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# Welcome



Get the most from summer with all the benefits of a productive, enjoyable, fun-filled Village Camps experience. With several venues in Europe, Asia, Canada and the USA, offering an extensive choice of speciality camps in languages, sports, arts and leadership training, each camper can be sure to find the ideal camp for a great learning experience and an unbeatable summer holiday. Remember, Village Camps summer programmes are not run like schools! Youngsters improve skills and achieve personal growth by having a great time and enjoying all the activities so that the learning process is FUN! This is the basis of our guiding mission – **Education through Recreation™**.

As a Village Camper you:

- ◆ Develop a greater sense of independence
- ◆ Learn new life-long interests and hobbies
- ◆ Improve skills in arts and sports
- ◆ Interact with peers from the world over
- ◆ Sample different cultures
- ◆ Gather memorable souvenirs to last a lifetime
- ◆ Study a second or third language
- ◆ Experience the thrill and excitement of competition and challenge
- ◆ Network the world through new friends
- ◆ Understand the value of teamwork and leadership
- ◆ Build greater self-confidence





In 2015 Village Camps will be adding the exotic Far Eastern destination of Singapore to its expanding range. There are great facilities in the modern United World College South East Asia Campus. This is another Village Camps language camp teaching English – but a first with our new Mandarin Language Camp. The programme of visits and local excursions introduces campers to Asian culture and to the nearby city of Singapore.

The private Ardèche campsite in the south of France has been recently completely refurbished. So campers now enjoy brand new tents, new canoes and activity equipment as well as significantly improved facilities. All these have made the experience at this outdoor, riverside camp even more comfortable and enjoyable. The Ardèche welcomes a small group of campers offering a personalised experience in a breathtaking national park – not to be missed!

The ever-popular York Camp in England continues to amaze Village Campers with new sporting facilities added each year to the already beautiful and well equipped campus of Queen Ethelburga's College. Among the highlight programmes are the Leadership Training Camp for teenagers, the Football Camp directed by the charismatic head coach, Neil O'Donnell and the established Basketball Camp with its impressive new Village Camps Development Academy in the hands of a top team of international European coaches.

Language Camps – over the past few years, the Village Camps' language programmes (English/French/German/Mandarin) have enjoyed new well-structured syllabuses, updated material and fresh, innovative methods of teaching, all designed by a team of language experts. The results in terms of the improvement shown by participants as well as the feedback received from families have been extremely encouraging.

In 2014 we introduced a completely new destination. The lovely Mediterranean island of Cyprus proved to be a spectacular success. Our young campers stay in the traditional village of Droushia in a charming, family-run hotel. Everyone enjoyed the warm and generous hospitality from the friendly locals in this sunbaked paradise. Our English Language Camp is perfect for improving spoken English in this former British island where English is still widely spoken along with Greek. This is also our base for the 'Mediterranean Adventure Camp' which features water sports and outdoor adventure, giving sports enthusiasts a real taste of what Cyprus has to offer. Space is limited at this already popular new Village Camps destination, so don't miss out on our latest adventure.



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# Language Camps



- ♦ Highly successful and fun – the Village Camps' style language programmes that campers really enjoy!
- ♦ Available languages – English, French, German and for the first time Mandarin
- ♦ A super choice of locations in Switzerland – England – France – Austria – Cyprus – Singapore – USA and Canada

See Page 32 (back page) for details of which country offers which language(s).

Learn languages the Village Camps way – It's 'different', successful and fun all the way!

Our highly successful language teaching programme is based on the spoken word and sets very high standards in language learning, yet with achievable goals for the young learner. Using techniques based on participation, role playing and fun, students enjoy the experience and achieve unprecedented results.



## The learning process – how it works

Students are assessed and placed into groups of about 8-10 campers according to age and ability – but may be upgraded later as they progress. Lessons are Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. with short 10-minute

breaks.

Students learn language basics by practicing speaking together, using a range of specially chosen and interesting subjects. These become short but engaging projects using role play, developing ideas and discussing them with campers always using their improving language skills. Lessons are in well-equipped classrooms but in good weather may move outdoors. At the end of camp our qualified teachers and the Language Director award certificates to each student but importantly a separate detailed progress report is sent independently to each family. As a break, at all language camps the students enjoy a programme of excursions.

There are four ability groups:

- ♦ Beginner/Elementary
- ♦ Pre-Intermediate
- ♦ Intermediate
- ♦ Upper Intermediate/Advanced.

Language courses are generally available for campers between 10-17 year old (consult the country description for precise details).

## More about our language courses

- ♦ In York, England our language programme is officially accredited by the British Council
- ♦ In York, England there is a chance to combine any of our eight specialist programmes with 90 minutes of 'English Language Add-On – VCTV' on four afternoons week. More information on page 12.
- ♦ In Switzerland the French and English language courses have the option of being combined with Tennis
- ♦ In Singapore Mandarin is available for the first time.

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## Easy access to the exceptional amenities of Leysin

Situated in the majestic Alps, just 40 minutes from Geneva and its international airport, is the village of Leysin, Village Camps' outstanding Swiss mountain base.

The Swiss Alpine Centre, which hosts many of the programme activities, is within easy walking distance from both the main train station and the centre of the village. The Central Residence Hotel, base for the Leadership Training Camp, is just two hundred meters away.

Leysin has excellent sporting facilities in two well equipped Sports and Leisure Centres (see our list of the facilities for details). In addition, the surrounding mountains offer hiking and adventure trails, a rock-climbing area, biking paths and a campfire area. Undoubtedly one of the highlights is the exciting overnight stay in a mountain hut.

The village centre of Leysin with its traditional cafés and local shops makes a pleasant break from walking and trekking in the mountains and woods above the village.

The daily schedule allows three hours each Monday to Friday morning for the selected speciality programmes:

- ♦ Tennis
- ♦ Film Academy
- ♦ Adventure
- ♦ Sports Camp
- ♦ Dance Camp
- ♦ English or French Language

For the younger children (7-9 years old), many of whom are away from home for the first time, the Junior Camp is the perfect introduction to camp life. For the older teenagers (16-18 years old) the Leadership Training Camp is the ideal pre-university programme to help gain confidence, improve communication skills, appreciate teamwork and to become responsible young adults.

In the afternoons and evenings campers, divided into their respective age groups, join in a selection of sports, activities and special events, all carefully planned to provide an exciting and varied programme. It all adds up to a thrilling and absorbing Village Camps experience for all campers!

At Geneva International Airport, campers are met and accompanied to camp by Village Camp counsellors. During each two-week session, Leysin Camp welcomes about 180 campers from all over the world. To keep each camp truly international, the Village Camps policy is to maintain a quota, restricting campers speaking the same language to no more than 20% of the total numbers in each session. This helps Village Camps in its quest to provide the ideal environment for a summer full of fun learning, excitement and lasting friendships.

