

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.