



EUROPEAN CAMP STAFF PROGRAM

Introduction

Through the European Camp Staff program, young leaders from the Boy Scouts of America have the opportunity to learn more about Scouting in Europe by working at a European Scout center.

Aim

The aim of the European Camp Staff program is to assist young people in developing their leadership skills and to encourage intercultural learning. This is achieved by providing the individual with a residential experience as a volunteer staff member at a Scout center in another country.

Framework of the Typical European Scout Center

Scout centers in Europe do not operate in the same way BSA camps do. The staff members of a typical European Scout center are usually involved in many different aspects of operating the center rather than specializing in one particular area. This is different from the situation in a BSA camp, where staff members are usually assigned to a particular activity or skill with which they work for the majority of their time at camp. In addition, Scouting in Europe normally operates on a coeducational basis, with males and females having the opportunity to be equally involved at all levels.

How to Apply

All participants in the European Camp Staff program must be between 18 and 30 years of age and must be volunteers registered with the Boy Scouts of America. To ensure that the experience is a worthwhile one, participants should be prepared to commit themselves to work for a minimum of six weeks.

The interested person should obtain an application from the Boy Scouts of America's International Department, complete the application and submit to his/her local Council for the Scout Executive's approval. The completed application should be mailed to the International Department for processing.

Centers available in 2009

For information concerning the centers available for 2009, please visit http://www.onlyat.rovernet.eu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=48&Itemid=151. Do not apply directly through the website – you must apply through the International Department.

Travel Costs

It is the responsibility of the participants to pay their own travel to and from the Scout center. The European Scout Region will refund up to 50 percent of the individual's travel costs. The refund will be made in autumn, once the assignment has been completed and the participant has returned home.

In the United States, the European Camp Staff program is administered through the International Department of the National office of the Boy Scouts of America. The address is:

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