### Facilities include

- ♦ Indoor swimming pool
- ♦ Full size ice skating rink
- ♦ Tennis courts, carpet and clay
- ♦ Multi-sports hall
- ♦ Mini golf-course
- ♦ Squash courts
- ♦ Football pitch
- ♦ Mountain hut
- ♦ Archery range
- ♦ Basketball courts
- ♦ Beach volleyball court
- ♦ Ropes course
- ♦ Climbing wall
- ♦ Indoor/outdoor climbing
- ♦ Bouldering
- ♦ Summer Bob Sledding track

### Afternoon Activities

- ♦ Archery
- ♦ Arts and crafts
- ♦ Basketball
- ♦ Beach volleyball
- ♦ Cooking
- ♦ Dance
- ♦ Floor hockey
- ♦ Football
- ♦ Hiking
- ♦ Mini golf
- ♦ Mountain biking
- ♦ Mountain hut overnight
- ♦ Music
- ♦ Orienteering
- ♦ Rafting (15+ years)
- ♦ Rock and wall climbing

- ♦ Ropes course
- ♦ Swimming
- ♦ Street Hockey
- ♦ Table Tennis
- ♦ Tennis
- ♦ Volleyball
- ♦ Wall climbing
- ♦ Yoga

### Evening Activities

- ♦ Campfire and cook-out
- ♦ Carnival Night
- ♦ Disco and prom nights
- ♦ Ice skating
- ♦ Indoor Olympics

- ♦ International Night
- ♦ Murder Mystery
- ♦ Quiz Night
- ♦ Scavenger hunt
- ♦ Talent Night

### Excursions

- ♦ Geneva – United Nations, Red Cross Museum
- ♦ Lausanne – Olympic Museum, Ouchy Pool
- ♦ Montreux – Château de Chillon, Jazz Festival (15+ years)
- ♦ Gruyères – Chocolate/Cheese Factory
- ♦ Vevey – Labyrinth Adventure Park
- ♦ Aigle – Outdoor Water Park





## Adventure Camp

Campers are always making innovative suggestions to improve this popular and challenging programme. So, the activities have been further developed and improved over the past two seasons to make this summer Adventure Camp even more special.

The Adventure programme has long been a Village Camps favourite. Much of its popularity is due to its diversity and challenging activities. Our skilled counsellors make the daily programme great fun. Young campers are encouraged to work together to accomplish their goals. This in turn helps our campers increase self esteem and develop greater confidence through the duration of the programme. On the first day campers will begin to understand the important focus on teamwork and the personal development that results from working with their peers. There is no 'I' in 'TEAM!'

The activities are outdoors in a spectacular Alpine setting which is second to none! Every camper is guaranteed to try some activities which are completely new to them and to develop new interests as well as making life-long friendships. The schedule includes: rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting (15+ years), ropes courses, outdoor survival skills, nature trails and much more.

The highlight of the session is a trek high above the village of Leysin, in the scenic Alpine terrain for an overnight stay in a welcoming mountain hut that provides that real Swiss authentic ambience. Around the campfire, campers play team games with laughter, stories and so much fun. This is always voted the best moment amongst so many.



Age  
10-17



## combocamps

Combine your Leysin experience with two more weeks of fun and learning at Village Camps England, Austria or France and benefit from **free transfers** between the camps! Village Camps covers all the expenses including the plane ticket for the escorted group flight. For details please see [www.villagecamps.com](http://www.villagecamps.com) or call our office.

## Sports Camp

This is for campers who love sports! The Swiss Alpine Centre has super facilities and, in addition, just a short ride away, are two top-class sports centres with great indoor and open-air facilities. These are at our disposal and are the basis of our busy and engaging sports programme.

Our diverse yet challenging sports programme is sure to please both the casual sports camper and the serious competitive sports player. Time is spent developing skills in popular sports including football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, climbing, hockey, biking, rafting (15+ years), as well as other sports and games that are often new to many campers.

The whole action-packed experience is challenging, fun and enhanced by our enthusiastic and qualified counsellors who promote fair play and teamwork throughout the course.



Age  
10-17





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## Dance Camp

A programme designed for campers who want to create, rehearse and ultimately perform during the special evening events at camp. The popular head instructor is very qualified and experienced. She provides a top quality programme covering many different styles of dance and performance. The campers spend mornings developing their routines, choosing music, working on choreography, designing costumes and rehearsing. They are encouraged to take initiatives developing their own ideas in the planning and rehearsal stages with the objective of introducing new dances and moves into the shows. The Dance Group puts on an impressive last night performance drawing loud and appreciative applause from the entire camp.



Age  
7-9

## Junior Camp

This is the perfect introduction to summer camp! The Junior Camp provides a truly special 'first-time-away' experience for young children. Juniors always feel comfortable and confident at camp, enjoying the exceptional care of a dedicated, experienced team of counsellors (ratio is one to five). The group follows its own daily schedule which includes a selection of specially adapted activities, including football, trekking, arts & crafts, music, dance, ice skating and other choices. Meals are taken together with the other campers providing an opportunity to reassure any older brothers or sisters that they are having a great time. Juniors also participate in several suitable 'all-camp activities', the daily midday meeting and the excursions. Therefore, they are very much a part of the overall camp but at the same time are also able to enjoy their precious privacy in a separate building, next to the main residence.

Parent-camper contact is facilitated in case of homesickness during the first few days. The busy and engaging schedule, the privacy and the caring personal supervision throughout add up to a guaranteed super-duper first experience away from home.





## Film Academy

Age  
10-17

This popular programme has been a successful feature of the Austrian camp for many years. Now it is a huge success with Leysin campers as well. The feedback from the participants has been very positive and the work which the students have produced is quite extraordinary.

Under the direction of an experienced producer, campers learn all the basics of film making from an original script right through to filming, editing and directing. The lessons cover all the essential technical processes including sound, lighting, special effects and production. The young film makers are assigned the task of developing a script, producing a storyboard and selecting locations before finally shooting, editing, selecting a soundtrack and dubbing.

The programme format involves working on the film project during the mornings and occasionally in the afternoons and evenings. This camp is for dedicated, enthusiastic young people who will be inspired to use their energy, creativity and emerging technical skills to produce a completed film from start to finish, the cast being the entire camp!

After returning home, every camper involved in the Film Academy receives a 'link' to get access to their movie on the special Village Camps YouTube channel.



## Tennis Camp

Age  
10-17



In collaboration with the renowned California Tennis Academy, head coach Steve Loft provides first class lessons and an exceptional improvement programme for tennis players, based on 15 hours of instruction per week, using both covered and outdoor clay courts. All together there are 12 courts of three different surfaces available to the Tennis group. The programme caters for all ability levels starting with complete beginners. The quality coaching makes it suitable even for the tournament level junior players who can have more intensive training. Everyone participates in the 'In-Camp' tournament while higher ranked players have the opportunity to play matches with local opponents.

After the enjoyment of the morning tennis instruction there is a great choice of other fun activities for the rest of the day and evening which campers enjoy in their respective age groups.

## Tennis and Language Camps (English or French)

Age  
10-17

This camp combines a practical language experience in English or French with the Tennis Camp. Campers receive three hours of language tutoring in the mornings and then three hours of tennis instruction during the afternoons. A combination of two full programmes makes for a busy day and although these campers cannot take part in the daily alternative camp activities, they fully participate in the exciting evening programme.





