uns herum erleben mussten. Wir konnten nicht anders als augenblicklich zu helfen - und innerhalb weniger Tage hat sich uns fast unser ganzes Dorf Krälingen angeschlossen. So konnten wir zwei Wochen lang Sachspenden sammeln und verteilen, Helfereinsätze koorPersonen warme Mahlzeiten anbieten.

Mit dem gesammelten Geld werden wir zu 100 Prozent betroffene Menschen vor Ort unterstützen, die beispielsweise keinen Versicherungsschutz haben oder sich ihre gesamte Existenz neu aufbauen müssen.

Herzlichst Gut Pfad!

Der Aufruf nach Geldspenden erbrachte bis heute über 8500 Euro, die sofort an das Hilfsnetzwerk weitergeleitet wurden.

Vielen Dank sagen die Solmser Pfadfinder an alle Spender, die zu dieser unglaublichen Summe und den dringend benötigten Sach-



# World Federation of Independent Scouts - Training -



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WFIS-Training, Angelstraße 15, 65558 Heistenbach

	То		
All Member Associations			

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,

We would like to invite you to the 20. Woodbeads Training Beaver Scout / Wolf Cubs and Scout / Rover, Practical – Part 3 of WFIS Europe.

The Training will be held in **VLAŠIM** – Czech Republic Camp Site "Moon Valley" – Czech Republic.

Date: 26. August 2022 Start time: 16.00 h till 02. September 2022 End time: ca.13.00 h

Fee: 120.- Euro include all costs for accommodation, food and Training Material.

Training place: Camp Site "Moon Valley - VLAŠIM", nearest Airport: Prague International

During the course, following items are required: 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 31st March 2022 to the WFIS Training department. Registrations must be done with payment of the fee on the given account in Euro. The Registration Fee will not be refunded if no one replaces your booked place. The Training is limited to 24 Participants for the Beaver/ Wolf Cub Scout Sections and 24 Participants for Scout / Rover Sections.

Please share this information within your associations.

Yours in traditional Scouting

Klaus Tegeder

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## World Federation of Independent Scouts



WFIS, Angelstr.15, 65558 Heistenbach / Germany	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting;

As you all know, this year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our federation.

In addition to the various activities that we have planned and carried out, we would like to bury a time capsule to our founding tree at the end of our anniversary year, with the General Assembly of the WFIS Europe in Laubach in March 2022.

This time capsule will then be opened again on the 50th anniversary in order to convey our thoughts and congratulations to the Scouts present at this event.

Please send your contribution to the time capsule by *31 October 2021*, so that we can try to find an appropriately sized time capsule to hold all your contributions.

## How can you participate

You have two ways to participate:

- 1. You can send to our headquarter via post mail a short message, thoughts or congratulations on official stationery and send it with a badge, picture, photo or any other object representing your association or Scout group, or
- 2. You can send an email to <u>25years@wfis.world</u> with a short message, thoughts or congratulations with a picture or photo that represents your association or Scout group.

Headquarter address is: Angelstr. 15, 65558 Heistenbach, Germany

Thank you for your support and help.

Yours in traditional Scouting

Klaus Tegeder - President WFIS