



I.C.E.P. Germany

International Camper Exchange Program

Camp Abbensen

YMCA of Hannover, Germany

Ages 13-15

July 8 — August 7, 2023

≈ \$4200



The **South Mountain YMCA Camps** has been running ICEP trips with YMCA Camps around the world for more than 50 years. In past years, our ICEP Campers have attended programs in Germany, Spain, Russia, Sweden, Great Britain and Canada. In most cases, the format is identical from year-to-year (2 weeks of Camp, 1 week of home-stay, and 1 week of travel). Home-Stay Families in each country are interviewed and vetted by local YMCA staff and volunteers.

In the summer of 2023, we will be sending ICEP trips to Camp Abbensen in Hannover, Germany, as well as a separate trip to YMCA Camp Salduero, Spain.

For questions and information, contact **Cory Evans at the South Mountain YMCA Camps** at 610-670-2267, or by email at cevans@smymca.org. Visit our website at WWW.SMYMCA.ORG.





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Dates: July 8 – August 7

Location: Hannover, Germany

Participant Age: 13–15 years-old

Participant Countries: Germany, USA, Spain, France, Russia, and Japan

Travel Week Destinations: Hannover & Munich

Chaperones: **The US Delegation to this camp will be organized and chaperoned by the South Mountain YMCA Camps' staff.**

The International Camp Program:

- The **Travel Week** will be July 9 – July 14.
- The **Host Family Visit** will run from July 15 – July 22.
- The **International Camp** at Camp Abbensen runs from July 23 – August 6.





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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the cost of the trip?

A: Approximately \$4200. This covers the cost of airfare and transportation as well as all meals, chaperones and program expenses. This may change with airfare prices.

Q: What are the flight details?

A: We will be flying from Philadelphia International Airport. Campers will meet at YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser 1 day (mandatory) prior to departure and will stay at camp to prepare for the trip. Camp will provide shuttle to the airport. Camper Families will meet at the airport at the end of the trip to pick up their camper. Flight dates and times will not be definite until after the informational meeting in March

Q: Is there Financial Aid

A: Financial aid is available in a very limited capacity and is very competitive. Please fill out our standard Financial Aid application.

Q: What do I need to do to participate on this trip?

A: All potential participants must fill out our online application with 3 character references. We will conduct a short interview over the phone, video call or in person. All selected participants must attend all pre-trip meetings.

Q: What is the timeline of events leading up to the trip?

A: We will be accepting applications beginning December 5th. Interviews will be conducted during December and January (an e-mail will be sent out with an invitation). Acceptance notifications will be issued February 3rd. The initial deposit (50% to secure your plane ticket - non-refundable) will be due on February 14th. We will host an informational meeting (all participants must attend) for Germany and Russia on Saturday, March 4th.

Q: Who leads the trips?

A: A chaperone from the South Mountain YMCA Camps (21+) will accompany participants for the duration of the trip.

Please e-mail Cory @ cevans@smymca.org for further questions.