



**PreCamp2 V-2015-003**

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# Welcome

## Delegations



JCs



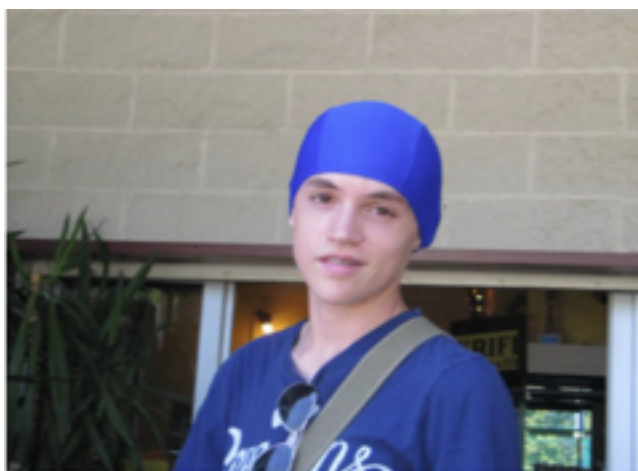


## The Staff

Hello! My name is **Andrea**, I am a 27 year-old CISVer from Spain, living in Belgium since 2011! :) I currently work for the international NGO Defence for Children International, which defends and promotes fundamental rights of children all over the world. I am learning a lot about human rights of children, it is definitely a fascinating field and there is still so much to do...



I began my CISV experience ten years ago and it definitely changed my life! :) so I am very happy to take part in this Village next summer here in Belgium. I am looking forward to it! A little bit about me (even if it's very difficult to describe yourself in just a few lines)....I love walking in the nature, swimming, reading and watching independent cinema... I love childhood related issues and I just started studying an online Bachelor on Pedagogy... About my personality, I am told to be easy-going, open-minded, responsible and a good listener! But I prefer to get to know each other in person which is much more fun :) See you sooonnnnnnn!



Hello everyone! My name is **Beer** and I'm from the party town of Amsterdam! I will be the junior staff member at your village. It will be my first time ever at a village (I've only attended youth meetings and a summer camp), so I am super excited! I'm always up for a game of football (there's a big field on the campsite) and I love to travel. As one of the staff I'm glad to quote Malcolm X: "The future belongs to those who prepare it today." The picture is of me at my summer camp in Italy.



Hi there! My name is **Marie**, I'm 21, and I study French and Spanish Literature. Last year, I studied in Brazil for 6 months so I learned a bit of Brazilian literature as well. I love travelling, going to the movies, learn different languages and getting to know other cultures. I've been in CISV since I was 11, and I've done a few camps since then. This will be my first experience as a staff and I'm really looking forward to it! See you all very soon!



Hi there. I will be one of your staff members and my name is **Peter**. I'm the father of Gitte (24 years old) and Stig (21 years old). I've been a participant in a Village in Yugoslavia (!? - now Slovenia) in the age animals still could speak. Since then I've been involved in a lot of CISV activities and programs. Since I'm Belgian, I will be your 'local staff member'. I will be the contact person to the 'outside' world.

Hello everybody!! My name is Kirsike, but people call me **Kissu**. I will be Your Camp Director this year and I couldn't be more excited!! I am originally from Estonia, but I have been living in Belgium for two and half years already.

I have been in CISV for 10 years and it just happens, that I started my journey as a JC in Belgium, so this is a very very special occasion for me. Since 2005 I have been a leader, have staffed different camps and have done a lot of local work. Am totally excited to pass on the knowledge :)

And I am sure that together with all the staff team we will be able to give You all You would need to have the time of Your life!  
Can't wait for July! Seriously :)



## Arrival and Departure



### Arrival:

04/07/2015

before 12:00

### Departure:

31/07/2015

not before 12:00



### Airports:

The transportation to the campsite will be provided only from **Brussels Airport (BRU)**.

If you decide to take a flight to Charleroi Airport, you will need to take a city shuttle bus to Gare du Midi and a metro from there to the Central Station.



### Railway station:

The transportation to the campsite will be provided only from **Brussels Central Station**.

## Site / Location

The camp will be located at **Vilvoorde**, not so far away from the capital, Brussels. Our campsite is a large boarding school on the domain of a gardening and agricultural school. The area of the school is so large that we will use only a part of it.

