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#THERE IT HAPPENS KRINKEL



Every 4 years Chiro Flanders, Belgium's largest youth movement organizes the biggest event for its oldest members and leaders: Krinkel! A summer camp with more than 4 000 aspi's (name of the oldest group), leaders, adult counselors and international guests. Krinkel means young people living, playing, singing... being together for six days.

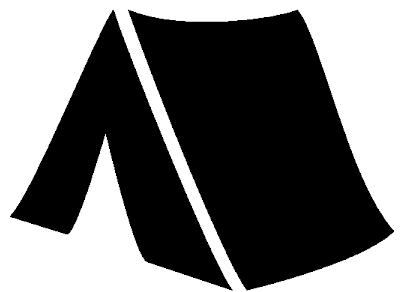
Krinkel will take place from August 24th until August 30th.

Taking part in Krinkel is an extraordinary experience. Participants live and play together for 6 days, while sleeping in tents, with no luxury, with the warmth of camp fires, playing games in small groups and join spectacular shows with everybody together. It's a perfect opportunity to have great fun with very nice people in Chiroshorts and Chiroskirts.

Krinkel is a very **active summer camp**. Playing games is a central part of Chiro and of Krinkel. Each day there will be several activities and games played in different groups. There will be games in your 'living group', in your campground or even with the 4.000 participants. Therefore, active participation in every activity is expected from each participant. During some of the games it is also very likely that you will get dirty. So bring along clothes that can withstand a bit of dirt or that not immediately get teared.

The camp is quite basic. Everybody will be sleeping in **tents** on their own mattress or field bed and sleeping bag. Each campground will have a couple of washing tents. There you will be able to wash up with a bowl of water. There are **no showers**. Toilets are in plastic booths.

We hope to provide WiFi hotspot at Krinkel, this will probably be at the centre of the terrain. There will be the possibility to charge your phones at the small bar at the centre of the terrain. This will not be open the whole time, see if you have extra **batteries** you best bring them. Best to bring a **travel plug** so if necessary you can plug in your phone.



The international campground at Krinkel

What is a campground?

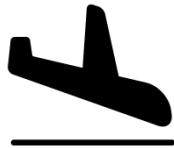
Every region in Flanders has its own campground, an area where they will live. All participants eat and sleep together in their own region. All our international guests will be part the international campground within Krinkel. For every international guest, we will search a '**buddy**', a Flemish participant who speaks one of the languages you also speak. (English, French or Spanish). All these buddies and international guests will stay at the international campground. The international campground will follow the same program; the only difference is the language and an extra day. For the participants of the international campground we added an extra day of Krinkel, in that way we can get to know each other even better. The rest of Krinkel starts on the 25th of August.

Together with your buddy, you will be divided in 'living groups'. Each '**living group**' consists of 12 to 14 people. These living-groups are made of a mix of all the participants to spent time together to play. There will be huge moments with everyone together and moments in the regions (the campgrounds).



Arrival & departure

- **Arrival:** Thursday August 24th



- Arrival by train:

When you come to Krinkel by train on August 24th, you will have to take the train to the city of **Turnhout**. We will be waiting for you at the train station of Turnhout at **3 p.m.** There we'll take a bus to go to the Krinkelsite in Merksplas.

You can look for the most suitable train on <http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx> *

- Arrival by car:

If you're staying with a host family, you can ask them which option is possible for them. You can come by train or if they are willing to bring you. If you come by train, see above. If they are willing to bring you, you can arrive on the campsite **between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.** You can find the address in the next paragraph. Near the campsite, there will be signs to direct you to the correct parking.

- **Departure:** Wednesday August 30th



At the end of Krinkel, there will be busses to bring all participants to the train station of Turnhout or Noorder-Kempen. The busses will start riding at **2 p.m.**

You best step on the busses which go to **Turnhout**, there is the best connection with other trains. We don't know at what hour the busses will leave, but we will arrange for the international participants to take the first busses to the train station.

- Departure by car:

If your host family wants to pick you up, you discuss the hour of departure before Krinkel. They can pick you up on the pick and ride zone from **3 p.m. until 5 p.m.**

*If you need help to find a train from the airport or your host family to Turnhout and back, contact us and we'll find the best connection for you.

