JR NL – 2019

* Nationaal Park Weerribben-Wieden (sinds 2007): ca. 20 Junior Rangers including Youth+
* Nationaal Park Drents-Friese Wold (sinds 2011): ca. 20 Junior Rangers including Youth+
* Nationaal Park Lauwersmeer (sinds 2013): ca. 8 Junior Rangers including Youth+
* Nationaal Park Dwingelderveld ( sinds 2015): ca. 16 Junior Rangers
* Nationaal Park De Meinweg ( sinds 2016): together with Nationaal Park de Groote Peel: ca: 8 Junior Rangers. Nationaal Park De Groote Peel ( sinds 2016)
* Nationaal Park De Sallandse Heuvelrug ( sinds 2017): ca. 8 Junior Rangers
* Het Nationale Park De Hoge Veluwe (sinds 2019): ca. 12 Junior Rangers
* Nationaal Park Drentsche Aa: (sinds 2019): ca. 8 Junior Rangers
* In preparation: Nationaal Park Nieuw Land ( LEADER proposal), Nationaal Park Kalmthout (they have a “Junior Ranger” camp each summer and want to talk about expanding to the real Junior Ranger program), Landschap Limburg ( no National Park, protected area, they want more information on the program and are eager to start with the program)
* IVN is the coordinator of Junior Ranger Nederland and responsible for the quality of the program, the administration of the Junior Rangers and the contact-person for Europarc
* IVN/ Junior Ranger Nederland helps new National Parks and other protected area’s with the start of the program following the guidelines of JR NL ( see below in Dutch, following the guidelines of Europarc)
* Parent-participation is an obligatory ingredient of the programme to involve them and to reach a bigger audience.
* Youngsters start as an aspirant Junior Ranger and after following a whole year programme and giving a presentation on their own level they receive the Junior Ranger certificate and the JR badge.
* Only JR ( no aspirants) can apply for the international JR summercamp following the selection procedure ( see attachment)
* Communications with the coordinator of the groups via info@juniorrangers.nl.

Checklist for IVN Junior Ranger groups

To start a group of Junior Rangers ©, the following conditions must be met:

Area / protected area

• Junior Rangers are bound to an area, their area. They become ambassadors of their own piece of nature. An area can be a National Park or another delimited piece of protected nature area (example JR from Lauwersmeer National Park or JR van de Lemelerberg)

• The site manager is at least aware of the presence of the JRs group and, preferably, actively involved in the program.

• The area is sufficiently large and offers a large number of starting points and variation to be able to organize a varied range of activities for years.

Program:

• 10 meetings per year (example Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12 pm)

• 1 of those meetings is a camp with at least 1 overnight stay

• (preferably two nights at the end of the season)

• JRs follow a program that appeals to different competencies

The following components are covered in the program on the basis of: learning by doing:

• The role and work of "ranger" in a nature reserve

• Management, conservation and development of nature, landscape and cultural history

• Gaining practical experience, such as learning to navigate, (re) familiarizing with plants and animals, handling tools, learning to monitor, etc.

• Communication and dealing with visitors

If possible:

• Get to know Europe and the differences of its inhabitants and parks

• JRs do 'everything' that needs to be done in their area to manage, preserve and develop it (from nature management tasks and monitoring to visitor information and from constructing a footpath to cleaning info panels)

• the parents / guardians are invited to at least 1 of the activities (for example at the closing camp and / or a parent's morning)

• the annual program is shared with the coordinator of Junior Ranger Netherlands, info@juniorrangers.nl

Supervisor / mentor

• Junior Ranger groups are supervised by two adults (in connection with physical and social safety); one of the two is a permanent companion, the other can be a forest ranger, a (bird, amphibian, butterfly, etc.) specialist.

• A supervisor (mentor) is at least 21 years old and has a VOG (declaration of conduct).

• A supervisor has a feeling for the target group and preferably has 'green' knowledge and knowledge of the area.

• A supervisor makes active contributions to the composition of the annual program.

• A supervisor stands between the young people and guides them during the activities; the supervisor is not above the group.

• A supervisor has an eye for the individual differences of all young people and guides them in their development.

• A supervisor wants to further develop and retrain and takes part in training courses and / or workshops offered by Junior Rangers Netherlands and / or training opportunities organized by their own area / National Park.

Junior Rangers

• Junior Rangers are young people from the first class of secondary education

• Junior Rangers are independent, enthusiastic young people with a heart for nature who wants to share this interest with other young people.

• In principle everyone is welcome. Bullying behavior or exclusion is not accepted.

• Young people start as Aspiring Junior Ranger; at the end of the first year, the candidate gives a presentation (at his / her level), takes part in the closing camp and thus earns the European certificate as Junior Ranger.

• An (aspiring) Junior Ranger pays a personal contribution of € 50 per year (price level 2018) to IVN.

Relationship with IVN

There is a demonstrable relationship with IVN, either via the IVN department or via the supervisors (IVN guides) or otherwise in connection with IVN-Junior Rangers Nederland.

If the conditions are met:

Register the group at IVN Junior Rangers Nederland:

Request a registration form via info@juniorrangers.nl

The youngsters receive an invoice via IVN-Amsterdam for the annual contribution

The youngsters and supervisors can order a hoody and / or cardigan with JR logo and their own name once or twice a year

The group is then registered with Europarc

Preferably the (aspiring) Junior Rangers receive a jacket at the start. This can be ordered via Junior Rangers Nederland (a four-season jacket)

Price of jacket (black or dark blue) including printing of logo area € 110 (2017) excl

Badges can also be ordered by the coordinator of the group:

aspirant badge and Junior Ranger badge: € 4.10 (2018) excl. shipping costs

Certificates (after the first year) to be ordered by the coordinator of the group in consultation.