

Youth Ballooning Activities in Germany



The BallonSportJugend (BSJ) is a permanent institution of the German Ballooning Federation (DFS) for:

- support of youth activities of balloon clubs (youth camps, school and club projects) with know how
- support of youth activities with the German Balloon Federations Youth Balloon D-OBSJ and youth tent camp material



Annual Summer Youth Camp



- German Balloon Federations (DFSV) BallonSportjugend (BSJ) together with the Airsports Youth of the German Aeroclub (Luftsportjugend des DAeC).
- annual since 1991

Other Youth Projects

- „Juniorenmeisterschaft“ in Germany
- Meeting „Jeunes Brûleurs“ in France
- „Youth Airgames“ of the airports youth of Baden-Württemberg (Germany)



German-French Youth Camps



- annual camp since 2003
- rotational located in France and in Germany
- DFJW / OFAJ supported

CIA International Youth Camps History

1. Bitterfeld, Germany, 1996
2. Laucha, Germany, 1997
3. Czech Republic, 1998
4. Fulda, Germany, 1999
5. Kempten, Germany, 2000
6. Laucha, Germany, 2001
7. Wiehl, Germany, 2002
8. Wiehl, Germany, 2003
9. Wiehl, Germany, 2004
10. Ortenberg, Germany, 2006
11. Horb, Germany, 2008





11th IYC 2008



12th International Youth Camp 2012

What ?

Who ?

Where ?



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What: The Intentions:

- connect young balloonists
- strengthen the participants in international team play
- ballooning and real outdoor activities as counterweight to more and more indoor activities and virtual reality or internet online time of young people
- encourage similar initiatives in other countries

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Who: Participants

- up to 24 Participants from America, Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe
- aged 14 to 21
- boys & girls (50/50)
- no ballooning experience required
- communication in English



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Who: Organizing Team



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Where: Location, Date

- Germany, Stuttgart
- 28. JUL until 04. AUG 2012
- SG Weilimdorf
 - local sports club not far from Stuttgart
 - tent camp
 - sanitary facilities
 - soccer field
- Ballonsportgruppe Stuttgart
 - experienced with youth camps since soon 40 years
 - Hot Air Balloons
 - Gas Balloons



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former participants feedback:

- enjoyed ballooning
- had the feeling to be part of the air sport community
- learnt that teamwork is key to this activity and also beyond
- understood that self-discipline and consistency during flight preparation and handling of the material really matters
- had great fun with their peers and coaches



supplementary notes...



- ballooning is not a typical activity for young people
- only in a few countries have youth activities (Germany, France)
- only few clubs and balloonists are engaged in capturing youth interest in ballooning

supplementary notes...

- the need of a more robust structure appeared to be crucial for future youth initiatives
- the main challenge to overcome is the cost
- with the increasing help of sponsors and a helpful community in adapting the conditions to youngsters, this can be more affordable and valuable in return
- youth enthusiasm around ballooning can also be captured and fostered by gathering different people from different horizon: countries or airports ...

