

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

LIONS YOUTH FORUM 2024 & CAMPS IN GERMANY (MD 111)



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BASIC INFORMATION

WHAT'S THE LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE?

The Lions Youth Exchange Program was launched more than 62 years ago to provide the youth, future leaders with opportunities to learn about cultures and people other than their own, to promote peace and friendship in the world.

Our main offer is:

- Live 1 to 2 weeks in an international youth camp
- Live 1 to 2 weeks in homestay with a caring host family
- Planned excursions, culture, sports and activities
- Improve your international language skills
- Low camp fee (some with no fee at all)
- Make friends with young people from other countries



WHY GERMANY?

Exploring Germany and delving into its rich culture is a transformative experience for many reasons. Learning the German language opens doors to a vibrant world of literature, philosophy, and art. Germany's history is an amazing journey, from the Berlin Wall to original old castles. The country's commitment to sustainability and innovative technology is inspiring. Furthermore, the diverse landscapes, from the scenic Bavarian Alps to charming villages along the famous River Rhine, offer stunning natural beauty.

Most importantly, the welcoming and culturally diverse German society ensures a warm embrace for those eager to explore this nation's multifaceted culture, making it an excellent destination for cultural immersion.

The German Lions welcome about 250 participants each year. The 20 German Lions Youth Exchange Chairpersons, more than 70 sponsoring Lions Clubs, other local volunteers and the Lions Foundation Germany work hand in hand to make the youth's stay in Germany unforgettable.

In this brochure you will find great adventures. From more nature- and city-related excursions on Page 5, to more culture-focused trips on pages 6-7!

The message applies for all of these great camps: You're welcome in Germany!



APPLICATION DEADLINE

31st MARCH 2024

All applications must be submitted
only to **Mrs. Rita Bella Ada**

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LET'S LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABLE LIVING!

About Lüneburg Heath

For nature enthusiasts, the heath is a paradise. It is a region of extraordinary natural beauty. The cultural heritage of the region with charming historic towns is fascinating to explore.



INTERNATIONAL LIONS YOUTH FORUM 2024

15 DAYS FOR 17 GOALS: EXPLORING THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

As every year the German Lions will host 20 young people in one of their districts in the scope of their International Summer Academy. The event will deal with the development of the topic, creativity, politics, and culture.

The LYE Summer Academy 2024 will be held in the very beautiful Lüneburg Heath. A perfect surrounding to experience all 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. You will learn them through thematic workshops, lectures, field trips and hands-on activities on site at the Seminar Center, at the University of Lüneburg, in Hamburg, Hanover and Bremen. The program comprises exciting lectures with experts, discussion rounds with the group and the Lions, as well as many fun excursions and activities.

You are not only a guest, you are embedded. Choose one goal and prepare a 15-minute-presentation on an activity of a Lions Club that contributes to the achievement of this goal. Send the title of this presentation with your application.

Homestay Time	None
Camp Time	3rd to 17th of August 2024
Ages	18 to 25
Camp Language(s)	English and German

Camp Fee	None
Arrival and departure	Hamburg Airport (HAM), Hannover Airport (HAJ), Hannover or Lüneburg Main railway station
Academy Manager	PDG Dr. Johann Schreiner, District 111-NB



EVER WANTED TO LIVE IN A CASTLE?

INT. LIONS YOUTH CAMP BERGSTRASSE ODENWALD

This is your chance! You'll live at Starkenburg Youth Hostel in the castle on Schlossberg hill, nestled in rolling hills and vineyards above the town of Heppenheim. Discover a beautiful landscape full of tradition, legends and romantic castles. Explore the Odenwald on a handcar tour and visit the spectacular "Sea of Stones". Other highlights include the International Street Theater Festival called "Gassensensationen", a boat cruise on the river Neckar, a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage "Mathildenhöhe Darmstadt" and a flight to the moon at the European Space Agency (ESA).

