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INVITATION

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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CAMP 2026 Friendships for Life

Dear Colleagues!

Every summer, the Austrian Youth Red Cross organizes an **International Friendship Camp**, in which young people aged 16 to 23 from all over the world participate.

During the two weeks that the young people spend in Langenlois, Lower Austria, a lively exchange of ideas and culture takes place.

International understanding naturally occurs when participants from all over the world engage with the program elements of the annually changing camp theme (will be sent along with the confirmation of participation after receipt of the registration forms).

The **intensive cultural exchange** takes place through various media, with topics that concern young people being addressed from the perspective of the principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The **topics** are explored in **information groups** led by **competent speakers** and in **creative activities** and **workshops**. **Communication** is a **key aspect**. Therefore, the **camp language is English**; otherwise, no exchange would be possible.

This year's Camp will be held from **July 13th** (day of arrival) to **July 27th** (day of departure), **2026** in **Langenlois** – a beautiful small city in Lower Austria (approximately 75km from Vienna)!

We would like to **invite a group of two [2] motivated and enthusiastic youth members** who are **involved in** and/or who **volunteer** for your **organization** to attend this exciting event (if more than two [2], please contact us to fix the possible number of participants in a direct bilateral way). The young people that **you choose** to represent your National Society should be **aged between 16 and 23**.

Important: Participants **must have reached the age of 16 before they start the camp in Austria!** (according to the camp program and the **Austrian Youth Protection Law**)

There is a **Participation fee of EUR 100** per participant which should be **paid by bank transfer latest by July 13th, 2026** (day of arrival). **Bank details** will be sent along with the confirmation of participation after receipt of the registration forms.

Travel costs to Austria should be **covered** by the **participating national society**. Your organization is **responsible for all travel costs incurred by your group** (to and from Vienna). **Boarding, lodging and all costs related to the program in Austria will be covered by the Austrian Youth Red Cross.**

Detailed information (program, camp theme, details regarding arrival and departure times, bank details etc.) you will find when we send the letter of confirmation once we receive your registration form.

We kindly ask you to **respond** to our invitation **as quickly as possible** (reservation of seats if you know that you will participate for sure or/and **send the application-form latest until May 25th, 2026!** (Please note: as the number of participants is **limited to 35**, seats will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Langenlois!

Greetings from Austria,



Günter J. STUMMER
Austrian Youth Red Cross



Annex:

- Application Form 2026
- Data Protection Notice 2026