Age  
16-18

## Leadership Training Camp (LTC)

This is one of Village Camps' highlight programmes, an award-winning, must-attend camp for older teenagers! Leadership Training Camp provides participants with the opportunity to build leadership skills, learn problem-solving techniques, develop communication skills and work more effectively in teams. The programme combines inspiring presentations on a variety of topics with internationally renowned speakers, team challenges, competitions and exciting outdoor activities with real take-home benefits that will be invaluable throughout later life. Campers are challenged to set goals and objectives for themselves and work hard towards achieving them while at camp but also in their everyday lives. At this very crucial age, such a dynamic programme with its substantial life-lasting values has a positive effect in the teenagers' character-building process, inspiring them to reach higher goals. Just before they complete their high school years and get ready for university, LTC is exactly what is needed to increase their self-confidence, to think with a positive mindset, setting each well on the way to becoming an effective leader.

Campers are required to have an effective working knowledge of English (intermediate level) in order to be able to fully participate in the challenging Workshops, thus obtaining the desired results. The leadership group is housed independently from the main camp at the comfortable Central Residence Hotel in Leysin. The LTC programme has its own Course Leader and its dedicated team of counsellors. And they are joined by an impressive team of specialist speakers from all over the world. At the end of the session, everyone receives a Certificate of Completion to take with them but, more importantly, they take home an abundance of positive elements together with a new perspective on life. And each will have made valuable lasting friendships with other teenagers from all over the world.



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English and French Language Camps take place in Switzerland. See page 4 of this brochure or visit our website

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Located amidst rolling green meadows and wooded countryside, the magnificent campus of the Queen Ethelburga's College (QE) is a short drive from the historic city of York. This camp offers exceptional on-site leisure and sports facilities as well as high quality accommodation in well-designed state-of-the-art apartments, which comfortably accommodate up to five campers. Each open-plan apartment has en suite facilities with a walk-in shower and a separate WC, a small kitchen, and a workspace. QE is one of the best equipped residential colleges in the UK with a magnificent, spacious sports hall, basketball courts and a 25-metre indoor swimming pool. The impressive air-conditioned theatre has a large stage with sprung floors for the dancers, quality acoustics and over 300 seats. At 'Muggles', a recent addition to the entertainments, campers will enjoy the 3D cinema, Xboxes with 200 games and an array of digital games and music. Outside is an artificial athletics track, football pitches with other top standard pitches for rugby, cricket and field hockey as well as tennis courts and a basketball practice area.

## An outstanding choice of nine different programmes

**Campers choose a two-week speciality programme selected from nine great options.**

The English Language Camp, accredited by the British Council, offers three hours of lessons per weekday, less short break-times. The established Basketball Camp has a new-look with the intensive, fun Village Camps Basketball Development Academy. The outstanding Football Camp has drawn plaudits from campers and professional observers alike under the direction of Neil O'Donnell in his 9th year. The Golf Camp attracts newcomers each year but importantly many campers return year-after-year to be guided by a top professional – Alastair Grindlay in his eighth year. For the past two summers, riders have just loved the instructors and fun-lessons at the Follifoot Riding School. For the artistically inclined, both the Creative Arts and Performing Arts Camps provide innovative programmes for the young enthusiast. The exciting and challenging Activity & Adventure programme is one of our most popular camps with its great variety of different outdoor adventures. Finally, for older teenagers, 15-17 years old, the award-winning Leadership Training Camp is the perfect pre-university preparation.

## Fun's the thing – Learning's the objective

The typical Village Camps day is divided into four main activity periods, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Campers are assigned to groups according to their particular choice, then by age and/or skill levels. Weekday mornings are devoted to the speciality camps. During the afternoon, campers choose from a range of outstanding activities in the care of our counsellors. The supervision ratio at York, as at all Village Camps' locations, is one counsellor for every six campers. English is the official camp language.

### Facilities include

- ◆ Quality accommodation
- ◆ Modern sports hall
- ◆ 25-metre indoor heated pool
- ◆ All-weather artificial pitch for football, hockey and other field sports
- ◆ Football, rugby, cricket and hockey grass pitches
- ◆ Outdoor tennis and basketball courts
- ◆ 'Village Green' with all-weather chess
- ◆ Mini Golf course
- ◆ All-weather foosball and ping pong tables
- ◆ Secret garden
- ◆ Internet
- ◆ Tuck-shop

### Afternoon Activities

- ◆ Aerobics
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Cooking
- ◆ Cricket
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Field hockey
- ◆ Gaelic football
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Rugby
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Softball
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Table tennis
- ◆ Volleyball

### Evening Activities

- ◆ Awards Night
- ◆ Carnival Night
- ◆ Mission Impossible
- ◆ TEAM BIG DAY
- ◆ Talent Night
- ◆ Team challenges
- ◆ International Night

### Excursions

- ◆ Manchester – Cinema experience, famous Trafford Shopping Centre
- ◆ York – Historic walled city, York Minster, Shambles shopping street





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## Basketball Development Academy

The Village Camps Basketball programme is approaching its 8th successive year in York. The emphasis of the new Academy will be on an intensive but fun coaching programme suitable for all abilities from novices right through to talented, established players. The coaching team will work enthusiastically to improve the grade of each young player with the aim of moving them up each level.

Every morning, and early afternoon (4.5 hours per day), players learn how to get into great shape and perfect their basketball skills, from dribbling, to passing, to rebounding, to defence and of course, shooting. Young players learn how to use their individual skills to become highly effective team players with the 'know how' to win games. The course demands hard work, dedication and application to develop personal and team skills.

Coaching will be in the hands of FIBA qualified Ratko Mihailovic and a small select team working under his direction. Ratko is a highly regarded Serbian coach with a wealth of first class experience in Switzerland, Serbia, Holland and England. He has an impressive coaching career with the Academy sides of Red Star Belgrade and Beopetrol Belgrade. Ratko has spent much of his career coaching top Academy sides in leading clubs and international schools all over Europe guiding the early careers of scores of young basketball players who have later joined the professional ranks in many countries and quite a number have played as senior internationals.

Basketball coaching takes place in the magnificent sports hall at the college. A spacious section of the hall is purpose-built for basketball training and for matches and competitions.



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10-17

English Language Camp takes place in England. See page 4 of this brochure or visit our website

[www.villagecamps.com](http://www.villagecamps.com)

## combocamps

Extend your stay to four weeks and combine York Camp with Switzerland, France or Austria for a truly European experience. **Bonus:** No extra cost for transferring between the camps as Village Camps offers bus/train transfers, a night at a hotel between camps and a free plane ticket for an accompanied flight!





## Adventure & Activity Camp

Action-packed programme full of exciting and challenging outdoor adventure and sports activities!

Village Camps has extensive experience in organising innovative Outdoor Adventure programmes in England and its other European centres. Using its experience and know-how the York Camp team has developed an exceptional outdoor programme guaranteed to challenge mind, body and spirit!

As safety is always our prime concern each adventure activity is in the professional care of fully qualified expert staff, each of whom specialises in the particular activity taking place. This busy programme mixes sports and team challenges with mountain and water adventure activities using the lakes, rivers and moorlands of the rugged Yorkshire Moors.