The facility has a ground level and 4 floors. We will use the ground level and the top 2 floors. One for the girls and one for the boys. Everyone will have its own room.

On the ground level we can use the kitchen, dining hall, staff room, leaders room and an extra class room to do indoor activities. Beside that we can use a large gym hall and plenty of grass fields.

## About the program

CISV has a vision of a more just and peaceful world. We believe that through the choices we make, through debate and action, we can all take responsibility for making this possible. In other words, that we all have roles as active global citizens.

Our principles:

- We appreciate the similarities between people and value their difference
- We support social justice and equality of opportunity for all
- We encourage the resolution of conflict through peaceful means
- We support the creation of sustainable solutions to problems relating to our impact upon each other and the natural environment

**For more information**, read the Village Guide which You can find on Resources :)

## Packing

### What to bring

#### **Forms (original + 2 copies) and administrative**

- Delegation Information Form (VDIF)
- JC Information Form
- Travel Information Form (TIF)
- Health Form
- Legal/Insurance Forms (ALIF/TWAL/YLIF)

The CISV forms can be found on Resources

- <http://resources.cisv.org>
- VISA - check if you need one!
- Tickets
- Passport

#### **Clothing for at least 2 weeks**

- Socks
- Underwear
- Pants
  - Long
  - Short
- Sweaters
- Shirts
  - Long sleeved
  - T-shirts
- Pyjamas
- Swimwear
- Jacket
- Rain-jacket
- One dressy outfit for festivity

#### **Shoes**

- Indoor shoes
- Running shoes
- Flip-flops
- Comfortable outdoor shoes
- Waterproof outdoor shoes
- Fancy shoes for festivity

#### **Hygiene items**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- 2 towels
- Sunblock
- Comb/brush
- Deodorant





### **National**

- Costume
- Flag
- Scrapbook

### **Money**

- Pocket money
  - advised 200€
  - maximum 300€
- 15€ for the camp T-shirt

### **Trading items**

- Non CISV objects from your country to swap
- CISV things such as T-shirts, necklace, bracelet, hats, pens...
- These items should not be expensive!

### **Backpack** for excursions and family weekends

### **Medicine**

- If needed for 28 days + 3 days (before and after) for travel time
- The instructions, in english or french if possible
- Extra prescriptions, in english or french if possible

### **Glasses/Lenses**

- Bring extra
- Bring the prescription, in english or french if possible

### **Gifts**

It is a good custom to bring gifts for:

- the host families (you will have two)
- the staff
- the kitchen staff

Your **enthusiasm** and good ideas

### **Leave at home**

- Jewellery and other valuables
- Electronics - delegates can use electronics when traveling but not in the camp (you can bring cameras)
  - They will be put into a safe place during a camp
- Mobile phones (does not apply to leaders)
- Prejudices



### **Weather**

The average temperature in July is 18°C/64°F. The lowest being 13°C/55°F and the highest 22°C/72°F. Check out some weather forecast sites to have an idea of what to expect ;)

## Shopping and excursions

During the camp, there will be two excursion days, one of them will include shopping time for the delegates to purchase souvenirs and anything else they would like to bring back home.

During those excursions, all expenses including travelling and food are covered by us, if the delegates wish to purchase something extra, they will be asked to use their pocket money.

**Parents**, please provide your children with a list of goods that are and are not expected to bring back home. If there are any special needs, please let your delegation leader and the staff know.

## Host families

Delegates, you will stay 2 or 4 together with a Belgian host family the first weekend, from the time you arrive in Belgium until Sunday afternoon. You will have to prepare a backpack that you will take with you to the host family. On your arrival, your luggage will be transported to the campsite and you will not have access to it until you arrive at the campsite yourself.

You will stay 2 or 4 together with another host family a weekend in the middle of the camp as well, from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon. This time you will take your luggage with you as your laundry will be done in the families.



