



Junior Ranger Camp 2023
Frederikshavn, Denmark, 7 – 14 July



19th International Junior Ranger Camp 2023

“COME TO THE TOP OF DENMARK, WHERE TWO OCEANS MEET”

7 – 14th July 2023, Frederikshavn, Denmark

Information for Mentors/Rangers

Dear Mentors & Rangers,

EUROPARC would like to share some additional information with you with regards to the International Junior Ranger Camp.

Selection of participants:

It is up to you how you decide to select your two participants. The guideline is that they must be between 14 and 17 years old, however usually the older ones are more comfortable engaging in the international space. Their English should be proficient enough to communicate with others. Ideally there is a balance of genders which has been shown to promote mixing with the group and forming new friendships.

Application Form

The application form is the same every year. We require the completed form submitted by email and the original to be sent by post. Your application is considered submitted when the Email is received (you will receive a reply).

Selection Procedure

There is a first come first serve selection. The first two Protected Areas per country are automatically selected. The rest are on the waiting list and only accepted if there are still available spots after the deadline (17th March 2023).

Managing expectations

The application form needs to be signed by the parents of the selected individuals. It is up to the mentor to manage the expectations of the parents and the junior rangers in case they are not selected. Previous mentors have explained that this is an application and if selected, are chosen to represent their country.

Absence from school

There is no perfect time to have the International Junior Ranger Camp where all the participants are not in school. Some tips are to select students who would be completing school earlier due to exams, or to speak to the school directly about a possible absence. Some advocacy points for this discussion could be:

- The students will represent their country at a European meeting of Junior Rangers.



- It will be a practical learning opportunity including nature conservation and sustainability themes
- They will be speaking and working in English (good reason for non-English speaking countries)
- It is an international exchange programme
- They could host a presentation to share their knowledge with the school

Liability:

The mentor or ranger accompanying the participants, holds the responsibility for them for the duration of their travels and the camp. This includes for their emotional well-being. There will be cellphone signal, however it is best to prepare the parents saying that the kids will be busy the whole day having fun and the parents should live with the philosophy “no news is good news” rather than burden the children with feelings of homesickness.

Meals:

While EUOPARC promotes sustainability throughout its events, we also acknowledge the strong tie between food and culture. At the International Junior Ranger Camp in Denmark, accommodations will be made for vegetarians and vegans depending on the need. We encourage all to consider reducing their meat intake, however we acknowledge that the Frederikshavn Kommune has strong agricultural ties and would like to share this part of their culture with you. We will be sending around a form requesting food choices at a later time.

Drinks:

This camp will be an alcohol-free camp for participants and mentors. Please do not bring any alcoholic beverages with you.

Medical assistance onsite:

There will be medical personnel and a first aid point at the accommodation. There is also a local doctor nearby for any medical emergencies. Ensure that the Junior Rangers bring their insurance cards with them. For those outside of the EU, ensure that all have travel/medical insurance for travel abroad (preferably printed out in case of unconsciousness).

Money

The currency in Denmark is the Danish Krone with 1€ being 7.45 DNK. The Junior Rangers should not have to buy anything during their trip. If they would like to buy sweets or presents for friends back home we recommend bringing about 350 DNK with you. Card payments are almost universally accepted, just remind them to inform their banks that there will be withdrawals from Denmark while abroad.



Travel:

Make sure you have a written agreement for travelling with a minor not your child for the transportation authorities. We highly recommend that the sustainability is considered when making travel plans. Some tips are:

- Trains are preferential
- Driving and ferrying is also recommended for short distances
- If a flight is needed, consider a direct flight, or one flight with a train ride

We understand that this is not always possible depending on the time constraint and location. Consider having a discussion on compensation or carbon footprints with your Junior Rangers to raise awareness about the emissions of travelling.

Some good tools to use to assess different travel pathways:

<https://www.rome2rio.com/>

- Can look at combinations of flight, drive, train and ferry

<https://www.omio.com/>

- Compare train, bus and flight options
- Unselect the box for “booking.com” before searching to avoid the popup

<https://www.thetrainline.com/>

- Good place to book the whole journey going through different countries
- Only for trains

<https://www.bahn.de/>

- If you are coming through Germany by train, this is the website
- The 49€ ticket for Germany-wide regional trains is supposed to come in May, but we would not recommend this option as the release date has been continuously postponed and regional trains take too long.
- It's always better to book 3 months in advance to get the cheapest tickets.
- In case of illness, get the option that allows you to cancel a few days before (Sparpreis, not Supersparpreis)

<https://www.dsb.dk/en/>

- Danish Train Operator

Extra support for Ukrainian Refugees

Frederikshavn Kommune, has additional funds to assist with the travel expenses of any Junior Rangers coming who also happen to be Ukrainian Refugees. Please let us know if this is the case.

We hope this information is useful. If you have any recommendations to improve this list for the next International Junior Ranger Camps, feel free to write to us and share your tips and tricks. This should help new Junior Ranger Programmes and Mentors.

Kind regards,
Your EUROPARC & Frederikshavn Team