

ESG NEWSLETTER 2011

European Scouting and Jungschar group



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Greetings from the ESG Executive Committee

What a year!

We have been in Germany and experienced a success with the ESG Jamboree and we have elected a new ESG executive committee. The committee will have another meeting in Basel and some of us will be at the first planning meeting for the YMCA Festival 2013.

We are grateful for getting to know many of the ESG persons in Europe, and hopefully we will many more of you in following times.

God bless!

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The new ESG executive committee:

Endre Vik Nordbrønd - leader, Norway:

I am 21 years old and study social work in Oslo.

For me is ESG networking with other scouts and jungschar, new experiences and a great platform to meet others within the YMCA.

I have been part of the ESG executive committee since 2008, where I was elected at the YMCA Festival in Prague. That was three years ago and we are now working towards Prague 2013!



Hariolf Schenk – member, Germany:

I am from Ditzingen. It is a small city in southern part of Germany. I am a volunteer at the YMCA. In my hometown I have two Jungschar groups for boys. I'm in the ESG Executive Committee since 2007. I like to work in the ESG-Committee to bring young peoples from all Europe together. To hand them the word of Jesus our Lord. I am really happy that we have had the ESG-Jamboree 2011 in Germany and that we are planning to have the ESG Jamboree in the future every four years.



Heidi Silvén, - member, Finland:

I'm a 20-year-old medicine student from Oulu, northern Finland. I'm a leader in our local scouting troop. Besides scouting I like sports, so I spend most of my freetime with these two hobbies.



Alena Schmassmann – secretary, Switzerland:

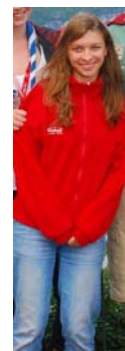
Well, my name is Alena Schmassmann (some only call me SCHMASSMANN). I am from Switzerland and for four years a member of the ESG excom. In this four years I met so many incredible people, visited great countries and felt fellowship. I love to be a part of it. Can't wait to see you in Norway 2012. Be there, don't miss it!



Take part of the ESG Day at the 12 November!

Réka Soproni – member, Hungary:

Hi! I'm Réka from Hungary. I study German language and literature and History at a university of the reformed church in Budapest. I'm in the Hungarian YMCA and Jungschar for years and I really enjoy what I'm doing. I'm very happy to have become a member of the ESG Executive Committee and hope I'll be able to do contribute to the work of YMCA and do more for you!



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Past events:

ESG JAMBOREE 2011

Over 300 scouts and Jungscharler celebrated one week on the Loreley - the most famous place in Germany - the movement of the YMCA Europe with a fascinating program. ([Click here for slideshow](#)) Campfires in the evening and a great coffee tent made by the Swizz, a 2 days hike on the Rheinsteig ([click here for video of the hike](#)), staying overnight in an open air pool in Kamp Bornhofen, as well as a visit of the city Koblenz and the „German Corner“ (Deutsches Eck) (see [Flashmob](#)), a crazy boatsparty on the river Rhein and lots of other activities under the moto “Come as a guest - leave as a friend” became true.

We celebrated together, had morning devotions, debated, sang and laughed together – we had a great time together.

We all hope that we meet again at the 4th ESG Jamboree in another place in Europe! Come and join us too. You won't forget the time!

ESG Committee, Hariolf Schenk



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Upcoming events:

ESG Day 2011

Take part of the ESG Day **12 November!**

This time it is the Swiss who have made this program for you.

You can use the suggestions for your own group and the program last about 1 ½ hour. You will make a catapult and help David fight against Goliath, sing some Swiss songs and (of course) eat bananas with chocolate!

Remember to send in your postcard to Alena!

You can find the program at: (will fix the URL)

ESG Leadership and Seminar

NORWAY 2012

30 August – 2 September are the dates for the next Leadership training and seminar in Norway. Those who take part in the leadership training will meet some “traditional Norwegian scouting” and will for most of the time be outside. For those of you who are some years older and going to participate in the seminar will meet interesting speakers who will motivate and enlighten your YMCA work.

We will use the national scouting center Nordtangen, one hour from Oslo and 45 minutes from Oslo International Airport Gardermoen.

If you are interested to have some extra days in Norway, before or after the leadership training, the committee will work with some arrangements for this.

http://www.kmspeider.no/filestore/nordtangen_english_web2.pdf



After our November meeting we will post more information about the Leadership and Seminar on our website, and if you have questions you can address them to Endre.

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