Homestay Time	29th of June to 12th of July 2024
Camp Time	6th of July to 13th of July 2024
Ages	18 to 22
Camp Language(s)	English
Camp Fee	50 EUR
Arrival/Departure	Frankfurt Airport (FRA)
Camp Manager	Werner Abriß, District 111-MS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE – TOGETHER!

INT. LIONS YOUTH CAMP METROPOLE-RUHR

This Lions Youth Camp promises three weeks of sports, exciting excursions, and cultural enlightenment. Explore the history of industrialization at the German Coal Mining Museum, marvel at light arts, discover our ancestral past at the Neanderthal Museum and venture to other extraordinary spots in the Ruhr area. Plus, we're fostering sustainability with a tree planting event and visits to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) projects in our district. Join us for a summer of growth, exploration, and making a difference!

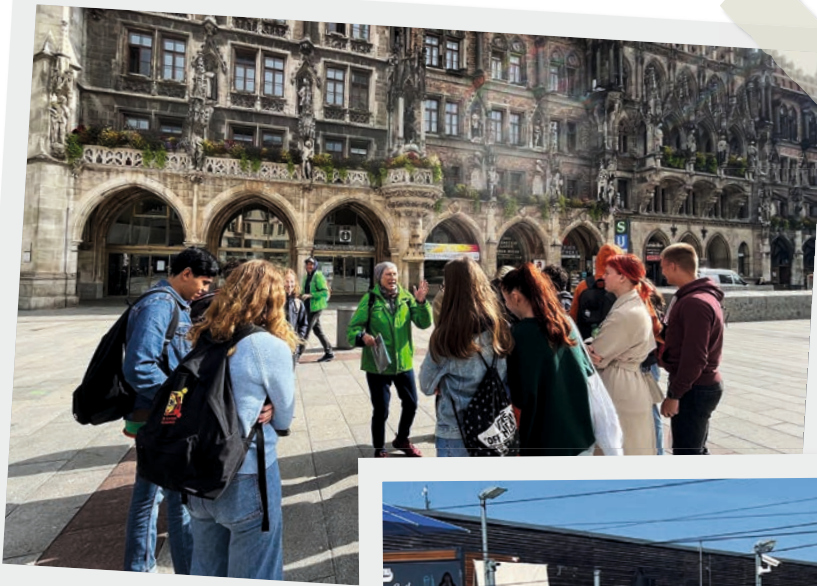
Homestay Time	20th of June to 3rd of July 2024
Camp Time	4th of July to 14th of July 2024
Ages	16 to 20
Camp Language(s)	English and German
Camp Fee	100 EUR
Arrival/Departure	Duesseldorf Airport (DUS), Essen main railway station
Camp Manager	Kay Hoernberg, District 111-WR

POWERING TOMORROW, TODAY

INT. LIONS YOUTH CAMP RHINELAND

Prepare for an extraordinary journey into the future of energy production! An exciting program awaits at the Youth-Hostel Duisburg Sport-Park. Delve into renewable energy with site visits, lectures, and lively discussions. Unleash your potential with leadership challenges, personality exploration, and communication skills training. Discover dynamic cities like Düsseldorf, Köln, Bonn and more, and get your adrenaline pumping with climbing, canoeing, and water skiing. It's a chance to shape the future and make lasting memories! Join us for an electrifying adventure!

Homestay Time	22nd of June to 06th of July 2024
Camp Time	7th of July to 20th of July 2024
Ages	18 to 20
Camp Language(s)	English and German
Camp Fee	200 EUR
Arrival/Departure	Duesseldorf Airport (DUS)
Camp Manager	PDG Prof. Dr. Bernhard Höltmann, District 111-RN & 111-RS



LIONS CREATE A COLORFUL FUTURE TOGETHER!

📍 LIONS YOUTH CAMP HAMELIN AND WESERBERGLAND

Join us on an exciting journey through the natural wonders, rich culture, and stunning architecture of the Weser Mountain range. From exploring the mythical story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin to discovering the rich history of Berlin, you'll have a blast with thrilling sports challenges, unforgettable excursions, and parties on the banks of the Weser river. Get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime!

