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## 2003 summer camp – Still time to book!

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Kids receive good instruction – and visibly enjoy it!

Young Swiss Abroad aged between eight and fourteen years old are invited to join our two-week camps on dates between 12 July and 23 August 2003. There are

still some places available. This summer we will be exploring Melchtal (OW), La Punt (GR), Unterwasser (SG), Wila (ZH), Broc (FR), Bischofszell (TG) and St. Stephan (BE).

The cost of a two-week camp is CHF 800 per child excluding the cost of travel to Switzerland.

For details on the individual holiday camps as well as the registration form, visit [www.aso.ch](http://www.aso.ch) (SJAS Section). Applications will be processed in order of receipt. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

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## 81<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Swiss Abroad – The importance and future of Switzerland as a financial centre

**This year the Congress of the Swiss Abroad will be held in Crans-Montana between 29 and 31 August. The subject of the discussions will be Switzerland as a financial centre.**

For our country with its few natural resources, the financial sector has long played a pivotal role. When it comes to asset management, Switzerland is a leading global player. Yet tough international competition is increasingly threatening our status as a financial centre.

How can Switzerland create a more solid, efficient financial sector? Banking secrecy – an integral part of the Swiss financial tradition - has created a string of legends. What does banking secrecy really mean? Our country is active in the fight against money laundering and funding for criminal activities. What

measures is it taking to this end? How do other European countries compare in terms of fiscal policy? What will be the future boundary conditions for Switzerland's financial sector? These are some of the issues which are up for discussion at the 2003 Congress of the Swiss Abroad.

A number of Swiss and foreign personalities from the worlds of politics, finance and business will be taking part in the debates and round-table discussions.

At the close of the plenary session Federal President Pascal Couchepin will give an address to our compatriots abroad.

On the Sunday, congress participants have a choice of two excursions in the picturesque canton of Valais. The programme includes a visit to the Paul Signac exhibition in the famous Gianadda Foundation in Martigny.



### Please send me documentation on the 81<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Swiss Abroad

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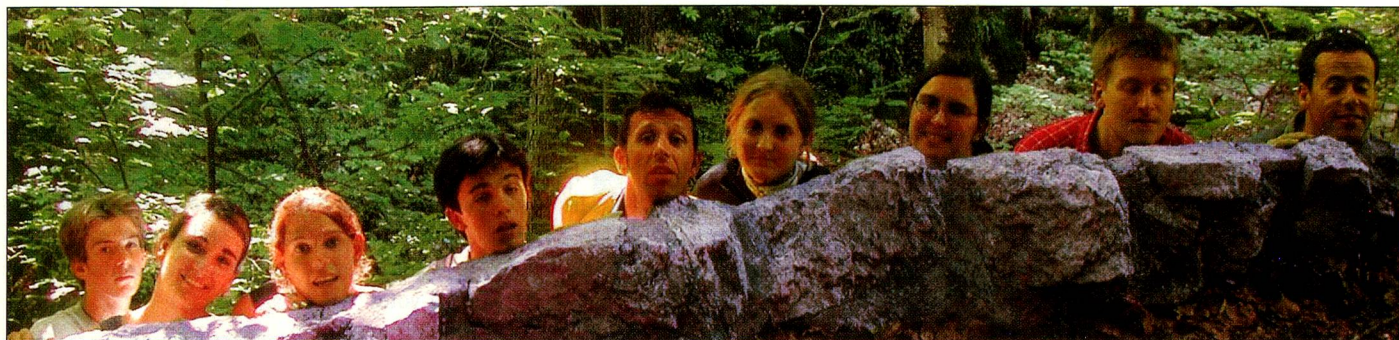
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# Young people meet up in Switzerland

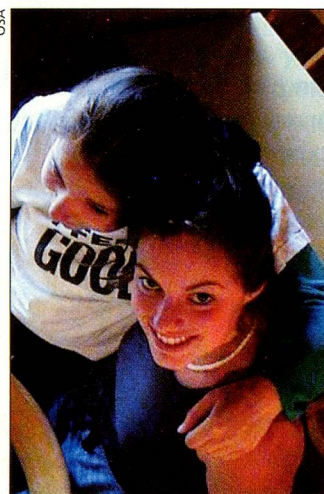


**Every summer the Youth Service of the OSA offers a range of options for young Swiss living abroad to holiday or study in Switzerland. We want to create ties: to our country and to Swiss citizens living in different parts of the world.**

Sarah and Beatrice e-mail each other at least once a week. Sarah is studying in London, and Beatrice in Barcelona. They got to know each other at the OSA summer

kilometers, and each year more are created when young Swiss abroad meet each other through our auspices.

This summer the Youth Service will be looking after some 160 young people in both summer camps alone. We'll be organising an unforgettable active vacation with participants from over 40 countries. We offer the opportunity to get to know new sports or improve your existing sports skills. We also offer alternative activities



Inseparable: Sarah and Beatrice have stayed in touch via e-mail.

Summer camp 1  
on the Flumserberg Alps:  
13.07. – 26.07.2003

Summer camp 2  
on the Flumserberg Alps:  
26.07. – 08.08.2003

Switzerland Mobile:  
The alpine world of the Valais:  
10.08. – 16.08.2003

### Planning your future?

This summer we'll be offering a new program called „Studying in Switzerland“, aimed at young people who are interested in studying here or who simply want to find out more about Swiss universities or vocational training opportunities in a Swiss business sector. We provide individual advice and details of study opportunities in Switzerland.

### Learning something on vacation

Our two-week language courses give young Swiss Abroad the chance to learn German or French. And our workshop teaches you more about Switzerland's financial tradition. You can also attend the Federal Youth Session and see direct democracy in action. Our friendly host families await you and look forward to showing you everyday life in Switzerland.

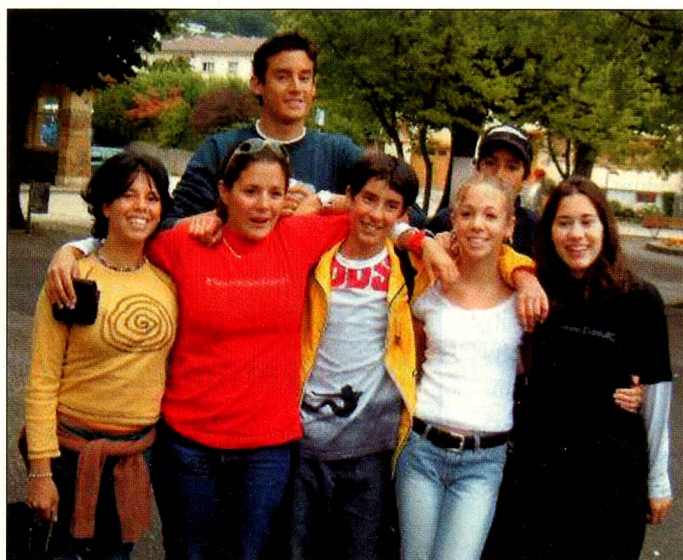


Workshops are not just for work.

Get to know Sarah and Beatrice in the second summer camp. Beatrice also wants to take advantage of her stay in Switzerland to improve her French and will be attending a language course in Fribourg. You, too, are cordially invited to come and experience Switzerland!

For information on the above arrangements, contact:

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Once more the summer camps in the Flumserberg alps offer a chance to make new friends.

camp a few years ago. Since then they meet up every summer in Switzerland, and sometimes even in winter, for a holiday arranged by the OSA. Friendships like this are kept up over thousands of

for those who less athletically-minded: art, handicrafts, electronics or music workshops. The main aim is to have fun with people of your own age.