



OVERNIGHT ENGLISH CAMPS

WALDECK AM EDERSEE PARENT HANDBOOK



WE ARE
KCA
Kids Camp America



JOIN THE TEAM!

At Kids Camp America, we believe that every kid has a special, unshakable confidence for not only themselves but their own special talents. Whether it's a talent, a hobby, a sport, a skill, or a passion, we encourage our campers to explore their own interests, try new things, and discover their own potential.

We have built our summer camps on the basis of this belief and our confidence that our campers will have the experience of a lifetime and return home not only with improved English skills, but also with a host of other benefits.

When you join our KCA team, you are part of a team of open-minded people from a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds. You will be sure to have forged the most meaningful friendships over many years.

Are you ready to join the team?

We are looking to expand our team and we want you!

Your KCA team



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"WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CAMP?" WE KEPT ASKING. "EVERYTHING!" WAS ALWAYS THE ANSWER. I DON'T REMEMBER HOW WE FOUND KCA, BUT I AM TELLING ALL OUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT NOW!

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TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE



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Waldeck



FIELD TRIPS



ARTS & CRAFTS



SPORTS



LESSONS

Time	Sunday April 10th	Monday April 11th	Tuesday April 12th	Wednesday April 13th	Thursday April 14th	Friday April 15th	Saturday April 16th
AM 08:00 - 09:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
AM 09:00 - 10:00		English Session I	English Session I	English Session I	English Session I	English Session I	Check-Out/ Departure
AM 10:00 - 11:00		English Session II	English Session II	English Session II	English Session II	English Session II	Closing Ceremony
AM 11:00 - 12:00		English Session III	English Session III	English Session III	English Session III	English Session III	Laundry Pick Up
PM 12:00 - 01:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
PM 01:00 - 02:00		Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
PM 02:00 - 03:00							
PM 03:00 - 04:00		Gondola Ride to Burg Waldeck	Archery	Bubble Football	Ferry Trip and Hike to Farm	Stand up Paddles	Hold Over Activities for kids staying for WII
PM 04:00 - 05:00	Arrival/ Check-In						
PM 05:00 - 06:00	Getting to know each other	Activity Stations	Activity Stations	Activity Stations	Activity Stations	Activity Stations	
PM 06:00 - 07:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
PM 07:00 - 08:00	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Laundry Drop Off	
PM 08:00 - 09:00	Camp Fire Night	Games/Wii Night	Movie Night	Night Walk	Bingo Night	Disco Night	
PM 09:00	Bed Time	Bed Time	Bed Time	Bed Time	Bed Time	Bed Time	

KEY INFORMATION

LOCATION:

U. H. J. Jugendherberge Windack im Edersee
Kloppenberg 38
34163 Waldeck



TIME & DATES

Arrival: Sunday, between 18:00 and 18:30am
Departure: Saturday, between 8am and 9am

Please make the plan as to where you will work and either arrange your takeover program or they can do this for the day.

Please note that all participants based in the Youth Hostel. Please do not bring participants skirting us or a spoils of your camp!

ACCOMMODATION

KidsCampAmerica is a proud member of the DUF – the German Youth Hostel Association. The Jugendherberge Waldeck can be reached via a short drive from the Edersee promenade. It is minutes walk to the lake and is a lovely area to take the gondola up to the Waldeck Castle. Our campsite is open, tents, tables and stools.

All meals and snacks are included and provided by the Youth Hostel. Bed covers and towels are provided as well.

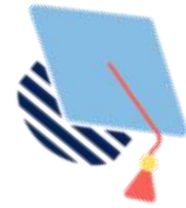
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AUCH VIEL GELERNT. ICH FREUE MICH
SCHON AUF NÄCHSTES JAHR."**

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BEFORE ARRIVAL

WHAT TO PACK

Please refer to page 9 of this document for a packing list.

WHAT TO CONSIDER

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE RULES

All R.M.H. depends on a triping camp for other visitors. They need your assistance keeping common and private areas clean and tidy.

