

## DEAR SCOUT FRIENDS,

equmenia's scout camp Trampolin 2013 will soon be here! In less than eight months the camp grounds will be under preparation for welcoming the participants to the camp. We hope to meet around 5000 scouts/guides, leaders and camp staff, who are coming to experience equmenia's first national scout camp together.

We are glad to announce that registration for Trampolin now is open! In this letter you can read more about the registration, and about some background thoughts about the camp.

Welcome to Trampolin!

*The Camp Committee, through Torbjörn Jacobsson, Camp Chief*

### Information about Trampolin

Dates: Augusti 1-9, 2013

Place: Loo, Alingsås, in the south-western part of Sweden

Ages: The camp will be open for scouts/guides aged approximately 10-25.

Registration: At [anmalan.trampolin2013.se](http://anmalan.trampolin2013.se) no later than April 14, 2013.

Webpage: [www.trampolin2013.se](http://www.trampolin2013.se)

Facebook: [facebook.se/trampolin2013](https://www.facebook.com/trampolin2013)

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### Scout camp on Christian principles – what does it mean?

Trampolin will be a scout camp with a strong Christian profile. Scouting on Christian principles as it is described in the new Swedish book "Glöd", which equmenia supports, means that:

- our dedication to young people has its origination in our faith in a God who loves all people and cares about all parts of our lives,
- we want to share our faith, and hope that our scouts/guides will find their own faith in Jesus.

Trampolin has three core values that show the camp's position and what we want to communicate through the camp. The core values are "Faith that leads to action", "New encounters/perspectives" and "Fellowship". "New encounters/perspectives" and "Fellowship" are values that characterize scouting in general. "Faith that leads to action" is what gives Trampolin its specific Christian profile. We want to communicate to the participants what it is like to lead one's life as a Christian and let one's faith affect one's actions. We also want to create a place where the scouts/guides can find and develop their faith. This is done through:

- creating an environment where everyone is seen and noticed by someone
- offering the scouts/guides encounters with different ways of expressing one's faith, both in words and in actions, through different forms of services/devotions, camp activities and personal encounters,
- encouraging scout leaders to take part in the camp as leaders for the scouts, and encouraging former scouts/leaders, pastors, deacons, youth ministers, church members and others to participate in the camp as staff. This means that there will be many adults at the camp, who are available for dialogue and discussion with the scouts/guides and each other.

Participants in Trampolin are **not** required to be practising Christians, neither scouts/guides nor leaders and staff. All participants of the camp are expected to participate in all activities that are directed to the entire camp, including morning prayer/patrol discussions (every day) and services (one or two during the camp). Participants are not, however, required to pray, sing or take part in Holy Communion. There will also be evening devotions that are optional.

## Registration for Trampolin

Registration for Trampolin will be open until April 14, 2013. The registration website is [anmalan.trampolin2013.se](http://anmalan.trampolin2013.se).

The enclosed document "Registration for Trampolin" contains detailed information about the registration process, including a translation of the registration website that unfortunately only has a Swedish version.

The first step in the registration process is registering the troop. This can be done even before the participants have decided whether or not to join the camp – as soon as you are sure that at least one patrol from your troop will attend Trampolin. Register the troop as soon as possible to be sure to receive all information from the camp management.

Registration of participants can be done by the main leader of the troop, by collecting all necessary information from all participants and registering this information on the website. Another option is to give the participants the link to the registration website and ask them to register themselves.

### *Patrols staying together or separately on the campsite*

If more than one patrol from the troop will attend the camp, the patrols can either stay together on the campsite or stay separately. Staying separately means that the patrols will be placed close to each other on the campsite, but not immediately beside each other. To make it easier for the participants to meet new friends, we would like to encourage all troops to choose separate placement of their patrols.

## Home Hospitality

Home Hospitality in Swedish troops will be offered 3-4 days before the camp. Please tell us in your troop registration whether your troop would like to participate in Home Hospitality. You will then receive more information.

## Camp fee

The camp fee for participants (scouts/guides, leaders and other adults that participate in the camp together with the troop) is 1495 SEK. For staff, staff's children and leaders' children that do not participate in the camp activities, the camp fee is 90 SEK per day, maximum 750 SEK in total. Travel expenses are not included in the camp fee.

Each troop will get one invoice for the camp fees after April 14 when registration for the camp has been closed. The troops will then also be given information about international payment.

Until April 14 it is possible to take back one's registration without having to pay the camp fee. Participants who de-register between April 15 and July 14 will get a reimbursement of 750 SEK. After July 14, no reimbursement of the camp fee is done unless the participant is sick and can provide a medical certificate. If so, the participant will get a reimbursement of 1200 SEK. A participant may be

replaced with another participant without any additional cost – send an e-mail with details of the replacement to [maria.fhager@equmenia.se](mailto:maria.fhager@equmenia.se).

## Insurance

The camp is insured for general accidents such as fire, but this insurance does not cover individual participants. All participants are requested to arrange their own insurance for themselves and for their equipment.

## Travelling to the camp

In order to protect the environment, we strongly encourage all participants to travel to the camp by train or bus if possible. The closest railway stations are Alingsås and Vårgårda (approximately 15-20 km from the campsite). There will be buses running from these railway stations to the campsite in Loo on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and the other way round on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The bus fee is 15 SEK per person one way. Bus transfer from the railway station can be booked through sending an e-mail to [plats.trampolin@equmenia.se](mailto:plats.trampolin@equmenia.se).

If it is impossible for your troop to travel to the camp by train or bus, it is also possible to travel by air. The closest airport is Landvetter (Göteborg/Gothenburg). There are airport buses operating between Landvetter and Göteborg, and in Göteborg you can catch a train to Alingsås. The train ride between Göteborg and Alingsås is approximately 30-40 minutes.

Some useful links:

Train (within Sweden): [www.sj.se](http://www.sj.se)

Bus (within Sweden): [www.swebusexpress.se](http://www.swebusexpress.se)

Ferry: [www.scandlines.dk](http://www.scandlines.dk) / [www.stenaline.dk](http://www.stenaline.dk), [www.scandlines.de](http://www.scandlines.de) / [www.stenaline.de](http://www.stenaline.de)