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## Important information

for the national Camp of the German Young Firefighters Association from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2014.

*Dear young firefighter friends,*

*you will all be waiting to register for the national camp but before you work your way through the registration and camp rules, we would like to point out a few things to assist with your planning.*

### Registration

You will receive confirmation of receipt from us of you having successfully completed the registration process. Due to organisational processes, the Federal Youth Office of the German Young Firefighters Association will be able to send a final confirmation to you from in mid-October 2013. This formality should not however deter you from early registration.

The late confirmation is due to the following reason, should our numbers exceed the available capacity of a total of 5000 for the camp site, then sadly, we may have to decline some previously registered groups. Should this be the case, we will notify you as soon as possible. Please note that we will endeavour to give all youth groups an equal opportunity to participate at the camp. We ask for your understanding on this matter.

### Getting There

It is our intention to make the journey to the camp as easy as possible from all parts of the country, in order to do this we are looking at several options to ensure a stress free and effective solution for all participants. Due to the summer holidays in all German states, expected traffic problems and high temperatures, travel by **German Rail (Deutsche Bahn)** makes a sensible alternative to road travel. In order to ascertain if a special offer price would be available for you, we will need to establish if travel by rail would be a suitable option for your group.

A foundation for the planning is of course the **transportation of tents, beds and other equipment**, these things must of course be brought by you. We are currently looking at the possibility of national collection points for these items which will then deliver the items to the camp. We are currently working with the Federal Disaster Management Agency THW ( Technische Hilfswerk) for their support.

There will of course be the opportunity for some groups to use their own vehicles to attend the camp, the German Young Firefighters Association are working with the State Fire School Geretsried to provide safe and logistically sound locations for the vehicles to be parked, the school lies in close proximity to the camp site. Whilst on site in the fire school grounds, your vehicles can only be moved by school personnel, in order to achieve this, confirmation of permission must be given in writing from your fire service, local authority and/or regional authority for school staff to do so. **Failure to provide the permission for school staff to move your vehicles will result in them not being allowed to be parked at the fire school.** The fire school will provide constant fire cover throughout the period of the national camp so access to your vehicles will be available throughout.

### The Federal Disaster Management Agency THW ( Technische Hilfswerk)...

.... Is willing to support young firefighters groups which are not in possession of their own team tents. This has been discussed with the THW Youth by way of the THW national association and regional associations. Should you require such tentage, please liaise with your local THW and establish if it is possible to borrow some.

## The Programme

There is a complete programme of events in the participant information pack.

This includes amongst other things: *Indiaca and Hotball tournaments, It's A Knockout, Camp Fire Evenings, Creative and Participation Activities.*

In the party tent there will be a *Disco and Live Musik* and we will also be offering a „*Bavarian Olympics*“ as well as a *Show Evening* to take part in.

There will be *story tellers and a cinema* for story lovers and budding astronomers will enjoy our *Star Gazing activity*. Those who are interested could also participate in our *photography* and *many other activities* which provide skills which will be useful at home.

The State Fire School Geretsried will be offering *viewings of the school* along with a *Special Paper Chase*.

Outside of the already provided programme of events we will be offering further excursions which can be booked by the travel agent. Even though these will need to be paid for by the individual groups, it is always great to take the opportunity to take part in other activities.

For all excursions in close proximity or even in the Munich area, we recommend the use of public transport. There is a bus stop directly outside of the camp and a railway station close to by.

## The World Record

As you may have already heard through various media, we are hoping to give the name “World Record Camp” justification. We will be hoping to do this by having the largest dancing young firefighters group in the Guinness Book of Records.

The Flying Steps Academy are currently working on an exclusive choreography, a so called “Young Firefighters Dance”. Later this year we will be putting a video of this dance online and the steps will also be published in the Lauffeuer Magazine. This will ensure that the participation and achievement of the record will have no obstacles in the way and all of the camp participants will justifiably be able to call themselves world record holders.

## Further Information...

...about the planning of the camp and important information for groups will be provided to you at the email address you provide in your registration form.

## We are really happy to receive your registration

Please inform your friends in other Young Firefighters Associations that you are taking part in the Federal Youth Camp. Your international partners are also very welcome, the same rules that apply to your groups will apply to them. If there are special questions or problems associated with this, please contact Katja Eichhorn, International Youth Work Representative at the following email address [eichhorn@jugendfeuerwehr.de](mailto:eichhorn@jugendfeuerwehr.de)

*Please let all your friends know about probably the largest young firefighters camp of all time.*

Regards



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