## Welcome to the Intercamp 2024!

Hello all patrol leaders!

We officially welcome you to Intercamp 2024! Today we're sharing some basic information that will help you prepare for our adventure in Poland! You will get some more emails from us and your subcamp chiefs later in time, so stay tuned!

## **Basics:**

date: 17-20 May 2024 location: Świeradów-Zdrój (Bad Flinsberg), Lower Silesia, Poland arrivals: Friday, 17 May departures: Monday, 20 May around 12:00pm

**Food:** you need to bring your own food and cook on the campsite (remember – no open fires allowed!). You can use camping stoves – no electricity available on the campsite.

**Hygiene:** we provide portable toilets (known as toi-tois or dixies) and water stations to wash hands and dishes. There are no showers on the campsite.

**Accommodation:** you need to bring your own tents and if you wish – tables, chairs etc. - the space for each patrol is limited, so don't bring too much and respect the others' space.

**How to get to us:** we encourage you to take the train! You can easily get to transportation hubs such as Wrocław (Poland), Nove Mesto pod Smerkiem (Czech Republic) or Zgorzelec/Goerlitz (Poland/Germany). There is a direct train from Wrocław and Zgorzelec to Świeradów-Zdrój (Orłowice train station).

We have organized an Intercamp shuttle bus between the campsite, Orlowice train station and Nove Mesto pod Smerkiem train station.

What to expect on the camp? You are embarking on a space adventure with scouts and guides from different countries! The Intercamp 2024 theme is based on space and sky, as in Świeradów-Zdrój there is a dark sky park, the first of its kind in Poland! We will hike in beautiful Jizera mountains, try delicious food at the pot-luck dinner and join many activities on Plaza connected to sky, sustainable development goals and scouting of course!

What to do in the neighborhood? When in Świeradów-Zdrój, you can explore Jizera mountains and hike to mountain shelter called "Chatka Górzystów" - it's a very well-known place for its delicious blueberry pancakes – a must try!

You can also visit **SKY WALK** – a tower with paths and slides, from which you can see the panoramic views of the area.

Hungry for more? Hike all the way to the tallest peak in Sudety Mountains - **Śnieżka**. It would take you two days with a night in the shelter along the way, but it's worth it! Would you like to dive more into history? Medieval **Czocha Castle** is only 20 km from Intercamp site.

More of a city patrol? Spend a day or two in **Wrocław**, the biggest city in Lower Silesia region, explore the Old Town with its dwarf figurines and enjoy what it has to offer! You can also visit **Gross-Rosen Museum** in Rogoźnica - Nazi concentration camp located 90 kilometers from Świeradów-Zdrój.

We're super excited to see you all in Świeradów-Zdrój in three months! In upcoming emails, we will share more information about logistics, expect one from your subcamp chief as well (mid-April)!Yours in Scouting and Guiding,

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