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summer camp
brazil

bem vindos!!!

welcome everybody!! we are pleased to receive you in this camp!

who is coming??

we'll be having delegations from: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Norway! And we have an international staff from Denmark!



Staffs

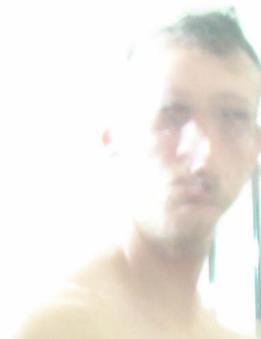
DIDA:

hi, everybody!!! My name is Adriana, but call me Dida! I'm 23, and I'll turn 24 right before our camp starts... I'm a dentist, and I love to dance, do sports, and sing (but only in the shower!!!). I've been in CISV for 14 years, and I love it! I'm part of the summer camp committee in Sao Paulo chapter, and right now i'm really excited for being your camp director! See you soon!!



RASMUS:

I like cofé, I make a really good pasta salad, I usually shower everyday, Murphy is a very close relative of mine (murphys law). I have a handwriting as a 4 year old child, I love to have fun LOTS of fun, I like cofé, I love to travel. I am not very happy with onions, I love to dance (I am not very good) but I love it, I am very bad at remembering names,I like cofè. And my name is Rasmus and is 28 years old



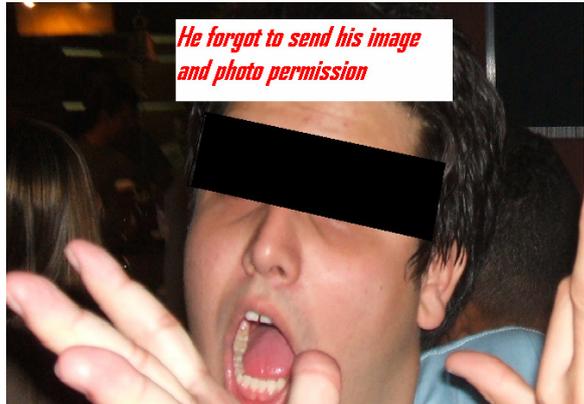
THALES:



hey Guys! My name is Thales and you can call me.....Thales. I'm 26 years old and I work as lawyer. I'm in CISV since I was 11 years old. As a leader I've been to four villages and two youth meetings, so this is my first experience in a summer camp and I'm very excited about it! Besides CISV, I like to play soccer, run, travel, meet my friends, "do nothing", read, go to the movies, etc. I'm looking forward to meet you all! I'm sure it will be a wonderful time in Brazil! Take care!

VINICIUS:

hey everybody! My name is Vinícius, but you can call me Buranas. I'm 23 and I'm lawyer. I've been to 3 summer camps, and also to some local works and training camps. Actually I'm from Ribeirão Preto and from my city to São Paulo it takes about 4 hours by bus....I am also a very curious person. I like to get to know different personalities...1000.



Let me tell you some of what enjoy: movies, pasta, fish, running, mint, water, music, dance, friends, rivers, flowers, croacia, trips, small places, huge beds, books, horses, video games, stones, bugs - yes I like bugs -, long talks, small talks, hands, hugs, kisses, eyes, cool people, arts,.... It's enough hehehe
I love "summer camps".. I am very excited about our meeting... I'm sure we will spend some amazing and unforgettable time. Fly safe! See you soon!
Beijos e Abraços

what makes a summer camp special?

a summer camp is a unique CISV program in which the camp activities are planned and run primary by the youth participants. The activities are planned over the camp theme, provided by the staff. The staff and adult leaders at the summer camp act as facilitators or people who provide help, support and guidance when called upon by the youth. The leaders and staff will plan the first couple of days of the camp, but after that, you will be responsible for planning activities. This may sound like a big task, but... don't worry, your leaders and staff are there to help you if you need it.

what about the theme?!!!



our camp theme is dandelion. dandelion is a little white flower that easily is blown with the wind. just like dandelion, our life and our world is that fragile, and can be hurt, damaged or completely changed by lots of things and acts... our acts, just like the wind that spreads the seeds of dandelion away, affects our destiny, our environment, changing the way things go. Respect and care should be everybody's basic principles, without even thinking before acting. But sometimes we do things without even knowing their consequences. When we act, do we really care for the earth, for our local society and environment, and for our life and integrity??

