

## **INFORMATION und REGISTRATION PEACECAMP 2023**

## **Information Sheet**



peacecamp is a 10-day multicultural encounter of young people of different nationalities/religions/cultures.

peacecamp builds on pedagogical-therapeutic workshops in which the young participants are challenged to deal with their own and "foreign" stories, religions and cultures. In this way, political reality(s) and narratives should be learned and discussed to contribute towards a more peaceful world for everyone.

In the workshops non-violent forms of problem and conflict management are tested, one's own conscious and unconscious feelings towards "others" are explored and active, solidarity-based action is encouraged.

The young participants should learn to achieve common goals through creativity and cooperation. Boundaries (both physical and linguistic, distances or those in the mind) should be conquered.

Cornerstones of the encounter are psychology, social work, political activism and art.

The project took place annually from 2004 to 2019, had to pause for 3 years due to the pandemic and will return in 2023.

A project of the association 4Peace, the psychoanalyst Mag. Evelyn Böhmer-Laufer.

## peacecamp 2023 will take place from July 3rd-July13th in Lackenhof/Ötscher Austria.

#### Schedule:

July 3rd:	arrival at VIE Vienna International Airport.
	shuttle bus to Lackenhof/Ötscher
July 3rd-July 11th:	workshops in Lackenhof/Ötscher
July 12th:	shuttle bus to Vienna
	last day spent in supervised groups in Vienna
July 13th:	shuttle bus to VIE

#### **Housing:**

The participants and team will be housed at the youth hostel "Junges Hotel Lackenhof" throughout the camp.

Meals will be taken together (3 meals, meat/vegetarian/vegan options)

Activities take place from 8:30am to 8:30 pm, curfew is at 10pm

Participants will be sharing dorms in groups of four, gender-separated, with at least one participant from each delegation in every room.

#### **Delegations:**

There will be four participating delegations: Austrian, Hungarian, Israeli and Palestinian. Each delegation consists of eight pupils (all genders) age 15-18.

Each delegation will be accompanied by a teacher/ supervisor. The delegation leader is responsible for communicating with the peacecamp organisers, the school and the parents.

They are responsible for choosing their delegation, as well as doing preparation and followup work with their pupils.

Participants are expected to take part in preparations, all activities and follow-up work. The assignments will be provided as well as a list with packing recommendations.

#### Fees:

Fees cover travelling, housing, food and workshops.

Fees do not cover health insurance or costs for vaccinations.

The fee is 550€/pupil.

*!!! Discounts and full scholarships are available for participants from low-income households.!!!* 

Please get in touch with us - <u>peacecampisback@gmail.com</u>

#### COVID-19:

In order to guarantee the safety of all participants and be able to hold workshops, peacecamp requires that all participants and team be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

peacecamp is subject to the Austrian immigration laws. Note that an additional booster shot might be necessary, if the entry-requirements of the Austrian federal government exceed the mandatory amount of shots for full immunisation in your state or if the vaccine is not recognized by the European Union.

#### **Travel Insurance and vaccination:**

All participants must have travel insurance to cover in case of accident, illness, liability, return-home in case of illness or death, loss of travel documents and cancellation.

The Austrian ministry of health recommends TBE vaccination.

#### **Documentation and Privacy Policy**

#### Please read the privacy policy sheet attached and sign the declaration of consent.

During the activities, pictures and film material will be made for the purpose of documenting peacecamp. The documentary will be available to the public.

Participants will be asked for their consent before posting pictures on peacecamp's social media platforms and homepage.

Should the participant wish to have no pictures posted of them, they can indicate that to us.

### **Principles:**

peacecamp is an inclusive project. We want to empower every participant and team member to take the most out of the peacecamp experience, regardless of their economic background, physical or cognitive abilities, looks, body-shape, ethnicity, gender-identity, romantic orientation, religious beliefs or cultural background.

peacecamp is a safe-space. We are here to learn with and from each other and empower each other.

peacecamp is for everybody. All people present at peacecamp have the same right to participate in it.

peacecamp is about its participants. Adults have more practice in making themselves heard and putting their thoughts into words. However, the allotted time for speaking for teenagers has priority over that of the adults. We are committed to holding space for those who might not be the fastest to speak up, in order to make sure everyone is heard.

peacecamp is hard work. Work can be frustrating sometimes. It is ok to take breaks. The important part is that we don't give up on each other.

#### peacecamp's the 10 rules for peace:

1. DO always communicate in English, which is the language common to all on *peacecamp*. It does not matter if you make mistakes. You can always ask a friend or an adult to help you translate or express yourself in english.

2. DO always address people directly: talk TO - not ABOUT somebody.

3. DO respect the structure and time-table of the *peacecamp*: DO arrive on time and attend ALL meals and workshops. All meals have to be taken in the youth hostel.

4. DO share and express your opinions and feelings openly, frankly. DO stand up for your convictions. DO tell us if something bothers you, but do it respectfully.

5. DO respect rest- and sleeping-hours of the people in and around the youth hostel. Curfew is at 10 pm. If you stay up in your room and play music after this hour, please close the windows, so that the neighbours can sleep undisturbed. You will need all the sleep you can get. If you stay up longer than your room-mates, DO respect their need to sleep. DO sleep in the rooms assigned to you.

6. DO treat the space and environment with respect and care. DO observe waste separation. We have separate bins for *plastic*, paper, *metal*, *organic* and "*general*" waste as well as for bottles. Our Austrian friends will show you how to do this.

7. DO NOT hurt, offend or attack others - neither verbally nor in action. Fight for your views and convictions, but do this respectfully and try to listen to the other person's point of view.

8. DO NOT damage or waste things: Handle equipment with respect and care. DO leave rooms and equipment as you would like to find them. Try to keep the in- and outdoor space clean and beautiful.

9. DO keep the peacecamp area free of cigarettes, alcohol and drugs of any kind.

10. DO give your best in order to take home as much as you can. Know that your best is always is enough and you DO NOT need to compare yourself to others. DO respect your own boundaries as well as those of others.

Please remember: We are coming from different countries, cultures and religions. We may be eating different food, wearing different clothes or having different lifestyles.

Let's be open to new views without condemning others. Let's explore ways to experiment with the unknown while respecting each one's personal space.

# **REGISTRATION PEACECAMP** 2023



# **Participation Sheet: teachers / delegation leaders**

Name of the teacher / delegation leader (in CAPITAL letters, please <u>underline family name</u>):

Gender: male / female / other
Birth Date: Day: Month: Year:
Address (Postal Code, City, Street):
Mobile phone:
E-mail address:
School:
In case of emergency, please contact:
Telephone, E-mail address:

With my signature, I confirm the following:

I will attend peacecamp 2023 with \_\_\_\_\_ pupils from my school / organisation:

I agree to be the main contact person for peacecamp for communicating with the school and the participants' parents.

I will prepare my delegation according to the assignments provided by peacecamp.

I understand that pupils must take part in all activities.

I will be responsible for collecting the follow-up assignments after peacecamp (questionnaire, feedback) and sending them to peacecamp.

I will take part in team meetings and do my best to cooperate with the other delegation leaders/teachers and team members.

I will have an open ear and offer counsel to the pupils who confide in me. I will handle their trust in me respectfully.

I have read the information sheet and acknowledge its content, including vaccination policies and travel insurance.

I have read the privacy policy sheet and signed the declaration of consent.

I agree to be on pictures posted on peacecamp's social media accounts. Note that we will always ask for your consent before posting individual pictures. yes / no.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & signature: \_\_\_\_\_