The schedule combines canoeing, kayaking, raft building, high ropes, abseiling and gorge walking based at specialist activity centres. The fun team sports and competitive games mostly take place in the grounds of Queen Ethelburga's College using the vast open spaces and the extensive woods.

Undoubtedly, the eagerly awaited highlight of the session is the excursion into the Yorkshire Moors for an overnight camp and cook-out around the camp-fire. This is a busy, thrilling and exciting camp with a new challenge every day. It will suit campers who love the outdoors, new experiences, fun activities and sports of all kinds. Over the two weeks, the campers from as young as 10 years right through to 17 years, develop a real 'esprit de corps' with other like-minded friends from all over the world. The course tests individual endeavour, teamwork and decision making.

In order to balance the course, after the strenuous activities, the chill-out weekends include some personal time, excursions and shopping.

Age  
10-17

## Football Camp

An outstanding football experience with exceptional coaching!

Football Director, Neil O'Donnell, personally leads a much admired, comprehensive coaching programme enjoyed by campers from all over the world. Our qualified coaching team leads training sessions every weekday morning, using the first class pitches of the campus, which now include an all-weather artificial surface pitch. Players are divided into ability groups and they work hard to develop individual skills and techniques as well as team tactics.

Sessions cover free kicks, corners, penalty taking, goalkeeper coaching, heading the ball and other essential skills. Following this busy coaching start all the players are ready for a short competitive game on a five-a-side pitch, with time taken out to analyse tactics and pick up any points that need individual attention. The course will suit beginners and young players looking to make a start or improve their game, right up to gifted players dreaming of a professional career. On the last day of camp, an enthusiastic crowd attends the Campers vs Counsellors matches with the campers split into two age-groups. An annual cup is awarded to the winning team. Other highlights include the much anticipated excursion to Old Trafford (home of Manchester United), the Awards Night with prizes and the presentation of the attractively designed Village Camps football kit for every player.



## englishlanguage add-on

### The new VCTV programme

(Not available for campers booking the main English programme)

This is a superb, busy language programme designed for those campers who want to choose one of our main eight speciality programmes BUT who would like to spend some time learning English. VCTV takes place on a total of eight weekdays for 90 minutes for each session. This innovative programme is designed to get every participating camper speaking English.

VCTV is operated by a mock TV crew of campers who design simple daily programmes for a short TV broadcast. Each camper has a role – Director, programme planners, camera operators, interviewers and editors. The crew produce a daily programme to be viewed by all campers – with news, interviews, in-depth investigations and clips that will appear on the website for parents. Every 'job' involves discussions and co-operation, so everyone has to speak with their TV colleagues IN ENGLISH!

VCTV is run by a TV production and editing expert working with our qualified English teaching staff. Extra English VCTV is available at a supplementary cost.







## Age 15-17 Leadership Training Camp (LTC)

This is an award-winning programme which all teenagers should experience! Campers are involved in a thrilling range of tasks and challenges where teamwork, communication and problem-solving are put to the test. Each day is constructed around workshops at base camp as well as physical exercises, outdoor activities and 'thinking' challenges. Included are field excursions designed as rally type contests with campers given places to find, sites to visit, items to collect and missions to accomplish. The Leadership Training Camp is an innovative programme ideal for older teenagers who want to gain confidence and develop their 'life-skills' in preparation for university studies and their future adult life.

The 3-5 hour interactive workshops include inspiring presentations on a variety of topics using sophisticated resources. Importantly, Village Camps engages Internationally renowned speakers with impressive backgrounds to specially attend the LTC programme. Each delivers a memorable, outstanding presentation on a different topic that has real take-home value. In recent years, speakers have come from as far afield as the US, Canada, Malta, Italy and South Africa. Campers are often divided into teams with the task of making strategic plans to a series of objectives. For example, they could be asked to design and implement a special event activity for one of the younger groups at camp. Alternatively they may be assigned the task of planning an excursion for the whole leadership group working with a limited budget. These are great fun, but of course challenging. The purpose is to provide campers with project work designed to enable them to understand the advantages of working together as a team in partnership with other group members in order to achieve set goals. By understanding that problems and obstacles are an inevitable part of life's experiences, they learn how to deal effectively with these issues.

The bottom line is that teenagers who go through the very special LTC experience gain self-confidence, motivation, a better understanding of themselves and an appreciation of the value of effective teamwork. LTC helps campers to 'raise their game' and think at a higher level, learning along the way what it takes to become an inspirational leader in every aspect of their lives. At the same time, they make new friends from the world over and enhance their understanding of England and its culture.





Age  
10-17

## Performing Arts Camp

A brilliantly conceived and unique programme integrating dance, theatre, singing and music building throughout the session to an impressive last night performance.

This popular Village Camps programme for aspiring performers with 'stars in their eyes' is headed by Jono Freeman, a talented and charismatic drama and theatre specialist who works closely with a talented, qualified dance specialist and a music teacher/voice and singing coach. During the first few days, campers, along with the teaching team, discuss ideas in order to decide on the main theme and content of their end-of-session performance. The coaching team works with the enthusiastic actors, actresses, singers and dancers to improve their individual skills, building their efforts into what is always a superb show for the end of the session. It takes place in the college theatre with its large stage, rehearsal rooms, storage for props, professional lighting and impressive acoustics. The theatre itself is air-conditioned with over 300 comfortable seats for the all-camp audience.

Every camper steps into the spotlight and also learns about back-stage production, lighting, scenery, costuming and stagecraft.

After camp a URL

with access to a Google Drive is sent to each camper so that they can relive the filmed performances. The Performing Arts programme is quite intensive, taking up 4.5 hours per day, but Performing Arts participants also have the opportunity to take part in the afternoon activities and in the full evening programme, where they will meet their new friends from all over the world.



## Creative Arts Camp

The York Creative Art programme is as popular as ever. The course is directed by an experienced Creative Art specialist returning to Camp for the 4th year in 2015. Our Creative Arts programme is dedicated to developing, stimulating and inspiring creativity in the visual arts. It is suitable for all abilities from the enthusiastic or curious beginner to the most talented artist. Campers are encouraged to explore, create and express themselves in a wide range of art forms including painting, sketching, drawing, and sculpting. The camp allows aspiring artists to try new experiences, learn techniques and improve existing skills. Although this is a challenging and intensive programme, it is fun all the way. Campers enjoy seeing their work displayed regularly throughout the session and at the end of camp exhibition. A highlight is the excursion to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, just over an hour away. The open-air park in the grounds of the 18th century Bretton House has a wonderful collection of major works by Henry Moore and by Barbara Hepworth as well as other British and International sculptors.

Age  
10-17



Age  
10-17

## Riding Camp

An exceptional equestrian programme for young riders with top instruction and great facilities at the friendly Follifoot Riding Centre.

