

European children's stay

Detailed information

Stay from 10th or 11th to 17th January 2009

Welcome:

Saturday or Sunday, go directly to your holiday center (you will be sent directions later)
You will have your first meal there (a cold meal will be available if you arrive late).

Please notify us of your planned arrival time no later than 12th December 2008.

Please let us know during your travel if there will be any change in your arrival time so that your helpers here do not have to wait unnecessarily to meet you.

Your helpers:

When you arrive each group will meet the two helpers who will be there to look after you during your stay. One will be a volunteer, a member of The Association who lives in Autrans and therefore knows the area well, helped by a young soldier. They will be involved in all the trips and activities of the children. They will be able to speak the language of the country that they look after or English.

They will welcome you in your accommodation when you arrive, give you your programme for the week, together with brochures about the Vercors. Your helpers are the main line of contact between you and the organisers to help satisfy your demands.

Accommodation:

You will be staying "full board".(address and further information will be sent later :- annex n°:1)
You will be staying together in what used to be the Olympic Village in 1968.

Cost of your stay:

"The Organising Committee of La Foulée Blanche has decided to give you special financial help in view of your high transport costs; this is why we can offer you this exceptional tarif of

150 euros per person for 7 days

We hope this reduced price will allow you to join us in January 2009 to the great pleasure of all the organising team.

When we receive confirmation of their involvement, each foreign school will receive contact details of a class from Autrans or near by. This french twin class will help you discover our country and more importantly our region before and during your stay. Past experience shows that many lasting friendships have been made and the children remain in contact with each other and many adults have felt sad to leave friends behind!

When you arrive the teachers can arrange other occasions to meet outside the planned programme. The organisation will not be involved in arranging these extra meetings.

The activities

in the week's programme : plenty of cross-country skiing to prepare for Friday's race plus time to discover the Vercors and meet the other countries.

There is no need to have skied before as from Monday to Thursday there will be a half-day dedicated to skiing. Experienced skiers will be available to teach everyone. If possible please bring your own skis, batons and shoes but if you cannot, equipment will be provided.

Different aspects of our mountains to be discovered during other half days:

- Panoramic view of the Alpes and Mont Blanc
- Visit the Grottes de Choranche (on a typical drive through the Vercors) or La Magie des Automates

Other strong points in your program:

- One whole day with your twin class
- A day in Grenoble, capital of the Alps

As well as contacts during the day, one evening is devoted to the children's shows in front of an appreciative audience who will be very interested in each country's traditions.

Each evening there will be a meeting to discuss the next day's activities. It is important that one member of your group is present.

Translations

The program for each country will need to be translated into your language. If our team of volunteers are unable to do this we will ask you to do the translation.

At the beginning of January we will send you your programme in your language. If you are doing the translation please send us a typed copy by Internet by return so that we can print the programme.

The Show

Each country must present a show no longer than 10 minutes based on your country's folklore, or something you have created without any dialogue. Music, dance, movements must be understood by everyone. Technical assistance will be available and a stage. **To improve the quality of each show please bring a CD instead of a cassette ready to be played**

The stand

So that each country can exhibit in the "Sponsors Village" from Wednesday, a table(3m long) in a secure covered room will be provided. These stands will allow you to present gastronomy, handicrafts, photos, posters and typical drawings of your country. We also ask you to provide 2 illustrated display panels (40x60cms)...one representing your country and the other your town. These will be hung from the ceiling on wires above your stand as there will not be a back to your stand. **Please give us these as soon as you arrive.** On Thursday for "La Table de l'Europe" the visitors really appreciate meeting you and tasting your specialities. 2 or 3 of your children in traditional dress will add to your stand's attraction. As you will know

La Foulée Blanche has been actively involved in environmental responsibility for many years. So it is forbidden to use plastic plates, cutlery etc or plastic bags. Please bring or use paper bags, plates etc.

The Theme

Each year we suggest a theme for your stay. This year the theme is "sport". We ask you to present the sport most typical of your country. You will put forward the most known champion of this sport and the current champion. We will give you more details after you have confirmed that you are coming.

Transport

We encourage all the countries, where possible, to organise their travel in their own bus, and to have this bus available during the week. This will give more flexibility during your stay and reduce any delays which may occur if you use transport provided by the organisation. In this case the organisation will pay for the drivers stay.

If you come to Autrans by train or plane, the organisation will arrange transport to and from Autrans **but you will be charged for this.** During your stay we will be responsible for your transport related to the program.

Those countries without their own bus will be transported by the buses of the organisation but this can be subject to delays of up to 30minutes. Any transport arranged outside the official programme will be charged to the participants.

Travel by plane: nearest airports are: Grenoble-Isère , LYON-Saint Exupéry, Chambéry, Geneva.

Travel by train: nearest stations: Grenoble at 40 km or Lyon Part Dieu at 130 km or TGV-Station Lyon-St-Exupéry 100km.

Tarifs for transfers by bus

		20/30 places	31/50 places
Grenoble station / Autrans	arrival + depart	460 €	500 €
Geneva airport / Autrans	arrival + depart	1140 €	1360 €
Chambéry airport	arrival + depart	800 €	870 €
Grenoble Airport / Autrans	arrival + depart	630 €	700 €
Lyon station or airport / Autrans	arrival + depart	880 €	950 €

A time for your depart for your return will be given to you on the first Monday by the Organisation. Please confirm that this is suitable for you so that we can change it if necessary.

For everyone : bring your national flag or banner

The File

For this meeting of the children of Europe we insist that you participate in the preparation of a file and we ask of you to prepare the following:

Before your stay:

- a dossier : about your town, your school, and the accompanying adults (teachers and/or parents).
See ANNEXE 4A & 4B.

After your stay:

- A report: illustrated with photos, drawings, comments of the children or even a video cassette or DVD
- Press cuttings and TV or radio coverage in your country.

Evaluation questionnaire: in February we will send you a questionnaire about all aspects of your stay for you to fill in and return to us as soon as possible so that we can make improvements for 2009 if necessary!

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