All youth hostels are committed to environmental protection and nature conservation. Visitors are requested to collect waste separately by waste codes and to be economical in the use of electricity, washing and water.

Food may not be prepared or eaten in the rooms. Because of the protection insurance and health reasons the use of electrical devices for the preparation of food and hot drinks is not allowed.

Smoking is not allowed in the youth hostels.

Visitors are not allowed to bring or consume alcoholic drinks in the inside of the hostel grounds.

Animals may not be brought into youth hostels. An exception can be made for guide and service dogs by a notice with the hostel manager.

All quiet time for sleeping is from 10 am to 7 am. All campers must arrive in their rooms during this time period.

HOMEWORKNESS

Occasionally, an elderly volunteer asks about the child's health and the name of the child. You can be helpful by providing the necessary information to help the volunteer:

Do not ask the volunteer to stay at camp with the children. Do not encourage problems or talking about how the child will be treated if the child knows your confidential information. Camp is a happy experience for all of us, so let's keep it that way for all the hostels.

Do not promise to come with the child if they experience home sickness. If your child is experiencing problems with home sickness, we will call you. Please trust our judgement in this matter.

PLACEMENT TEST

Please make sure your child passes our placement test to help determine the appropriate level and receive the appropriate workbook.

For test or a sample, please visit www.kids-camp.com



ARRIVAL DAY

CHECK-IN 3:00 - 3:30PM SUNDAY

Check in is between 3:00 and 3:30am on Sunday and takes place in the entrance area of the hotel. Our check in staff will be clearly marked, we help and our KCA staff will be available to assist you.

1. Free parking is available at the hotel.
2. Check in with the camp counselor at the table in the entrance area.
3. Meet the camp counselor to let them know anything you or they need to know. Ask any questions you may have.
4. Proceed to your room to get over your luggage.

WELCOME CEREMONY 3:30 - 4:30PM

Of course with a lot of campers and activities to make sure that's why we have you to our welcome ceremony after check in. From 3:30 - 4:00am parents are invited to our camp overview and question forum held in our seminar room while the campers play group banding games outside. After wards there will be snacks and games for both parents and campers. At 4:30pm parents have kneeling and campers are in poses from 7:00am.



TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

Each able-bodied person joining our English lessons will go on excursions or have special camp activities as able. We change our schedule weekly to accommodate our changing calendar. These activities may include:

- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Swimming and water polo (on the lake)
- Canyoning
- Stand-up Paddleboard (SUP)
- Whole camp bubble soccer matches
- Archery tournaments
- Scavenger hunts
- Archery

Each evening we have theme nights such as:

- Movie night
- Games night
- Will night
- Disco party night
- Social night
- Midnight rave night

Of course we maintain our conversational English during all of our excursions and events.

WE DON'T JUST LEARN ENGLISH, WE LIVE IT!





WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Bedspreads and towels will be provided by the hostel. Please mark all belongings clearly with the child's actual name/last name and mail can be addressed through:

<https://www.startingcampusa.com/Information/>

<https://www.startingcampusa.com/Sign/many/>

PACKING LIST

- 1 toothbrush, Toothpaste
- Soap, Shower cap, Shampoo
- Sunblock
- 2 Pairs of underwear (for each night stay)
- Sandals/Flip Flops
- 28 pairs of socks
- 28 undies
- 3 Hats
- 3 Shower Slippers
- 28 pairs (2 long sleeved)
- 29 Socks/shirts
- 1 pair of gloves
- 1 Raincoat
- 1 Rain hat
- Warm hat/Sun hat
- 3 or more
- 3 or more
- Water bottle
- Small bag for toiletries
- Medications
- Paper and pen
- Book to read
- Flashlight
- 1 change and more dry clothes
- 4 or 5 games/CDs



4 or 5 games to play during the quiet hour before bed will be provided by KCA. Campers will also have the opportunity to check out board games to be played on their room.