Location



Landloperskolonie
Steenweg op Rijkevorsel
2330 Merksplas
Belgium

Contact information

Mail : internationaal@krinkel.be

When you're in Belgium and you need to contact someone?

Please call one of these phone numbers:

- Veerle +32 497 48 71 45
- Wouter +32 476 85 44 81
- Evy +32 473 43 06 86

Payment at the camp

- **Participation fee:** There will be a dedicated time for your organization during the first days of Krinkel where you will sit down together with our financial coordinator to arrange all finances (participation fee and travel costs). You will be informed about this time on the first day of Krinkel. The participation fee has to be paid in euro. No other currency will be accepted.
- **Other payments:** There are no cash machines in the surroundings of Krinkel. So, make sure that you have enough cash before arriving there. The best place to exchange money is the airport. Not much money is needed. In the evening, you have the chance to buy a drink during an evening campfire and the final show. You can buy coupons on the international campground with cash. So, bring a few euros for this. On the national campground, there is a stall of '**De Banier**', the Chiro shop, where you can buy Chiro clothes and gadgets if you want. De Banier will only bring a small range of articles, not all the Chiro clothing will be available. If you want to buy something during the camp, let us know in the first days of the camp. In that way, we can ask De Banier to bring it to Krinkel. Site: www.debanier.be/chiro.html (only in Dutch)



If for some reason, you have a large amount of money with you and you don't feel comfortable to keep it in your tent, let us know and we will try to arrange a safe storage for it.

Theme



The central theme of the group exchange will be “**space**”. This will also be the year theme of Chiro Flanders for 2017 – 2018. On the national camp Krinkel the year theme will be officially launched. This means that the theme will be visible throughout the whole campsite.

Space can be interpreted in different ways. Outer space is mysterious, calls upon your imagination, invites you to explore new things. But space also means space for young people to play, space for youth groups to do their activities, space for young people to meet, green areas, forests to play, ...

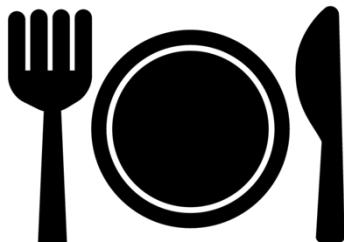
During the camp, we will explore the concept of space, try to find out what it means for the participants, play games in different spaces and discuss what spaces you and your youth groups need.

Weather conditions

It is not perfect, however, the weather in Belgium in august is, on average, good. The average temperature during the day is 25°C and at night the average temperature is 14°C. There is **always** a risk of rain in Belgium.



Food and meals



During a camp of Chiro, there are 3 large meals provided and a snack at 4p.m. In the morning, there is a breakfast with bread and different toppings. During breakfast, you also prepare your lunch of sandwiches and you'll get a snack for the ‘4-o’clockertje’ (that’s what we call the snack time at 4p.m). In the evening, there will be a hot meal. For breakfast and supper, we get together at a big tent on the international campground. Lunch will be eaten somewhere on the terrain of Krinkel.

- *In Chiro, we usually sing a little song before starting the meal, and generally nobody leaves the table before everyone has finished out of politeness.*
- *In most local Chiro groups, there is a tradition that everyone eats everything on his/her plate, otherwise you get no dessert.*
- *Don’t take as much of one dish as you can. Make sure there’s enough to go around.*
- *When everybody’s finished we often give joint messages to the group.*

In Belgium, we eat a lot of **bread**. We encourage you to try out the Belgian cuisine and take part in our food culture.

International games

During the first days of Krinkel, there is time to play your games from your organisation. To organise these games, we need to know what kind of game you'd like to play with the group. We'd like you to prepare a small game with the participants of your organisation. And please send in following things about your game(s) to internationaal@krinkel.be.



- Name?
- With how many people can it be played?
- Needed material?
- Duration? (between 5 to 15 minutes)

International evening

!Important: This is different than communicated before!