Caring for our lives:

caring for our own lives concerns remembering how fragile our body is, and what benefits or problems we can have in the future when we decide something for ourselves. Lots of things benefit our body and mind. Lots of other things can easily damage our bodies, even though they can give us pleasure in the moment of the action. Caring for ourselves also includes a kind of mental ecology. Within us, sometimes, there are characteristics that distance us from healthy and sustainable relations to life nature and people around us. How can we deal with our good or bad emotions? Nevertheless, we cannot think of our acts as isolated things; a great amount of our acts, even though they can seem to be related only to us, can actually affect other people's lives.

Caring for your local society/ environment:



caring for your own society represents the local. Therefore, every human need to find out that he is a small part of a bigger system, ecological and cultural. What is one's responsibility about his local society? People are different, but they all live in the same planet, and they all have the same needs. It does not focus only on the natural environment, it wants the entire environment. It inserts the human and society into nature. It

concerns itself not only with making the city a more beautiful place, with better streets and more attractive parks and beaches. It prioritizes basic sanitation, good public schooling, decent health services... Humans are part and parcel of nature.

Caring for the earth:

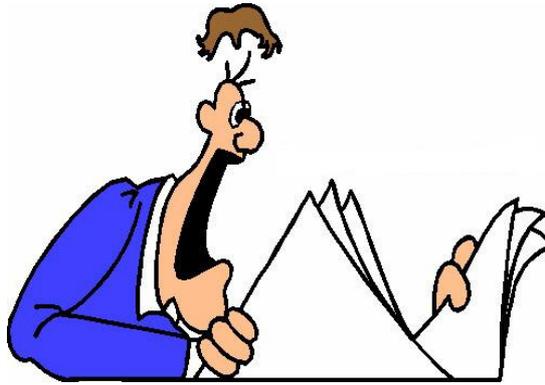
it represents the global care. Is it right that humanity take more from nature than nature can replenish? Should we adopt lifestyles and development paths that respect and work within nature's limits? To adopt the ethic for living sustainably, should people re-examine their values and later their behavior? It is focuses on the natural environment, so that it does not suffer excessive disfiguration, with quality of life and with the preservation of species threatened with extinction.



no nation today is self-sufficient. If we are to achieve global sustainability, what should be established among all countries? Global and shared resources, especially the atmosphere, oceans and shared ecosystems, can be managed only on the basis of common purpose.

we should not forget that these 3 meanings of “CARE” are not independent one from the other, they all concern to the idea of an open, dynamic equilibrium between them. We lack a sustainable society that seeks development for itself which is viable for the needs of all. Our actions shouldn't attend only to our own needs and desires but also to the others necessities and the needs of other beings in nature, the plants, the animals, the microorganisms, because all together they constitute the global community, in which we are inserted and without whom we ourselves could not exist.

Now, we have a few questions for you:



- How fragile is the world?
- What have been jeopardizing it?
- How should we care about our local community? And our local environment?
- Can we work for a better society alone? How can our acts affect the others?
- Do you think that the things that matters to you is the same thing that matters for the people in your local community? And the people around the earth?
- To make your country perfect, what would you change? Would you change anything at all?
- What good things does your country have to offer and to show the rest of the world?
- How fragile is life?
- What can hurt physically and emotionally?
- What have been putting your country in danger to have a breakdown?

your cultural activity!

your delegation should plan an activity. The cultural activity it's supposed to be linked with the theme on the camp and your own culture (the culture of your country/ community).

let us know, as soon as possible, if you need any special equipments or requirements. We will try our best to provide what is requested. But please, be reasonable.

IMPORTANT NOTE: in summer camps there are NO national days or national evenings as in a village camp. there is NO need for booklets as well.

here are some tips for preparing your cultural activity:

A Simple Guide To Planning A CISV Summer Camp Cultural Activity

A CISV Summer Camp Cultural Activity, planned by each delegation before arriving at a camp, allows each delegation to share their culture with all participants using different methods. These may include discussions, games, crafts, food, dances, drama or a new creative activity from your country.

They should be based on the theme and relate to your culture.

What is the aim of the Cultural Activity?

- To educate Summer Camp participants about a specific culture through participation in a fun educational environment, using the theme to share specific aspects of your culture.
- As delegates prepare, they also learn about themselves and their culture.

