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Registration for the International Training Camp for Young Speleologists on the Schwabian Alb from August 1st – August 17th, 2008

Name: _____ First name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ (d.m.y)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Nationality: _____ Profession: _____

Course you want to attend:

Alternative:

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If you have chosen »Biology in Caves«, please mark two alternatives with a priority, because we are not sure until now whether the Biology course will be available.

For details please see the following pages.

I will bring a tent ☐ yes ☐ no

In my tent I have additional room for _____ persons which have no tent.

Member of a youth organisation, cave research organisation, etc.: _____

Cave experience: ☐ yes / ☐ no Language skills: _____

Special interests and knowledge: _____

What can you contribute to our program: _____

☐ I will travel with my own car

☐ I will join _____ in his car.

☐ Somebody will bring me with a car

☐ I will travel by train

☐ I will arrive on 1st of August (Friday) until 8pm for dinner.

☐ I will arrive on 2nd of August (Saturday) until noon.

I declare that my doctor has no objection against sport activities. Please ask your doctor if in doubt.

Date: _____ (d.m.y)

(Signature, also from your parents if you are age of 17 or younger)

Please see next pages

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Soon we start again ...

- What?** International Training Camp for Young Speleologists
Where? Sporting Ground in 89601 Schmiechen near Schelklingen / Schwabian Alb / Germany
When? From August 1st to August 17th, 2008
For whom? Cavers and everybody who wants to become a caver. Age from 16 to 30 years, exceptions are possible.

www.juhoefola.de

Our Motto

By learning how to do it right you will be able to handle critical situations in caves and discover the beauty of caves and why you should and how you can protect the world inside the earth

because

caves attract more and more people. Caves are geotopes and biotopes and therefore very sensitive climate archives which are worth to be explored. Caving is not only sport and fun, it is also practical science. With a good training you can avoid dangerous situations.

We offer you a training split into six courses and a supporting programme which covers all important caving areas. Small groups guarantee optimum results.

Another intention of the camp is to meet guys from other countries who are interested in caving. This often opens possibilities to find new friends and visit new carst areas for caving.

The camp is intended for young people who want to start with caving or who already have some experience and want to extend their skills.

We offer the following courses. **For all courses you should understand german or english language.**

I. :Practical Cave Research

This course is intended for active cavers with some basic skills.

Subject areas: Maps, cave register, excavation techniques, permission problems, tunnel driving, shaft digging, stone machining, radio frequency direction finding, thru the surface communication, using GPS, water drain measurements, water pile up to estimate the size of unknown caves, salting (tracer) test in a water cave with data interpretation, simple cave survey and plan generation with a computer program, documentation of cave research and forwarding information to the press.

We will adapt the themes to your interests; please let us know if you are interested in a special topic.

II. Cave Exploration including Rescue Topics

Main topic of this course is to learn solid basic skills in cave exploration. There will be topics about ropes and knots, security, rescue, rapeling in shafts, rope ladders and single rope technics (SRT). When needed we will split the course for beginners and more experienced cavers, therefore no basic skills needed.

For this course you need SRT equipment. Please call us, if you want to loan the equipment (some available) or if you want to buy it

III. Cave Survey

You will learn the basics techniques of cave survey and how to draw a cave plan by hand and with a computer. You will train the usage of different survey equipment as compass, clinometer and also work with a theodolithe. No basic skills needed.

IV. Biology, Fauna und Eco-Systems in Caves

This course is intended for everybody who is interested in flora and fauna in caves. No basic skills needed. You will take probes in a cave and learn how to write documentation and interpret the data. The result should be to get a feeling about the status of flora and fauna in the cave and become more sensible about the cave as a fragile biological system.

V. Geology

We will learn the basics of geology as reading of geological maps, profiles, tectonics, mineralogy and sediments. Then we will understand how caves develop. A lot of information for the caver can be derived from the basic information. Practical field work will be done in the Geo-Parc Swabian Alb. We will hike to a meteor crater, visit remains of vulcanism and collect fossils. No basic skills needed.

VI. Research

The participants of this course will attend real research projects in different caves on the swabian Alb. You will see different strategies to find new caves. Inside caves you will practice different methods to dig, split rocks and get practical experience how to secure shafts and tunnels. We will look for specific geological specialities as clay horizons, artefacts and special sediment layers. We will also talk about security aspects and unsafe environment in a cave. We will explore different caves for practical training. For this course you must have an age of 18 and above. Complete caving equipment including SRT and caving experience is needed.

For all participants the following lectures will be offered:

Geology of the Swabian Alb, cave genesis, materials needed for exploration, cave rescue, cave protection, bat protection, biology in caves, GPS, finding your way in rural areas, presentation of software for cave survey and mapping and much more.

There will be a geological bus excursion on the swabian alb.

We will hike in the Schmiech-, Ach- und Blau- valley and visit prehistoric sites.

During the two weeks there will be 9 days where we will work in groups, 1 day bus excursion, 1 day hiking and 2 days without a fixed program.

The evenings in the camp will give you the opportunity to meet other folks with same interests. You can bring a musical instrument or a piece of sports equipment.

The camp is located on the sporting area in Schmiechen near Schelklingen (west of Ulm / Blaubeuren). We will have a big tent, a room for presentations and restrooms and showers. There will be additional tents for group activities. Electricity (230V/50Hz AC) to charge batteries is available.

Catering at the camp will be supplied from our own "field kitchen".

Participation fee is 200.-€

This includes for 16 days:

Accommodation in a tent, restrooms with showers (warm showers for a small fee), 3 meals per day, support and training in small groups by experienced cavers, a bus excursion, all other excursions and entrance fees for common activities, course documentation, youth group insurance (health, third party liability, accident). Please bring an international health insurance certificate to make processing easier.

The age limit can be extended when agreed with the camp lead. The advance payment is 50.-€ and must be transferred immediately after confirmation of registration.

The rest of 150.-€ must be transferred until June, 30th 2008.

The german „Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher“ supports his single members with 15.-€ per person.

Please fill out the registration as readable as possible, you can also modify the file in the computer, print it out and sign the paper.

Questions and comments: Please see www.juhoefola.de or call +49-7394-1566

Please send the 2 page letter with the registration (signed) to the camp lead:

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Deadline is June, 30th, 2008. Because the number of participants is limited, please register as soon as possible. With the confirmation of registration you will receive a detailed map how to find the camp and a list of things you should bring with you.