

Invitation

International EUROPARC Youth Camp 2015

“Taking the lead for Nature”

Boì, Aigüestortes and Estany de Sant Maurici National Park (Spain)

31st August – 5th September

EUROPARC Federation, with the great support of the Aigüestortes and Estany de Sant Maurici National Park, is delighted to announce the organisation of a Youth International Camp as part of a new programme specifically addressed to youth (18-25). The camp will build on the youth declaration of 2013 made in 2013 by youth from all over Europe, during the 1st Youth Conference “Looking to the Future: it’s in our hands”. This new event intends to promote the active engagement of youth in nature conservation and to build their confidence, competence and commitment to become new ambassadors for protected areas in Europe and to support Rangers for the management of the Junior Ranger programme.

THE YOUTH CAMP will offer an exceptional opportunity for 30 young people from European protected areas to learn, discuss and share experiences, embarking together on a journey to the future of nature in Europe. The event will be lead by an international expert team of Rangers and Mentors of the EUROPARC network. It will provide plenty of opportunities to learn new skills for leadership, techniques of communication, and to put them into practice within the fantastic scenario of the Aigüestortes and Estany de Sant Maurici National Park.

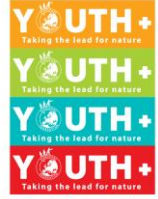
In brief

- EUROPARC Youth Camp, 31st August – 5th September 2015 9th Boì, Spain.
- 18-25 year old youth from Junior Ranger or other educational programmes in European protected areas; EUROPARC membership of the protected area necessary.
- Deadline for application: **26th of June**. NB Places are limited!
- Application to a.luttmann@europarc.org, including **letter of motivation**.
- Notification about successful application: **from end of June onwards**.

Term of reference

TIME AND LOCATION

The Youth Camp “Taking the Lead for Nature” will take place in Boì, Spain, from the 31st August to the 5th September 2015, hosted by the Aigüestortes and Estany de Sant Maurici National Park. Participants are asked to reach Barcelona Airport by 4pm on the 31st August. A transfer to reach the park and to come back on the 5th will be provided. Please consider that the Airport is almost 4h drive from the camp-site, so do not book return flights before 1pm.



PARTICIPANTS

The camp is addressed to youth of 18-25 years old, being already actively involved in the Junior Ranger programme of their park, or in any equivalent youth environmental education programme of their local protected area. Youth must speak good English, be highly motivated and be authorised to represent their protected area at the camp.

COSTS

Camp registration, accommodation and subsistence costs will be covered by the organisers. Participants are asked to cover their travel costs to and from Barcelona.

APPLICATION

Youth candidates shall submit applications to a.luttmann@europarc.org using the Youth Camp form. The application form must be signed by the protected area, which has to be a EUROPARC member. Together with their application, candidates are asked to submit a letter of motivation (1-2 pages), addressing the following questions:

- *What is your current engagement in youth activities in your protected area? What motivates you most?*
- *What experience can you bring to the Camp and what are your ideas to make it successful?*
- *How do you imagine this Camp and what do you expect from it?*
- *How do you think the Camp can influence your free time, your studies or your future work once you will be back home?*
- *What are your dreams for your protected area and thoughts for protected areas in Europe?*

No more than two youths per park, and three teams from the same country will be selected, unless there is still space available at the end of the registration period. EUROPARC will try to ensure gender balance at the camp and reserves the right to reject candidatures that don't comply with the present term of reference. The EUROPARC Camp Steering Committee will evaluate the applications and select the most valuable. **Successful candidates will be informed from the end of June onwards.**

REGISTRATION

After receiving a confirmation letter on successful application, the candidate will be informed with further details about the camp and logistics. Please do not book your travel before receiving a confirmation!

Further information can be obtained from the EUROPARC Headquarter (a.luttmann@europarc.org).

EUROPARC expresses its gratitude to the Aigüestortes and Estany de Sant Maurici National Park for the great support towards the organisation of this camp held in occasion of the 60th anniversary of the park.