KCA will hold a laundry day once a week for campers where they can wash their clothes. Campers can drop off laundry that needs washing with the counsellors on Friday evening, after dinner and collect their clean clothes on Saturday morning, after breakfast.



WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

KCA Camp has a cell phone zone.

Please do not send your child to camp with a cell phone. Campers can request to call home or the camp phone any time if necessary.

In case you wonder what KCA might have purchased in shops, here are some of our suggestions:

- Cell phones are an easy distraction and the more distractions the child has, the more they tend to avoid integrating into the camp.
- Jumping into "leaves me no room for my life experiences and after I have a sense of myself."
- Camp is a place where children can develop confidence and independence. When they can learn to take care of themselves and become resilient. Bringing a phone to camp is more self-taking on their parents.
- When parents send their child to camp with a phone, they essentially send the message that they don't trust them to be independent and able to deal with problems on their own.
- Because of this reliance, cell phones tend to intensify homesickness.
- Cell phones are expensive and can get lost or broken since the parents can't stream them in and to such items.

Please note: We take our campers safety very seriously and want to make sure that they know it's not our real sense of camp. There is always someone they can reach out to if they need it. Whether it is their counselor, a trusted staff member or even the director. We will of course do our best. In case your child is experiencing difficulties with homesickness.

OTHER ITEMS NOT TO BRING

• No Knives, Hand tools

• Video Games

• DVD Players

• Food (this includes gum)

• Toilet paper

• Juice or alcohol

• Ice cream

• Any tobacco products

If you have any questions about what they can or cannot bring or bring to camp, please contact us prior to your arrival.



DEPARTURE DAY

CLOSING CEREMONY 9:30 - 10:30AM SATURDAY

Our closing ceremony begins at 9:30am on Saturday. All parents are encouraged to attend. Certificates for all campers will be handed out and a special meal for the week will be presented. This is a great way to end a memorable camp session.

LOST & FOUND

Each summer we deal with a substantial amount of lost items. Putting your camper in touch with their belongings and letting them know what has been provided for them is the absolute minimum. The loss of items from a your camper's deposit is not normal, always check lost and found out by the store.

POST CAMP COMMUNICATION

Please note that all communication with a camper and their family will occur through an official camp policy that states no communication with a camper will occur while they are outside of camp. The reason for this is to respect the camp's privacy and to ensure the safety of the camper.





COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CAMPER

KCA Camps are cell phone free!

PHONE CALLS

Please do not send your child to camp with a cell phone. Campers can request to call home on the camp phone over the internet if necessary.

If you wish to let us know your child is doing well, you can always contact us online 24 hours a day (at the discretion of camp staff) unless in some cases not.

SOCIAL MEDIA

KCA maintains a Facebook page and Instagram account which are used to share impressions of camp life. We take and post up pictures daily on a closed Facebook group for each individual camp. Further, this matter has a how to contact group via the same channel. Through this source, parents can get a glimpse of what is happening at camp.

BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP

If your child's birthday falls while at camp, we do celebrate with singing and some treats and I can make sure share.



BEHAVIOR AT CAMP

At KidsCampAmerica, we encourage all members of our community to develop and achieve the following attributes: admitted, each needed, caring, approachable, cooperative, empathetic, enthusiastic, respectful, and tolerant.

CAMPERS AT KCA ARE EXPECTED TO

- Respect the non-violent camp community (other campers, teachers, parents, and faculty staff)
- Respect our facilities and property
- Walk while following school rules apply
- Follow the essential agreements for the classroom and around camp
- Be ready to learn and walk with their feet for reasons
- Take responsibility for their actions
- Listen to adults and follow their directions
- Be respectful and helpful (e.g., hold the door for the next person, assist those who need help)



ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

Each KCA group will draw up essential agreements using the guidance of the class teacher on the first day of each session. These will be signed by the students and the teacher and displayed prominently in the classroom. When drawing up the agreements the expectations and unacceptable behaviors in this policy will be explained and discussed with the children. In addition all campers are expected to be our discipline ally upon the strike.



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