



I.C.E.P. Germany

International Camper Exchange Program



**Camp Abbensen
YMCA of Hannover,
Germany Ages 13 -15
July 3rd — August 2nd ,
2024**

**Tier's~
Tier 1: \$3,848
Tier 2: \$3,672
Tier 3: \$ 3,496
Plane ticket: ~\$1,300**



***Non-Refundable Deposit
Total added in the
Information Page***

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 (1 full day at SMYMCA, 2 weeks of Camp in Germany, 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 2024, we will be sending ICEP trips to Camp Abbensen in Hannover, Germany!

For questions and information, contact Sam Westphal at South Mountain YMCA Camps at 610-670-2267, or by email at swestphal@smymca.org.

Visit our website at WWW.SMYMCA.ORG.





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Dates: July 3 - August 2

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 Full day at SMYMCA Camp will be July 4.
- The Travel Week will be July 5 - July 13.
- The Host Family Visit will run from July 13 - July 19.
- The International Camp at Camp Abbensen runs from July 19 - August 2.





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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the cost of the trip?

A: This year, we are doing pricing a big different. We will be doing Tier's as payment this year. The reason for this is simply because we believe that everyone should have the chance to enjoy the wonderful experience of going to Germany! Here are the prices and Non-Refundable Deposit:

Tier 1~ \$3,848 + ~\$1,300= \$5,148.00 *Non-Refundable Deposit= \$1,924.00

Tier 2~ \$3,672 + ~\$1,300= \$4,972.00 *Non-Refundable Deposit = \$1,836.00

Tier 3~ \$3,496 + ~ \$1,300= \$4,796.00 *Non-Refundable Deposit= \$1,748.00

Q: What are the flight details?

A: We will be flying from Philadelphia International Airport. Campers will meet at YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser 2 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. Please note that the \$1,300 for flight cover is included in each of the Tiers above.

Q: How does payment work?

A: This year, we will be doing "stages" to make sure it is easier for

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 for this trip?

A: All potential participants MUST fill out our online application with 3 references. We will conduct a short interview over the phone, video call or in person. All selected participants must attend all pre-trip meetings. Here is the link to do so: <https://forms.office.com/r/fz2iupM794>

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

A: We will be accepting applications beginning February 16th. Interviews will be conducted during February- April(an e-mail will be sent out with an invitation). Acceptance notifications will be issued February 20rd. The initial deposit (50% to secure your place- non-refundable) will be due on March 20th. We will host an informational meeting (all participants must attend) for Germany and Spain on Saturday, April 6th.

Q: Who leads the trips?

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