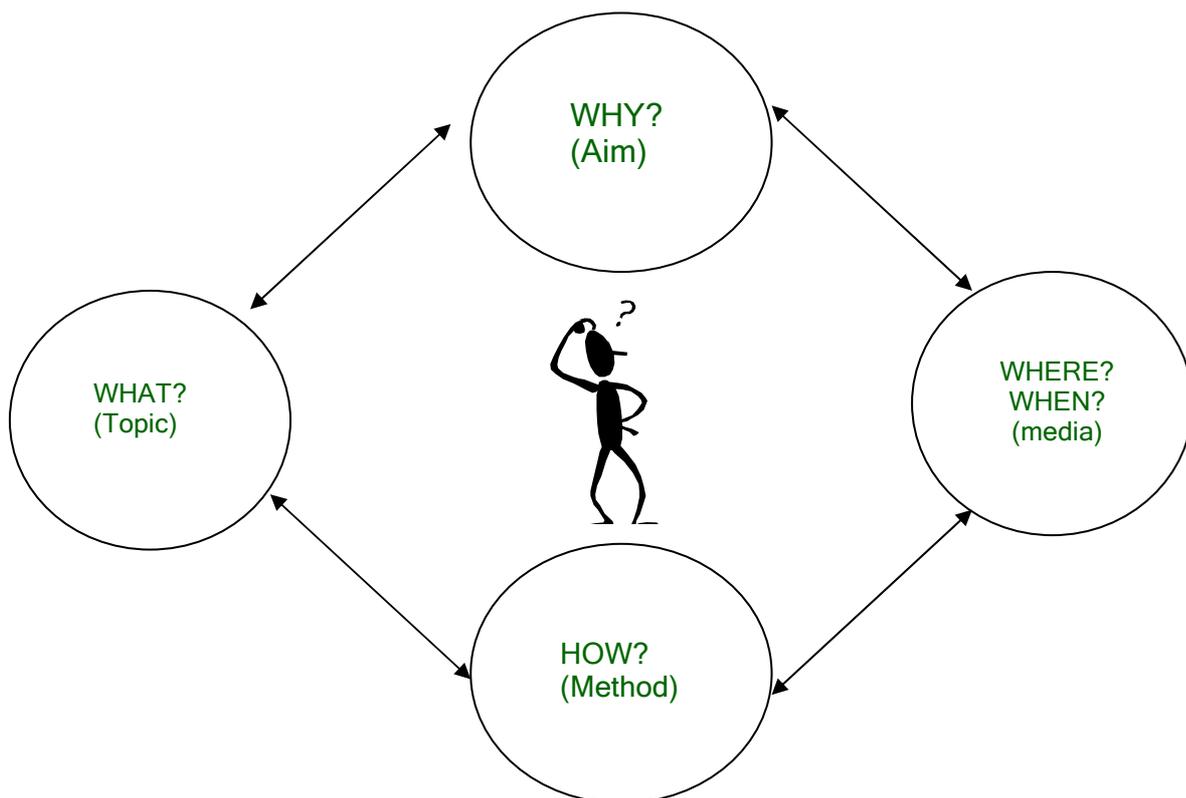
How can we incorporate the theme and our culture?

- Create a new activity or use an existing one and adapt it to your own culture and to the Summer Camp theme. (Refer to Local Work activity database on their website if needed).
- Use materials brought from home (posters, instruments, newspapers, pictures, and silly objects).
- Use sub-themes within your culture (regional variation, important cultural events, and current national issues).

A simple, yet useful comparison:

Village National Night	Summer Camp Cultural Activity
Presentation (delegation shows)	Activity (everybody participates)
Not necessarily theme related	ALWAYS theme related
National costume	NO national costume required, unless related to theme
National food	NO national food required, unless part of activity
National dance or song	NO national dance or song required, but can be used as an icebreaker
Booklets distributed	NO booklets required
No discussion expected	Discussion or presentation recommended
Presenting, entertaining, showing, enjoying	Experiencing, sharing, discussing, enjoying
Lasts usually one activity period	Length is up to delegates
Activity is related to delegation's country	Activity is related to delegation's country and Summer Camp theme
Consistent across all Villages	Depth of activity and discussion dependent on the age group

How to Build an Activity For all 15 year old delegates



very very very very important: FORMS

first of all, you should send to Dida AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