## What to bring to the host family

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Swimwear & Shampoo
- Underwear
- Clothes for the weekend
- Pyjamas
- Pocket money
- Something special from Your country as a small gift
- Copy of the forms
- Good mood :)

# Things You Should Know – Laws and Rules

## CISV rules

No drugs (consumption or possession)  
No alcohol  
No sexual intimacy  
No mobile phones for the delegates  
No need to bring expensive things

We will follow the local laws and CISV rules. In Belgium you are not allowed to drink or smoke if you are under 16 and drug possession, consumption and distribution are illegal. **Any participant that disrespects these rules may be sent home.**

Our camp is without preconception and discrimination. Xenophobic, sexist and racist behaviour will not be tolerated at any time. We always treat our fellow campers as equals, with respect, courtesy and understanding. Violence in any form, physical or mental is not allowed and will not be tolerated.

The CISV rules can be viewed on Resources – <http://resources.cisv.org>



## Local laws

Our camp housing is to be treated with respect. Any damage to the housing or the furniture inside will be listed to the camper or campers who caused the damage, and they or their parents will need to pay for the damage.

Our camp has a pre-defined area assigned to it. Campers are not allowed outside the area without their leaders.

At camp we respect each others time and schedule. We will be punctual for activities and mealtimes, and we will take part in any activities we possibly can partake in.

Any free time is yours to use for whatever you want to use it for, as long as you keep within the camp rules and the Belgian frame of law.

## Insurance

All delegates and leaders must have a valid travel and medical insurance. This insurance should cover any doctors and/or hospital bills and emergency return trips. If proof of insurance can not be shown upon arrival, the staff will order insurance from CISV International Office in Newcastle, and an invoice will be sent to your chapter.

## Forms

**Leaders** must bring:

- CISV Legal Insurance Form (ALIF)
- CISV Health Form (HF)

**Delegates** must bring:

- CISV Legal Insurance Form (YLIF)
- CISV Health Form (HF)

**JCs** must bring:

- CISV Legal Insurance Form (TWAL)
- CISV Health Form (HF)

**All delegations** must send the following forms to the staff in advance of the village:

- Delegation Information Form (DIF)
- Delegation Travel Information Form (TIF)

**JCs** must send their Travel Information Form (TIF) to the staff in advance of the village

**We need to know when you're coming. Please send Your TIF to us by 1st of May!**



## Reminders About Preparation

### National Night

National nights are a traditional activity that has often been done at Villages. The purpose of National nights is to allow the delegates to share with the Village about their home life and life in their country. National nights may take many forms, it is up to You to decide, how to introduce Your country. You will have approximately 1h30minutes.

If You wish to prepare a meal or a snack, please tell us in advance so our kitchen staff could be prepared :)

### Scrapbook

Scrapbooks made by and about each delegation are also a traditional part of National Nights. Scrapbooks can take any form, as long as their main purpose is met: to share information about the delegates with the Village. Delegations usually work together before the Village to create their scrapbooks and bring copies for everyone, including host families.

## Songbook

We ask every delegation to send us the list of their favourite songs/lullabies so we could put together the most amazing songbook ever. Ideally it should be 5 songs per delegation :)



## Lices

Check before, please! It has happened from time to time that the lice are found on people arriving or during the camp, it is not something hard to deal with when there is one person, but when there are 70 persons, it might become a huge challenge. So we kindly ask you to check everybody before the departure :)

## Forms

Please send us your **travel information forms** as soon as possible, so we can organise your arrivals.

Please send us your **delegation information forms** as soon as possible as well, so we can be super well prepared for your arrival.

## Dietary Restrictions

Please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot eat certain foods because of health, religion or other reasons. We will need to let our kitchen staff know so that they can finish planning our meals. We would also like you to tell us if you have any allergies or health restrictions. This is so we can try to make your stay here as good as possible by doing the preparations that are needed.

## myCISV Website

**Everybody** - the staff, leaders, JCs and delegates are required to register on myCISV website (<http://www.cisv.org/mycisv>) for the program. We kindly ask You to do so asap, it helps us a lot with the preparations :)

## Camp T-shirt

Please send us the sizes of Your delegations before..

## Deadline - 1st of May

- DIF
- TIF
- Allergies
- Dietary restrictions
- Sizes for T-shirt
- Register for the village on myCISV
- List of songs for the songbook
- National night food requests



## Programme Address and Contact Details

**The address of the campsite:**

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Vilvoorde  
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**Camp website:**

<http://village2015.cisv.be>



Do not hesitate to contact us in case You have any questions or requests, we are always happy to hear from You :)