On the second evening, there will be an international evening. Every organisation has a chance to show something from their country or organisation. You can perform a dance, sing a song, give a small presentation, ... during this evening. Bring along music, that you want to use. Of course you can wear your uniform, t-shirt, scarf or traditional clothing during this evening.

If you like to bring some food or typical snacks, you can bring something. There will be a buffet that evening, where you can put things. But remember there is no space in the fridges for this and we're a group of 180 persons. So bring something that can be divided into small pieces, just to taste.

Krinkel challenge

Last summer, we presented Krinkel on the General Assembly of Fimcap. We showed a video and gave every organization a challenge with a jar of sand. You can watch the challenge here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRF6zTaVTyg&feature=youtu.be>

We hope you all can bring the jar of sand of your own country to Krinkel. Or at least make a video of this!

Guide to communication

International friendships and cooperation can be a fantastic gift to you and your organisation. By participating at Krinkel, you form new bonds and learn a lot about Belgium, Chiro, and the different organisations/cultures of all the participants. All while having fun and making lots of new friends. But participating in a camp in a different country – perhaps far away from where you live, and much different from the country you come from, there may be some pitfalls in communicating. We've put together some guidelines so you know what to expect from Krinkel and some ways for you to navigate the Flemish cultural landscape.

Rule of thumb: **TALK, LISTEN and ASK.** If you don't know where to be, if you wonder why the Belgians are doing weird things – ASK. Almost all Belgians speak English and will be happy to help you out. Your buddy is there to guide you in your stay at the camp, and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the way we do camps. It's completely okay to ask about things that seem strange or illogical to you, and better ask one time too many than too little if you don't know what's going on.

- *Speak English (French, Spanish) also with your friends from home when you are together with people who don't speak your language.*
- *Don't be afraid to ask your International friends to speak English as well.*
- *Remember that most people at camp are speaking a foreign language – don't be afraid of making mistakes.*

Translation:

In general, don't expect translation at all events, so ask your buddy or another Belgian friend who can help you. We will try to provide translation as much as possible.

- *Group together with your buddy and ask if they can translate for you, so you're not left out.*
- *Don't expect anyone to translate for you if you don't ask them first. People can usually not tell that you speak a different language.*

Time

We tend to be quite accurate when it comes to time schedules, so remember that in Belgium 12.05 means 12.05, and not 12.15 or later.



You are expected to be on time and follow the scheduled times of the program.

Packing list

If you have this in your bags, you'll be fully equipped to join Krinkel.

Important documents

- World assistance card or other cards/documents of your health insurance
- **Identity card**
- 2 x Completed **medical information form** (you can find it on the website: <https://krinkel.be/site/english/index.html>)

Clothing

Bring practical clothes; be prepared for an active camp in open air and temperatures between 10 and 30 degrees.

- underwear
- socks
- pyjamas
- t-shirts
- shorts
- trousers / jeans
- sweaters
- jacket
- rainwear
- Cap or hat (for the sun!)

And your **uniform**, if you have this.

Toilet bag

- towels and washcloths
- soap and shampoo (if possible bring biological products)
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- brush /hair comb
- deodorant
- sunscreen and after-sun lotion
- mosquito stick
- medication (if necessary)
- personal care products

Shoes

For all distances and weather conditions

- sandals
- sneakers
- sturdy walking shoes (waterproof)

Camping equipment

- sleeping bag and matrass *
- pillow
- flashlight (perhaps back-up batteries)
- blanket

Cutlery

- plate
- 2 drinking cup (1 for soup, 1 to drink)
- cutlery: knife, fork, spoon, ...
- 2 kitchen towels
- breadbox (to pack your lunch)
- bottle (for water)

Others

- **Songbook, music or dances** from your country
- Small backpack (to take your lunch with you during the day)
- Euro's (see payment at the camp)
- The **flag** of your country (if you have this)
- Preparation for the **international evening**
- Small board game, list of games you like to play,...
- Special object that is mentioned in the mail
- Not necessary: Phone + battery + travel plug

* If you're not able to bring some things like a matrass or sleeping bag, please let us know. We'll provide it for you.

We are looking forward to meeting you!



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