Homestay Time	15th to 23rd of June 2024
Camp Time	24th June to 6th of July 2024
Ages	15 to 18
Camp Language(s)	English and German
Camp Fee	100 EUR
Arrival/Departure	Hannover-Langenhagen (HAJ)
Camp Manager	Christian Rathmann, District 111-NH

FROM FAIRY TALES TO BITS AND BYTES

📍 INT. LIONS YOUTH CAMP RHINE-MAIN

If you are interested in a blend of small-town charm and big city vibes, this camp is tailor-made for you! Follow in the footsteps of German fairy tales in Hanau, the birthplace of the Brothers Grimm, and the Spessart region with its history of robbery. Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis of Frankfurt, home to the European Central Bank and Germany's main international airport. Visit historical sites that will take you through European history, from Roman fortresses to a former border between East and West Germany (Point Alpha) to the cradle of IT.

Homestay Time	6th of Juli to 13th July 2024
Camp Time	14th to 27th of July 2024
Ages	16 to 19
Camp Language(s)	English and German
Camp Fee	50 EUR
Arrival/Departure	Frankfurt Airport (FRA), Frankfurt-Hahn Airport (HHN), Koblenz main railway station
Camp Manager	Dieter Bug, District 111-MN

Sharing your own culture with your host family while embracing German traditions fosters intercultural understanding and tolerance



THE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC AND DANCE

📍 LIONS INT. YOUTH CAMP FRANCONIA

Experience cultural diversity through the universal language of song and dance. The main activities of the camp are singing, music and dance workshops as well as outdoor and sightseeing activities in the cities of Nuremberg, Bamberg and Würzburg. Get to know each other's cultures by teaching each other modern or traditional dances from your home countries. The results of the workshops will be presented to the public during an international evening.

Homestay Time	20th to 27th of July 2024
Camp Time	28th July to 11th of August 2024
Ages	17 to 27, only youths participating for the first time in Lions Youth exchange
Camp Language(s)	English
Camp Fee	100 EUR
Arrival/Departure	Frankfurt Airport (FRA), Nuremberg railway station
Camp Manager	PDG Harald Riegel, District 111- BN

PAST AND PRESENT IN MUNICH

📍 INT. BAVARIAN LIONS YOUTH CAMP

Ready for a vibrant mix of tradition and modernity? Experience true Bavarian culture of life with your host families. Learn about the future of mobility, both in modern cities and rural areas. You can also look forward to exciting sporting events, team-building activities and trips to some of Munich's iconic landmarks such as the Munich Arena, the home of FC Bayern, and BMW-Welt. Finally, a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Centre Dachau will grant you deeper insights into the darker aspects of German history.

Homestay Time	20th to 27th July 2024
Camp Time	28th July to 10th of August 2024
Ages	17 to 21
Camp Language(s)	English
Camp Fee	None
Arrival/Departure	Munich Airport (MUC)
Camp Manager	DG Rainer Schaller, District 111-BS

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

YOU WANT TO JOIN IN? – FIND HERE HOW IT WORKS!



YOUR PROFILE

16 to 25 years old

Sponsored/endorsed by
a Lions Club

Capable of positively representing
your family, your sponsoring
Lions Club and your country

Cross-cultural competence and
tolerance



HOW TO APPLY

Request endorsement from
your local Lions Club

Send your application to a
local Lions Club and ask for
sponsorship



WHAT TO BRING

Travel expenses

Pocket money

Casualty and health insurance

Camp fee if any

A passion to explore



There are no words that can describe what I was able to experience in Germany. The warm welcome, the excursions, the other young people. There were only tears once. Finally, about the end of the camp and the fact that we all live far apart. Thank you Lions Clubs for many fresh impressions about Germany.

A participant of the LYE Forum 2023

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