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Centenary celebrations of the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad (FYSA): Summer camps for children aged 8 to 14

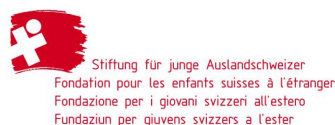
The anniversary summer of the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad will take place from the end of June to the end of August 2017. Swiss children abroad can have a fantastic time while also discovering Switzerland and its culture at two-week summer camps together with between 30 and 50 other children from all over the world.

Attractions are visited, lakes, mountains, rivers and landscapes are discovered on short hikes and cities are explored at the camps run by the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad. Some days are spent at the camp base where the group enjoy games, sporting activities and various workshops. Participants also have the opportunity to gain fascinating insights into Switzerland. We look at the Swiss languages, Swiss songs, Swiss recipes and typically Swiss games and sports, for example.

The interaction with participants from other countries and the exchange across linguistic, cultural and national boundaries present a unique opportunity to make new friends and enjoy some unforgettable moments.

There are still a few places available at our holiday camps. The exact details and the registration form can be found at www.sjas.ch/en (section: Camps). We would also be pleased to send you our information brochure with an overview of the offers available by post on request.

The Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad would like to give all Swiss children abroad the opportunity to discover Switzerland in this way on at least one occasion. We can therefore offer reduced rates in justified cases. The required form can be requested on the registration form. The FYSA office would be pleased to provide you with further information.



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University courses in Switzerland

Young Swiss Abroad also have the opportunity to enrol on university courses in Switzerland. However, several things must be checked beforehand. Applicants holding a baccalaureate certificate recognised by the Swiss Confederation or an equivalent foreign qualification have direct access to university study. However, not all foreign university-entry qualifications are equivalent. The admission criteria may differ greatly depending upon the country of origin and may stipulate, for example, a minimum grade, an additional examination or even an initial university degree in the country of origin. The Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities draws up guidelines on the evaluation of foreign university-entry qualifications. Detailed information can be found on the website of www.swissuniversities.ch (www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-universities/countries). Special criteria apply to admission to medicine courses as places are limited.

Applicants must also have a good command of the language of tuition. C1 level based on the European reference framework (www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/cadre1_en.asp) is generally required. It is therefore worthwhile obtaining a recognised language qualification while at secondary school. Candidates will find the exact guidelines on language

requirements and recognised qualifications on the websites of the respective universities. (e.g.: Federal Institute of Technology Zurich – www.ethz.ch/en/studies/registration-application/master/application/language-requirements). There is no central admissions system in Switzerland. With the exception of medicine courses, applications should always be made to the universities, which decide on their own admissions independently. Of the 17 Swiss schools abroad, those in Bangkok, Barcelona, Bogotá, Madrid, Milan, Rome and Santiago de Chile provide the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate certificate recognised by the Swiss Confederation. The Swiss schools in Curitiba, Lima, Mexico and Sao Paulo offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) (www.swissuniversities.ch/en/services/admission-to-universities/international-baccalaureate). Further information about education and training in Switzerland and on the Swiss schools abroad is available at www.educationsuisse.ch. Or contact us directly:



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