



Invitation

FEIF Youth Camp – Sint Truiden 11-18th July 2017

Dear All,

the FEIF Youth Committee would like to invite young riders of the FEIF member countries to the 16th FEIF Youth Camp, which will be hosted by Belgium.

About the FEIF Youth Camp

FEIF Youth Camp is an international camp for young people aged between 13 and 17 years old. The camp is arranged every second year in one of the member countries of FEIF. The first FEIF Youth Camp happened in 1986.

The goal of the FEIF Youth Camp is to bring together young people from different countries. All should share a passion for the Icelandic horse, and the participants will also learn something of the horse culture(s) of the host nation. In order to take part in the FEIF Youth Camp, riders do not have to own (or bring) a horse, but they should be interested in Icelandics, and have some riding experience. Throughout the week a range of activities – with and without horses – is offered, aimed at fostering international friendship and raising standards of all aspects of horsemanship.

To achieve this, it is necessary that participants have a reasonable ability to communicate in English. Youth leaders are advised that they take the level of spoken English into account when selecting young people to participate.

The role of the Country Leader

All participants must be accompanied by a country leader who is able to speak their language, and who can also be able to communicate in good English. Country leaders are responsible for the general well-being of their charges, travel with their participants to and from the FEIF Youth Camp, and they are the link between the organisers and the parents. Country leaders are expected to know the medical and sporting abilities and limitations of their participants and will make sure that all participants take part in the total programme. Country leaders will sleep together with their teams and might also be called upon to help during the camp. For a FEIF Youth camp, one country leader can be responsible for participants of more than one country if (a) they speak the native language of all participants in their charge, and (b) if all arrangements have been cleared with the Youth representatives of the national associations concerned. In this case, FEIF needs to be notified which countries are collaborating, and who is responsible for the arrangements.



Belgisch Stamboek IJslandse Paarden vzw.
Studbook Belge du Cheval Islandais asbl.

2017 – Welcome to Belgium

The FEIF Youth Camp takes place in one of the smallest member states of FEIF. Lodging will be in St-Truiden, and we will have the diverse horse activities on two nearby locations Hoeleden and Boutersem. During the week there will be a range of different workshops on particular aspects of horsemanship. But the main focus of this year's FEIF Youth Camp will be on 'horse and carriage'. Icelandic horses are rarely used as draught horses, but it is not so long ago that our horses had to pull wagons and farm implements in Iceland. In some countries, they were even used in coal mining. As Belgium is one of the world centers of pulling horses what better place it there for us to learn more about enlighten this side of horsemanship?

The programme will include:

- visit to a farm of Brabant horses
- workshop / introduction to working with carriage horses
- workshop on centered riding
- workshop on dental care for horses
- working on double lungeing
- visit of a historical city
- visit of theme-park Bobbejaanland (Western-theme)
- carriage trip
- and much more...

The participation fee for the FEIF Youth Camp is **EUR 680**, this includes full board, transfers at the venue and covers all activities. (Country leader fee EUR 350)

The organizers and helpers are very much looking forward to the FEIF Youth Camp. Thank you to Belgium for hosting the FEIF Camp, it will be a memorable week!

2nd Feb 2017



What you will need for the FEIF Youth Camp 2017

We suggest that you bring the following:

- Warm / cold / wet weather clothes
- Riding clothes, suitable boots, and helmet, especially gloves
- Casual clothes and comfortable shoes
- Sun cream and insect repellent, sunglasses
- Any personal medication
- Spending money
- Camera
- Towels personal

You do not need sleeping bags.

The use of mobile phones: the organizers appreciate that a mobile phone is very much part of everyday life, and sometimes it appears to be difficult to get by without it. However, it is also a major distraction!

Dear Participants, please be prepared to turn off your phone at times when we ask you to do so. **Dear Parents**, please note that we will take good care of your daughters and sons, and for the week of the camp, keep your communication to an absolute minimum.

Application process

All applications have to go via a national country leader, and no individual applications will be accepted. Please note the following deadlines for a number of different forms:

- Participants form and CL form:
 - Deadline to return to FEIF Office: **20th April 2017**
 - Has to be sent in by the national youth leader/national offices
- Application form:
 - Deadline to return to FEIF Office: **10th May 2017**
- Liability form:
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 - Applications without liability form are not valid
- Payment:
 - **20th May 2017** - see application form for details

Arrival – Tuesday, 11th July until 5 pm

Please contact us, at what time you will arrive at the airport – Also notice that some airplanes are landing at 'Brussels South' (= Charleroi) which is situated 60km away from Brussels. For those arriving by car, there is a major parking lot at the sleeping facility

Departure – Tuesday, 18th July after breakfast

We will assist you to organize transfer as needed.