- your delegation information form (VDIF)
- your travel information form (VDTIF)

here's a list of forms you should send us or bring to the camp:

FORM	Who has to bring it...	How many...	When to send it...
Health Form (signed by a doctor)	Everybody	1 original + 2 copies	Bring with you to the Camp
Adult Legal Insurance Form	Leader	1 original + 2 copies	Bring with you to the Camp
Youth Legal Information Form	Delegates	1 original + 2 copies	Bring with you to the Camp
Travelling Without Adult Leader	Delegates	1 original + 2 copies	Bring with you to the Camp
Delegation Information Form	Everybody	1	Send to Dida as soon as possible (before the camp starts)
Swimming Permission	Everybody	1	Bring with you to the Camp
Image and Photo Permission	Everybody	1	Bring with you to the Camp
Delegation Travelling Form	Everybody	1	Send to Dida as soon as possible (before the camp starts)

All CISV Forms can be downloaded at <http://resources.cisv.org>. If you can't find any of them, the staff will send to you by e-mail.

your contact person before camp:

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the camp site!!!

our camp site is located one hour away from São Paulo city, in a town called Santa Branca. It has swimming pools, soccer fields, sports square, and some other amazing facilities!



arrival and departure dates!!!!

the summer camp starts for the adult leaders on July 7th right in the morning. We ask you to arrive one day before that (on July 6th) so the leaders will be able to rest from the trip and be ready to start working on the next morning! The first 2 days the youth will be staying at CISV homestays.

the summer camp ends on July, 29th at 12 pm. Please don't leave the camp before that!!!

don't forget to confirm your flight tickets 72 hours before departing! We will do that for you on your way back home!

visa

some countries need visa to enter in Brazil. Please check in your country if you will need that. To get in Brazil there are no laws that ask you to take certain vaccine. But we do ask you guys to check carefully in your country (PLEASE, DO THAT!) if vaccines are asked when coming back from Brazil, so that you won't have any troubles to get in your own country when going back home.

insurance

according to CISV rules, every delegation should bring their own individual insurance, which should cover doctors and/or hospital bills and provide for any emergency return trips made necessary due to sudden illness or injury.

upon arrival, we will request a photocopy of your medical insurance for each member of your delegation.

leaders are responsible of knowing how to use their delegation's insurance as well as how to contact the insurance company.

money

we advise everyone to bring about USD \$ 200,00 as pocket money. You might want to bring more if you are staying extra days before or after the camp so please take that into consideration. The delegation may also bring emergency money, in case you need to use for some medical problems, for example. We recommend about USD \$ 1000,00 for the whole delegation. Ask your chapter about it!

Exchange Money in Brazil: USD \$ 1,00= R\$ 2,00 /

€ \$ 1,00= R\$ 2,70



Can of Coke	R\$ 1,50	CD	R\$ 30,00
T-shirt	R\$ 30,00	DVD	R\$ 50,00
Sandwich	R\$ 4,50	Book	R\$ 45,00

dietary restrictions



If you have any special food restrictions (vegetarian, diabetic, religious, allergies, etc...), please let us know as soon as possible! Knowing it well in advance makes it easier for us to meet any special needs.



health consideration

if you have any requirements regarding your health- allergies, migraine, epilepsy or anything else- let us know please!

communication

Teenagers are not allowed to use the phone during the Summer Camp and parents are not allowed to call them according to the CISV rules.

Mobile phones are not allowed as well!

Leaders will be the only ones who are allowed to contact their home country to keep the families updated.



contacts!

add us to your msn!!!

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letter to the youths

Dear Youth,

We - your staffies - will welcome you on our camp shortly after your arrival in São Paulo, Brazil. Now, since this is still some time ahead of us, we want to make contact with you before. You may ask yourself what waits for you in Brazil, or you may already have had some CISV experience and have a good guess what to expect. Also, your leader has expectations (you may want to share yours with hers/his), and so do we. Now, we hope that we will learn a lot about YOUR expectations, before and during the camp; to feed your curiosity, we will talk a little about ours.

A Summercamp is a CISV camp for youth; and since you are 15, definitely not “kid” anymore, and ready to discover the world (and yourself? your personality? your dreams? your wishes? hopes? plans?), we want to assist you in this discovery. You will be asked to not only participate in activities and discussions, but also to plan them by yourself (with some help and assistance from your leader of course), to take over responsibility to make the camp experience a great one for you and everybody else, to share your ideas, experience, creativity, inspiration, dreams...

