



SUMMER CAMP IN ÄHTÄRI, FINLAND 2019

District 1380

- NAME:** "PANDA" Culture and Nature Summer Camp
- WHERE:** Ähtäri area (400 km north from Helsinki, close to western coast of Finland)
- WHEN:** July 28th – Aug 10th, 2019.
Family Period Jul 28th - Aug 4th
Camp Period Aug 4th - Aug 10th
- ARRIVAL:** Vaasa Airport, July 28th via Helsinki (HEL) or Stockholm (ARN).
DEPARTURE: Vaasa Airport, Aug 10th.
Finnair (<http://www.finnair.fi>) have flights between Helsinki and Vaasa.
SAS (<http://www.flysas.com>) have flights between Stockholm and Vaasa.
- PARTICIPANTS:** 18 participants, interested in nature and wild animals.
AGE: 16 - 20 years
- PROGRAMME:** The camp consists of two parts. The participants will first spend one week together with the host families to get an idea of the Finnish way of life. During the camp week we all stay together in Tuomarniemi Forest School, located in Ähtäri. The camp site is located around a school with forest and nature. We will learn to know about the nature in the area, local wildlife animals and other interesting specialties of the area, as **SNOWPANDA bears** that we have in the local Ähtäri wildlife park. It has also a great selection of Finnish wildlife animals such as bears, wolves, lynx, eagles etc.
- EQUIPMENT:** Your personal medication and suitable clothing for outdoors activities and hiking. The daytime temperature is typically between 15 – 25 °C. Water temperature is around 20 °C. Take your swimming suit with you.
- CAMP FEE:** €150 euros.
- OTHER COSTS:** Participants pay their own costs to and from Vaasa and shall have their own pocket money. Organizing Rotarians will meet the students at the airport and will take care of all ground transportation in Finland.
- INSURANCE:** Participants must have a valid insurance policy in case of sickness and injury. We urge the student to purchase the insurance from [CISI Bolduc](#) which is approved by Rotary. Select "Plan B" from the offered options.
- APPLICATIONS:** To apply for this camp, contact the Camps Coordinator:
Alistair Knox - email: camps@youthexchange.org.uk
- MORE INFORMATION:** Camp will only be held if 18 participants are found.