The Follifoot Riding School has been run for almost 30 years by Chris and Julie Pedley. Safety always comes first! On the first day every rider is carefully assessed, the commonsense rules are explained – and each rider is allocated a horse or pony. Later, as the riders develop, the stable policy is to change the horses and ponies to give the young riders more experience. Every day an assessment is made of each rider to measure improvement. Almost all riders progress well and are promoted to higher levels. Instruction includes walking, trotting, cantering, jumping logs and small fences as well as learning about the famous English dressage style.

It's not just about riding! Campers also learn about safety matters, the care of horses, plaiting, bandaging, tacking up, brushing, washing the horses after work and cleaning the tack – all important tasks of stable husbandry. Throughout the session there are fun competitions and games for everyone to enjoy.

The centre has a variety of facilities available to our group:

- ♦ a spacious indoor arena with a sand and rubber surface, sprinkler system and a viewing area
- ♦ an outdoor floodlit manège with a sand and rubber chipping Charles Britain all-weather surface
- ♦ a paddock of 35 acres
- ♦ space to hack in Follifoot
- ♦ access to country trails
- ♦ horse-walker for four horses
- ♦ an on-site working forge

When the riders return to camp, they join the exciting afternoon and evening activity programmes.



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## Golf Camp

Village Camps is back at the Easingwold Golf Club for a third year.

This superb course will see an important added facility in 2015. A brand new, modern covered driving range will have been completed along with a new teaching space. The course has 18 testing and varied holes perfect for young golfers.

This much-acclaimed, intensive programme is for committed golfers of all abilities, serious enough to spend 4-5 hours each weekday learning to play the game or work on improving their handicap. Lessons take place every weekday morning and during the first part of the afternoon. For the past seven years the well-known PGA qualified instructor and club professional, Alastair Grindlay has been in charge. Alastair has 20 years teaching experience in England, Germany and Spain. He uses modern teaching methods with physical screening, Flightscope – a leading and sophisticated teaching aid that analyses and improves the swing, in depth putting analysis and 'Mind Factor' teaching. Alastair consistently delivers a top-quality programme with many campers returning year after year. At lunchtime golfers enjoy a packed lunch in the Spike Bar in the Club House, exclusively reserved for the relaxing 30 minute break. The golfers are divided into ability groups with friendly putting and chipping competitions as well as opportunities to play a full nine or 18 holes.

Every golfer can expect to make significant progress over the two-week session. Golf is great fun but is also hard work and requires dedication!

This is a must-attend camp for those who really want to experience top instruction by leading pros on a particularly suitable course. Sets of clubs are available for hire.





# Zell am See



The pretty, traditional village of Piesendorf is just 90 minutes from Salzburg and four hours from Munich's international airport.

Village Camps is again based at the family run Notburgahof Chalet, a great favourite with our campers over many years. The Chalet has its own sports hall, two tennis courts, playing field and a brand new ropes course! The

high standard rooms are comfortable with en suite facilities and accommodate 2-5 campers. This camp is relatively small with just 75 campers, which along with the friendly family atmosphere and cosy chalet make a stay here very warm, relaxed and personal. Close to the chalet are most of the excellent facilities that make the camp a success. Notably there is a swimming pool, trampoline, beach volleyball, tennis courts, soccer pitch, 'snooker-golf' course, a skating park and a climbing tower. The famous resort of Zell am See and its beautiful lake are just 15 minutes away. Campers have the opportunity to try an exciting choice of water sports. In addition the spectacular mountains that tower above the village offer an even greater variety of challenging outdoor activities, giving an almost endless choice of fun activities. For the morning sessions campers make the choice of their speciality programme – English or German Language, Mountain & Lake Adventure or the much acclaimed signature 'Film Academy'. In the afternoons is a mouth-watering selection of sports and activities. Here at Piesendorf the evening programme is excellent with the whole camp joining in (see the Evening Activity' panel for details). At some stage everyone at camp has some role in the Film Academy. Great fun!



## Facilities include

- ◆ Olympic-style swimming pool
- ◆ Water slides
- ◆ Beach volleyball court
- ◆ Football pitch
- ◆ Tennis courts
- ◆ Trampolines
- ◆ Great hiking and biking trails
- ◆ Climbing wall
- ◆ American football field
- ◆ Low ropes course
- ◆ Gym
- ◆ Movie room
- ◆ Yoga studio

## Afternoon Activities

These activities are the core of the Austrian Mountain & Lake Adventure Camp and are also available to the Language and Film Camps:

- ◆ Abseiling
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Mini golf
- ◆ Mountain biking
- ◆ Mountain hut overnight
- ◆ Paddle Boarding
- ◆ Rodelbahn
- ◆ Rock climbing
- ◆ Ropes course
- ◆ Sailing
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Table tennis
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Trekking
- ◆ Volleyball

## Evening Activities

- ◆ Bowling
- ◆ Talent Night
- ◆ Disco
- ◆ Movie Madness
- ◆ Super Team challenge
- ◆ Go-karting for the Blue age-range

## Excursions

- ◆ Salzburg – Birthplace of Mozart – shopping Bishop's Palace at Hellbrunn
- ◆ Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse – view of the Grossglockner, Austria's highest mountain (3798m)
- ◆ Krimml Waterfalls – dropping 380 metres in three stages
- ◆ Mountain Hut Overnight – a hike through the Austrian Alps finishing with an overnight stay in a mountain hut





## Mountain & Lake Adventure Camp

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This is an extraordinary programme with a wide range of exciting and challenging activities that take place in spectacular surroundings. A non-stop adventure based around the resort of Zell, its beautiful lake and stunning mountains dominated by the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier with its year-round snow.

Under the watchful guidance of specialist instructors and with the caring, friendly Village Camps counsellors working alongside, campers enjoy exciting water sports and outdoor adventure activities including sailing, climbing, kayaking, trekking, mountain biking, ropes course and an overnight stay at a mountain hut. In addition, the choice of sporting activities, which take place on site and nearby, includes football, tennis, swimming, basketball, badminton, volleyball and team games.

Zell am See is an exceptional starting point for wonderful range of excursions including an unforgettable day in Salzburg, the Krimml Waterfalls and a trip to the top of the Grossglockner Pass, one of Europe's best summertime drives. Evening programme highlights are the Mystery Night at a castle, International Night, Treasure Hunt and Prom Night. In summary every camper will really enjoy the two-week programme in a quite idyllic setting.





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## Film Academy

Campers are inspired to learn what it takes to make a film from script writing to shooting, editing, directing and organising sound and light.

Film Academy director Edward McDougal is a renowned producer and director of a number of award-winning films as well as being a university professor who travels worldwide to deliver expert seminars in screenwriting and production. Campers are taught the technical side of filming, production, editing and special effects. Their involvement is total, first developing a script and then modifying a story board, selecting locations, shooting, editing and dubbing. The cast of the final film consists of the entire camp community and each participant in this programme will receive instructions on how to view their very own short movie on the special Village Camps YouTube channel after returning home! Traditionally mornings, and occasionally afternoons and evenings, are devoted to the film project. Using the group's creativity skills, an existing script will be modified, locations investigated and campers interviewed to determine individual roles. This is an inspiring camp which encourages enthusiasm, energy, dedication and real creativity. During the afternoons there is a choice of other activities, always provided that campers are able to finally tear themselves away from their cameras and computers! Incidentally, these are all iMACs with first-class editing capabilities.

