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A meeting place for young people from all over the world

Your roots, too, are in Switzerland. The white cross on a red background means something to you. Somehow or other, the Swiss flag triggers feelings in you. Do you really know Switzerland? Are you interested in finding out more about the country of your forefathers? Plus you can look forward to meeting other young Swiss Abroad and enjoying the local hospitality.

What makes the youth arrangements offered by the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) so interesting is the encounters with different cultures and ways of life. This year, 60 young people from 25 nations will be getting together for the New Year camp in Sedrun. A babble of languages in the ski lift queue, different levels of experience with snow and all the trappings of winter sports, different temperaments, eating habits, life styles: all this will be catered to over the 10 days of camp, to make sure everyone has a relaxing and entertaining holiday. If past camps are anything to go by, you'll return home all the wiser for this rewarding experience. What's more, you'll have great fun in the process.

We cordially invite you to take part in one of our arrangements. We offer a wide range of affordable options.

CALL FOR HEIRS

In the matter of the estate of Lydia Rusterholz - Rusca, the City of Zurich Guardianship Authorities seek Marino René Rusterholz, born 27 January 1947, last known address Lahainaluna Road 233 in Lahaina, HI 96761, Hawaii, USA. Lydia Rusterholz - Rusca died on 7 March 2004 and last resided at Wallisellenstrasse 312, 8050 Zurich. Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of Marino René Rusterholz is requested to contact the following: Jakob Wolfensberger, Lerchenstrasse 12, 8703 Erlenbach, Switzerland.

Studying on holiday not for you? Think again

At the Youth Service we're aware that you want to make your holiday an enjoyable experience. But you'd be surprised how much fun learning while on holiday can be.

If you register now, you can still attend the language course in Berne in January. There are still a few places available. Lessons are in the mornings, and in the afternoons you can enjoy extracurricular activities, do something with your host family, or use your train pass to explore Switzerland on your own. We offer advice on study options. Perhaps, after your stay, you'll decide to study in Switzerland full-time or as part of a six-month exchange programme, or attend a vocational training course here. Under our "Training in Switzerland" programme, too, your host family quenches your thirst for knowledge and offers you a home away from home.

Sport for all

Are you already a freerider, carving your way down steep slopes? Or perhaps you don't yet know what a stem turn is? No matter: The OSA team leader will determine your skill level and preferences, and give you individual instruction on how to improve your technique. And of course you'll also find out more about your home country. The following camps still have free slots: *Winter sports week in Scuol in the Engadine, from 25.03. - 01.04.2006* A camp for young Swiss Abroad aged 18 plus.

Easter camp in Fiesch in the Valais, from 15.04. - 22.04.2006

A unique camp with loads of sports options. Indoor sports halls, outdoor activities, summer sports, winter sports and a great group of kids from all over the world. From age 14.

As usual, information and details on youth arrangements are available from:

Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, Youth Service
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2006 Summer Camp

Are you between 8 and 14 years old? Want to spend 14 days in Switzerland and get to know your home country better? During the months of July and August the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad is holding seven summer camps in various picturesque regions of Switzerland.

Programme

During the camps we'll be visiting sights, discovering lakes, mountains, rivers and landscapes, organising walks and perhaps also visiting cities. But there will also be days when we stay in camp, when you can take part in games, sport and a range of different workshops.

You'll also have the opportunity to discover some interesting aspects of Switzerland. For instance, we'll be taking a look at the Swiss language, Swiss songs, Swiss recipes, typical Swiss games and traditional sports. The Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad holiday camps offer participants the chance to mix with young people from different linguistic and cultural regions around the world.

Cost

The holiday camp costs CHF 800.- per child. The Foundation

for Young Swiss Abroad aims to offer as many interested Young Swiss Abroad as possible the opportunity to holiday in Switzerland at least once. It will therefore consider applications for a reduction in the camp cost. Application forms can be requested with the registration form.

Travel/meeting point

Zurich Airport. Parents are responsible for organising and funding the trip to Zurich airport and the return trip from Zurich airport on the last day of camp.

Leaders

Experienced multilingual camp leaders ensure that the two-week camps run smoothly and provide an interesting and varied range of activities.

Registration

Details of the individual holiday camps as well as the registration form will be available from January 2006 at www.aso.ch (Youth/Holiday camps for 8 - 14 year olds / Summer camp). On request we can also send you our information brochure by post. The deadline for registration is 15 March 2006.

The Berne office will be glad to provide additional information:

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2006 WINTER CAMP

Attention! There are still a few spaces available for the winter camp in Flumserberg (4 to 11 February 2006)! Please register as soon as possible!