

The theme of this year's Camp is:

Be part of it

Activate personal ambitions towards common goals

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

What Henry Ford stated many years ago, can still be applied to our fast-moving and quickly changing world and the environment we live in. Every single person has their own strengths, ambitions, potentials and abilities. However, combined with the different approaches and combined skills of other people, goals can be reached faster and more effectively. Team building plays a crucial role in voluntary service. Without working together with other people, Henry Dunant would not have been able to found the most important organisation of the world that cares for the vulnerable.

In our society, we sometimes forget that people around us can help us with reaching common goals. Therefore, the 61st international friendship camp with the Austrian Youth Red Cross will focus on strengthening personal abilities and finding strategies and methods to actively combine personal ambitions with those of others. For one greater cause: to work effectively in teams and reach the goals of the international Red Cross/Red Crescent and Red Crystal Movement, such as all volunteers that have come before us.

Build a dreamteam – be part of it!

The topics of discussion at the camp will be based to the seven fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement - topics that are important and meaningful to all young people. The discussions will take place in Information-Groups (moderated by competent group facilitators) and in creative workshops. The camp's diverse program will be supported by a variety of written materials and multi-media tools. The camp's official language is English. It is therefore vital that the participants can communicate effectively in the camp language.

FACT BOX:

Up to two (2) young and motivated volunteers active in your National Society, 16-23 years of age, are invited. The application-form should be sent to the Austrian Youth Red Cross, before 20 May 2016.

Boarding, lodging and costs related to the program will be covered by the Austrian Youth Red Cross, travel costs to/from Vienna and the participation fee have to be covered by the respective National Society.

Excursions to Vienna, Melk and Mauthausen will provide participants with the opportunity to explore the culture and history of Austria.

The annual Torchlight peace-walk at the Camp is a symbol of our efforts and an opportunity for participants to interact with Austrians outside the camp.

At the "Festival of Nations", the camp's impressive closing ceremony, participants will present their home countries (song, dance, sketch etc.) and the work during these weeks will be displayed and/or performed.