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# combocamps

Combine the Zell am See experience with another two great weeks in Leysin, York or the Ardèche and travel between the camps for free! All the expenses including bus/train transfers, an overnight hotel stay 'in-between' the two camps and the plane ticket for the group flight are offered without charge to campers choosing a four-week Combo Camp.

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## Ardèche

**Facilities include**

The central building houses a reception and activity area, a dining room, nurses office, and multi-purpose common room. There are modern and ample toilet and shower facilities.

A sweeping terrace, overlooking the river, serves as dining area and has first-rate barbecue facilities.

**Other facilities include**

- ◆ Volleyball court
- ◆ Table tennis tables
- ◆ Petanque
- ◆ Football pitches
- ◆ Teaching areas

**Afternoon Activities**

- ◆ Abseiling
- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Boulderling
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Canyoning
- ◆ Caving
- ◆ Gorge walk
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Mountain biking
- ◆ Rock climbing

- ◆ Ropes course
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Table tennis
- ◆ Trekking
- ◆ Volleyball

**Evening Activities**

- ◆ Talent night
- ◆ Campfire
- ◆ Sports tournament
- ◆ Visit to local night market
- ◆ Egg shoot
- ◆ Mini olympics
- ◆ Capture the flag
- ◆ Video night
- ◆ Super team challenge

**Excursions**

- ◆ Cultural visit to Montpellier and local waterpark
- ◆ Vallon Pont d'Arc on market day
- ◆ Chauvet Pont-d'Arc cave replica museum.
- ◆ Excursions may vary depending on camper numbers and weather

What a wonderful location for a summer camp experience – a spectacular gorge in the heart of the Ardèche Nature Park in the sunny climate of southern France!

Village Camps is privileged to own one of the few Ardèche campsites with a fantastic riverside position. The setting is simply idyllic and the site has just undergone a major refurbishment including new tents, improved shower and toilet facilities, a new outdoor sitting area for meals, renovated classrooms and common areas as well as new activity equipment!

At the Ardèche, campers will enjoy outstanding river activities, explore some of the most fascinating caves in Europe, go on exciting biking trips and learn to climb. On the banks of the Ardèche River, our site is superbly placed for water sports enthusiasts and the highlight of the session is the 30 km, two-day descent of the river with an overnight bivouac under the stars. Not far from the campsite is the world-famous Chauvet complex of caves with their wall paintings and prehistoric relics dating back 35,000 years, the oldest proof of man's existence in Europe! Those who wish to learn or improve their French, can join the French Language Camp and have 24 hours of lessons in the two-week period, while still being able to enjoy all the major activities and events of the River Experience Camp. Everyone will also improve their English which is the main camp language at this international setting. The adventure activities are supervised by qualified, specialist instructors and caring Village Camps counsellors at a superb ratio of one for every six campers.

Accommodation is in new, modern, all-weather tents, equipped with sprung beds with mattresses, table, chairs and ground cover. The chef produces excellent, nutritious meals based on French and international cuisine.

This appealing programme is the perfect way for outdoor and water-sports enthusiasts to spend quality summer fun time and challenge themselves to new limits!



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## River Experience Camp

Canoeing, kayaking, cave exploration, a ropes course, mountain biking, rock climbing, outdoor living skills, trekking, and even learning to cook – French cuisine – are all part of this spectacular outdoor adventure programme. The programme keeps every camper on-the-go with sports, team-building challenges, competitions, excursions and special camp events.

After several days of essential practice, towards the end of the two weeks, the moment arrives. It is time for the highlight. The group departs on the exciting 30km descent of the Ardèche River by canoe/kayak. This thrilling experience takes two breathtaking days. It includes an overnight bivouac under the stars – Unforgettable! Other adventures include the exploration of the impressive prehistoric caves in the area and a full day biking trip. The River Experience Camp will thrill, excite, challenge and impress. The spectacular 2-day descent down the spectacular Ardèche Gorge will long live in the memory of every camper. Please note that early registration is essential as this private Village Camps site has a maximum capacity of just 50 campers.



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# combocamps

After the excitement at the Ardèche join one of the camps in Austria, Switzerland or England for a spectacular European month. **Special Offer:** All the costs for the transfers between the camps including the plane ticket for the escorted group flight and an overnight hotel stay are free of charge for Combo Campers!





# Paphos



The welcoming island of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean is known as the island of Aphrodite (Venus), the goddess of love and beauty.

According to Greek mythology Aphrodite arose from the sea foam onto the island which was then blessed with beauty, a reputation that still stands today. Campers will be met by our counsellors at either Larnaca Airport (two hours) or Paphos Airport (45 minutes). The cost of the transport by taxi or minibus is included in the price.

The small, traditional village of Droushia is the base for our camp. Situated 35kms from the city of Paphos, Droushia is just a few minutes drive from a picture-postcard seafront set just on the edge of the Akamas national Park, one of Cyprus' natural treasures. This exceptional area boasts an impressive range of most exciting activities that make a well-balanced two weeks. The name of the village, Droushia, means 'cool and fresh' which arises from its situation high above the coast where the fresh mountain breezes are welcome, especially in the hot summer months. The daily schedule has been adapted to the weather conditions. After lunch campers sensibly avoid the peak temperatures and bright sunlight of the hottest part of the early afternoon with an obligatory period spent indoors where campers chill-out, relaxing in their rooms or enjoying the hotel games-room.

Accommodation is at the comfortable, family-run Palates Hotel where Village Camps have exclusive use, providing the precious privacy required to run our programmes.







This modern hotel constructed in traditional village style is just six years old and is in excellent condition. The very comfortable rooms easily accommodate 3-4 campers and have full en suite facilities and air conditioning as well as a small kitchen. Boys and girls are housed separately in the independent wings of the hotel and supervised at all times by our experienced staff. Most of the meals are taken at the hotel, where there are always several options for the main dish as well as a healthy salad and fruit bar. The Cyprus cuisine is famous for its excellent Mediterranean tastes! The Palates Hotel prepares very high quality meals which campers will enjoy and appreciate. As ever, the security, safety and care of our campers is our first priority. There is a generous ratio of one counsellor for every six campers. Most of our reliable and caring counsellors in Cyprus have considerable experience at other Village Camps location. They attend an intensive training week on-site in Cyprus. The Village Camp team includes several certified lifeguards and a full-time nurse. At all sports and adventure activities necessary safety measures are strictly implemented by our counsellors or by local fully-qualified specialists at certain of the adventure locations that we visit.

#### Afternoon Activities

- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Badminton
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Beach Tennis/Volley
- ◆ Beach Olympics
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Donkey / Horse Riding
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Mosaic-making
- ◆ Pottery
- ◆ Rock Climbing
- ◆ Stone-painting
- ◆ Snorkelling
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Trekking
- ◆ Yoga

#### Evening Activities

- ◆ Cypriot and Greek Dancing
- ◆ Football Tournament

- ◆ Competitions and Special Events
- ◆ Teambuilding Challenges
- ◆ International Night
- ◆ Mini-golf
- ◆ Bowling/Laser Tag
- ◆ Talent Night
- ◆ Disco and Prom Nights

#### Excursions

- ◆ Rock and Baths of Aphrodite
- ◆ Kourion – Ancient Amphitheatre
- ◆ Paphos – Medieval Castle and Port
- ◆ Limassol Water Park
- ◆ All-camp cruise to Blue Lagoon
- ◆ Zoo visit with educational tour

Excursions may vary depending on camper numbers and weather conditions.