Every Summer Camp has a certain topic; ours is about how we should care about our lives (ABOUT THE OTHERS?) and our environment, and that’s why we call our camp “Dandelion”... meaning that we want you to question yourselves if you are taking good care of yourself and our planet, and why sometimes it’s so difficult to do everything remembering to take care. Take a break, think about it, and try to figure out some answers for the questions we asked you... talk to your delegation, your friends, your leader...

Our intention is to work - together - on this theme! Create activities that will lead us discuss and share our experiences and everything!!!

We are sure this is going to be an amazing summer!!

You will love São Paulo! Be sure!!!

See you very, very soon!!!!

Take care.

Fly safe!!!

Um beijo!

Dandelion Staff

letter to the leaders

Dear Leader,

As we are writing this letter...there is a few time until we get to see each other face to face!!! Since in CISV programs, the preparation period is equally important to the program period, we want to give you a little hands-on guide on what we expect, dream, and wish - hoping that you will share your expectations and wishes with us in the first two days of camp.

A Summer Camp is a quite unique CISV programme. It is a program where the youth participants are responsible to make it a great experience for themselves, to plan their activities, discussions, daily schedule, and everything else that isn't somehow limited by real-life regulations (i.e. Food, laws, etc.). Your task as a leader is to provide facilitation, inspiration and help to the youth where needed, and of course to get an equal share of activity and discussion fun for yourself.

Now, what does a facilitator do? You should have received some leadership training in your NA/PA, but nevertheless we dare to repeat some of the most important points:

- Create an open, caring and safe environment for the group.
- Help by making the youth's ideas evolve through discussion and by asking the right questions.
- Listen without judging.
- Be genuine, sincere, open and friendly.
- Act as a role model; participate in activities and discussions, and share your ideas and experience.
- Demonstrate your respect for others by being interested, friendly, warm, cooperative and available to the group.
- Try to be positive and point out the positive things in situations.

It is very important to us that you work with your participants prior to the camp, that they are familiar with how to plan an activity, how to relate to the camp theme, and that they do have a few discussions about the topic (as vast as it seems) before coming to São Paulo.

Go through the Precamp Infos with them and their parents, try to answer all their questions, and don't hesitate to contact us if something hasn't been written clearly enough by us. Try to practice the role you and your participants will have during the camp - facilitate them in their discussions, or let them think about some topic-related activity. You will find your Summer Camp experience most enjoyable if you and your youth are well-prepared and "into it" from the start - let us work to make this camp a great experience to all of us!

Our best regards,
Hoping to see you soon,

Dandelion Staff

letter to the parents

Dear Parents,

Your daughter/son is about to participate in a CISV Summer Camp. CISV - "Children's International Summer Villages" - has over 50 years of experience in working with kids, youth and adults towards creating aware individuals that strive for a better world. We do so by enabling kids to come together in the protected atmosphere of a camp, so they can learn about different cultures and make friendships that connect them with the rest of the world, and may last longer than one could expect considering the distance that lies between the two friends.

We, the staff of this year Summer Camp in Brazil/São Paulo, are working hard to put this camp on stable ground, so that all participants have a safe, warm and inspiring environment they can grow in. As you may have heard, youth participants are asked to plan their own activities, discussions and daily schedule on a Summer Camp - of course always with the help and facilitation of their leaders - which makes a Summer Camp different to what your daughter/son may have experienced in former CISV activities.

We encourage you to help your leader prepare the delegation, and give her/him every possible support you can. She/he will be responsible for your daughter/son, and it is a great help to you, your kid, and the leader if you get to know and trust each other. Your leader will go through the Pre Camp Information sent out by us with you (or has already done so), so please feel free to ask anything to her/him.

Please, make sure that your kid is equipped with all necessary forms (Health Form, which has to be signed by a doctor, and to be filled in at most two months prior to the camp, and Legal Form, Swimming and Web Image Authorization), visa, documents, insurance and the pocket money.

We are doing our best to be prepared and to give the opportunities, tools and inspiration to live CISV at its best at this camp; so that this experience may be an unforgettable one.

Yours,

Dandelion Staff