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## Mediterranean Adventure Camp

Action-Packed programme full of leading-edge adventure and sports activities!

The Mediterranean Adventure Camp is the perfect programme for water sports and outdoor adventure enthusiasts. Campers will enjoy games and fun on the super beaches a short drive from the hotel and will be introduced to a challenging range of different watersports in the warm, blue Mediterranean waters as well as enjoying the mountain adventures high above. The programme is all about promoting an active and healthy life style, together with a respect and feeling for nature and the environment. The busy watersports programme includes swimming, canoeing, paddle-boarding, coasteering, snorkelling, banana boating and beach sports and games. The highlight is a kayak trip to some truly impressive sea caves. Away from the beach and into the mountains the adventure changes with rock-climbing, trekking, outdoor living skills and a half-day mountain biking trip. It all adds up to non-stop thrills, introducing the young enthusiast to new sports, adventures and life in the open-air experiences that are intended to forge new passions for life!

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## The Afternoon-Evening Schedule

During the afternoons and evenings campers from both morning programmes will participate in an exciting variety of activities. Some of these are 'Options' offered as 'Sign-Up' activities. Others are pre-set for the entire group. The schedule includes more time at the beach with a Beach Olympics competition. Other active options include football, basketball, volleyball and badminton. For relaxation campers can try traditional local arts such as pottery, mosaics making and stone painting. Village Camps is known for its teambuilding games, challenges and competitions, which are interspersed throughout the programme. The engaging evening programme is highlighted by special events like International Night, Greek and Cypriot dancing, pool party, bowling, 'murder-mystery', treasure hunt, disco and a Prom Night.





# Singapore



## Evening Activities

- ◆ Discos
- ◆ Indoor Olympics
- ◆ Team-building Challenges
- ◆ Games and competitions
- ◆ Pool party
- ◆ Singapore City visits
- ◆ and much more...

## Excursions

Here are some of the excursions from which choices will be made, depending on the group size and weather conditions.

- ◆ Singapore City Day — see the impressive sights of Singapore up close — take a boat ride up the river — try some famous local dishes — enjoy the world-famous shopping.
- ◆ Universal Studios —
- ◆ Singapore Zoo
- ◆ McRitchie Reservoir
- ◆ East Coast Park
- ◆ Science Center Museum
- ◆ Ropes Course



Welcome to Singapore — a new base for Village Camps offering a Discover Singapore Activity programme, an English Language Camp and for the first time a Mandarin Language Camp.

Our base is in Singapore, a sovereign city-state on the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. This is a dynamic trading centre, which although only with a population of just over five million, is the 4th largest financial centre in the world and one of the five busiest ports.

The Village Camps home base is at the prestigious United World College South East Asia Campus (UWCSEA) ideally situated just a 30-minute drive from the bustling city-centre. The spacious, modern bedrooms are for 2-3 campers, which share bathroom facilities. There are separate areas for boys and girls. The food at the college is special with daily choices of healthy, varied meals served in generous quantities by the college catering team. All diets can be accommodated with advance notice. The entire site has an amazing range of state-of-the-art facilities starting with the spacious common rooms for relaxation and for chilling out with new-found friends from the world over. There are on-site 'entertainment' areas, perfect as a base for many of the activities in our busy evening programme. The complex has a dazzling range of stunning leisure and entertainment alternatives including multiple indoor gyms with full air-conditioning, dance studios, purpose built art-rooms, drama studios, a full-size soccer field, climbing walls, a weight room, and an outdoor but sun-covered Olympic-sized swimming pool.





### Village Camps Language Camps

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At this new location we have the long-established English Language Camp PLUS a new Mandarin Language Camp.

Our campus has superb, air-conditioned classrooms where language students will enjoy the highly acclaimed language teaching programmes.

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## A busy fun-filled multi-activity and 'Discover Singapore' programme

This unique Village Camps' programme is imaginatively designed to make the most of the stunning amenities of the UWCSEA College campus combined with visits and excursions where campers will enjoy many of the famous and fascinating landmarks of this great city and island. The visits and excursions will be drawn from the 'Excursions' list on these pages but will be highlighted by an in-depth day in Singapore City, Universal Studios, Singapore Zoo and the Museum. Back on campus there will be time for the activities using the swimming pool and gymnasiums for team games and competitions. We will also use many of the other amenities as well as a drive to a local ropes-course.





# Boston



## On-site and nearby Facilities

- ◆ Spacious, modern and air-conditioned classrooms
- ◆ Three sports fields
- ◆ Four tennis courts (outside)
- ◆ Swimming pool – outside and inside
- ◆ Full-size gymnasium
- ◆ Ice-skating rink
- ◆ Bowling alley
- ◆ Roller-skating rink

## Evening activities

- ◆ Counsellor Hunts
- ◆ Dances/Disco
- ◆ Field games
- ◆ In-house movies
- ◆ Skit nights
- ◆ Sport challenges
- ◆ Social games
- ◆ Talent shows

## Excursions

Each week, students attend two full day excursions selected from the following:

- ◆ Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard
- ◆ Museum of Fine Arts, Harvard University tour and Harvard Square
- ◆ Skywalk Observatory, Harbour Island tour and Boston Red Sox baseball game
- ◆ Historical Boston City Tour, Aquarium, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market
- ◆ University tour, Museum of Science and Boston Duck tour
- ◆ Hampton Beach Day
- ◆ Salem city tour

Boston is the most historical city in America, founded in 1630, nearly 150 years before the formation of the new nation. It is an exceptionally beautiful coastal city with many impressive buildings and a daisy chain of connected green parks and open spaces with the Charles River never far away. Of course, Boston is a famous University City and home to several prestigious institutions, enjoying a reputation as the educational capital of the US. It is equally well-known as a major sports city, home to a number of historic, iconic teams, the New England Patriots (NFL), the Bruins (NHL), the Boston Red Sox (MLB) and the legendary Boston Celtics (NBA). Boston is a great base for the Village Camps partnership with the Canadian educational specialist, CISS. Both companies have a long, successful history in operating summer camps, especially for campers wanting to improve their language skills. They have a combined total of 77 years in business. It is this know-how, expertise and many years of camp-operating experience that will guarantee the success of this Boston Camp.

Campers will not only benefit from the outstanding amenities of this great city but will also make the most of the sunny, warm weather which Boston enjoys in the summer months. Campers choose between the English Language Camp (ESL) and the TOEFL Prep Course for the morning modules. The rest of the day includes a well-structured range of exciting activities and visits with fun times spent with new found friends from around the world. The camp is on the impressive campus of the Hillside Middle School in Marlborough, a delightful Boston suburb just 30 minutes from the city centre. Founded in 1902, this private boarding school is set in 150 acres of open landscape surrounded by forests. The school boasts a range of excellent sporting facilities including tennis courts, a swimming pool and a well equipped indoor sports hall. Campers are accommodated in 'residences' in 2-4 bedded rooms with shared bathroom facilities on every floor. Boys and girls are in different sections of the residence where they are supervised by caring counsellors from the Village Camps team with a generous ratio of one counsellor for every six campers.



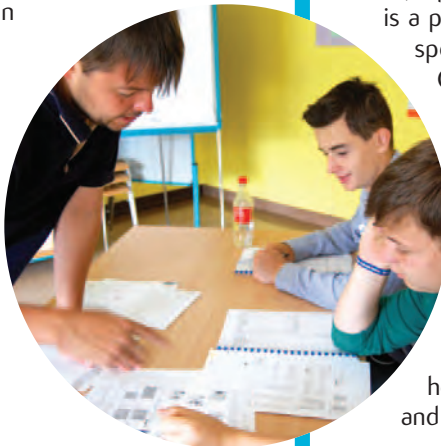


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## English Language Camp

Village Camps enjoys a long-established reputation for its language courses, operated in each of its centres in English, French, German and more recently Mandarin. In Boston the language camp offers three hour lessons each weekday morning (15 hours per week in all). In the afternoons there is a choice of activities with a wide range of different sports and adventures, many using the superb on-site facilities. On some afternoons and on weekends there is a programme of excursions in and around the city of Boston.



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## TOEFL Prep Course

Recognised by 8500 universities in 130 countries (<http://www.ets.org/toefl>), the TOEFL examination is a pre-requisite proficiency test for non-native speakers who want to study at either a US or Canadian university. The TOEFL Preparation Course is purpose-designed for students in the 16-17 age group. Students will improve their grammar and syntax skills, at the same time learning useful test-taking techniques and essential time management skills, important in achieving TOEFL examination success! Students' progress is assessed and checked using a mock test at the beginning and at the end of the Course helping each student assess the advances made and those areas requiring improvement.

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## St Michael's College Campus

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### Toronto-based English Language Camp

This English and activity camp is located at the downtown campus of the University of Toronto, St Michael's College. The campus is ideally located, just a short 15-minute walk to Toronto's main attractions. The programme attracts students from all over the world and combines the ESL (English as a Second Language) course with an exciting range of fun activities and visits. There is an exceptional range of excursions, highlighted by a day to the Niagara Falls.

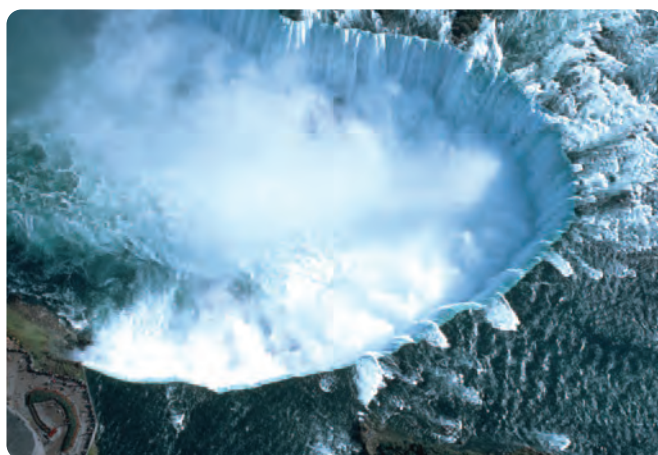
### Accommodation

Students are accommodated in the St. Michael's residence in either single or twin bedrooms with showers and WCs on each floor. The extensive campus is well-equipped with common rooms, a library, language labs, internet café and, to support the efficient supervising counsellors, an effective on-site security system. Students are provided with membership to the impressive local sports complex.

### Camp organisation

The St. Michael's College programme is divided into three sessions – morning, afternoon and evening. Students receive 20 hours of ESL instruction per week, taught weekday mornings by qualified native speakers. In the afternoons students choose from a wide variety of activity choices. They can either use the campus facilities or enjoy the programme of visits and excursions. There will also be an opportunity for pre-arranged visits into the local community.

There is a busy and varied programme in the evenings. Dinner is sometimes on campus and at other times is off-site as part of the evening activity.



Please note that the camps on these two pages are run by our Canadian partners, CISS, and are independent from Village Camps



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## Lakefield Camp, Kawartha

### Ontario based Canadian Outdoor Activity Camp

Lakefield Camp International is operated in the grounds of Lakefield College School, one of Canada's most prestigious private boarding schools. Located only 150 km from Toronto, Lakefield Camp features a calm lake, extensive fields and comfortable accommodations in a safe and natural environment.

### Accommodation

Campers are accommodated in the College's modern 'house' style residences that have shower and WC facilities. The various nationalities and different language groups are sensibly integrated by supervising staff members who share the houses with the campers.

### Camp organisation

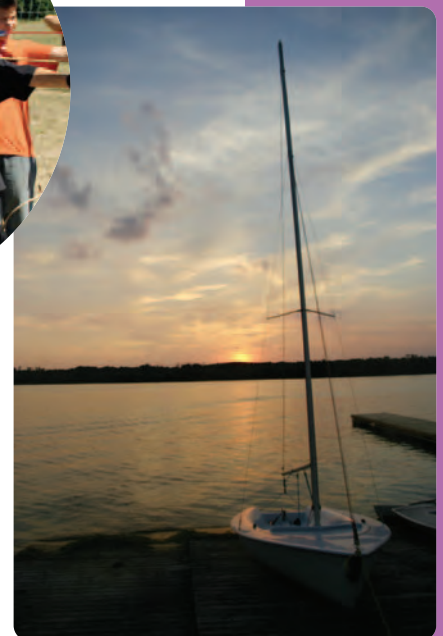
The daily programme is structured around five one-hour activity periods. Two consecutive periods are spent in the classroom for language study. On arrival, all campers are tested and divided into appropriate ability groups. The ESL (English as a Second Language) is optional. Students who decide not to take ESL simply replace it with two activities of their choice. We continue to offer the popular 'Introduction to Guitar' programme.

Another option to replace the ESL course is the WEP (Wilderness Education Programme) available to campers with good English. The goal of the WEP is to involve and educate students using the unique outdoor classroom. Activities are focused on the environment, wilderness exploration and discoveries, including:

- ◆ Wilderness Living and Survival (Outdoor survival games and hikes)
- ◆ Animal and insect exploration
- ◆ Orienteering
- ◆ Native Canadian stories and history
- ◆ Current Environmental Concerns (The programme includes 10 hours per week split into two daily periods and is suitable for campers with intermediate to advanced level English. All instruction is in English.)

Activities – some subject to age and camper suitability

- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Baseball
- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Beach volleyball
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Climbing wall
- ◆ Dance
- ◆ Drama
- ◆ High and low ropes course
- ◆ Introductory guitar
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Martial arts
- ◆ Mountain biking
- ◆ Sailing
- ◆ Soccer
- ◆ Swimming
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