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Kiwaniis European Youth Camp 2020

***CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK**

Criminal history background checks may be required for all adults working with youth. Over the last several years Kiwanis has expanded its requirements for a “clear” criminal history background check because the checks now apply to several positions at various levels of the organization. In order to reduce confusion and risk at all levels, the KI Board adopted a new motion that requires all districts to follow the screening criteria (**KI Procedure 197** determining if the checks are “clear”).

A criminal history background check is considered “not clear” if it indicates: a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, a felony or conviction or registration of a violent and/or sexual nature or a felony related to larceny or theft.

KI requires clear background checks conducted by its provider for all adults working with youth at all KI-sponsored events. A district may also require background checks for other adults working with youth as part of district programs or events.

If conducted the background check should conform **to applicable local and state laws and requirements**. In the absence of any other requirement to do so, Kiwanis clubs are required to have a clear background check, by any provider, of **any member or participant older than 18 years on date of 2020 July 18th**, serving as camp participant/advisor to any SLP club, program or activity (camps!). KI’s criteria shall be followed to determine if the background check is considered “clear”. Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure confidential background checks for all adults who will work directly with youth outside of the school or who may not have undergone a background check.

In absence of any overall European rule or bylaw in this, KI-EF will accept as criminal background document each certificate originated by local police or state which will notify that the participant is free of any punishment in relationship of tutoring youngsters under the age of 18, nor other criminal acts which could exclude this person from membership in Kiwanis.

There is no requirement for a background check for youth under the age of 18.



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KIWANIS Youth Camp Rules

Youth Camps are part of the Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (SLP). Through SLP Kiwanis enables its youth and adult leaders to serve their community, opening doors to change the world.

The objectives of these Youth Camps are to teach, train and practice leadership, meet youngsters from other countries and understand the cultural differences in order to establish friendship and build networks. The task is also to develop program promotion and serve in order to inspire the youth to join Kiwanis.

Saying this, Kiwanis has set the following unalterable rules for all Youth Camps in order to ensure a successful and enjoyable time for the participants.

- 1) Every child and every young person has to be accompanied by a Nation Leader/Supervisor. A Nation Leader/Supervisor is defined as a Kiwanis member, parent, or legal guardian, twenty-six (26) years of age or older. A supervisor can bear responsibility over a group of max. 5 participants.
- 2) The camps are lead by a camp management consisting of the camp leader, appointed by Kiwanis and the Nation Leaders/Supervisors. The camp management is in charge of the camp life and the program. All participants are obliged to follow the instructions and decisions. Participants are obliged to participate actively in all activities and to contribute to succes.
- 3) Adults giving youths a lift in a vehicle should do so with a second adult in the vehicle. If a second adult is not available the "rule of threes" is recommended: at least three people in the car at all times. All transportation decisions should be made by the camp management in accordance with local laws.
- 4) Inside and outside all camps the consumption of alcohol, drugs and smoking are strictly forbidden for every participant and Nation Leader/Supervisor - regardless of age - during any portion of the event. Exception is made for the presence of medication prescribed for the attendee. Participants are expected to obtain from any activity of sexual nature.
- 5) The sleeping rooms for female and male participants are strictly separated, if possible in different floors. The sleeping rooms are private areas and not open for visiting each other. No activity will happen between 00 am and 6 am unless otherwise specified by the camp management so participants are to be in their private sleeping rooms.
- 6) Except for a parent sharing a sleeping room or another sleeping quarter (e.g. tent) with his/her own child, no adult should share a dormitory with a youngster.
- 7) The camp management and those people authorized shall be entitled to check compliance with the rules at any time. This applies particularly to the rules mentioned in



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point 3 and 4. This includes the right of inspection of the premises and the personal belongings of the participants with reasonable suspicion.

- 8) It should be noted that KI-EF does not pay for bodily injury due to accidents. It is highly recommended to participants and Nation Leaders/Supervisors to provide for a corresponding foreign health and casualty insurance.
- 9) Damaged or lost items will be charged to the district of the initiator and can be requested from the initiator.
- 10) In the case of a participant violating the rules – regardless of his/her age – the camp management is entitled to exclude this person from further participation and to send him/her home at their own expense.

The KI-EF Youth Camp Guidelines and the Guidelines for Youth Protection of Kiwanis International [https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/training/training/risk-management/youth-protection/guidelines2pageformat\(002\).pdf](https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/training/training/risk-management/youth-protection/guidelines2pageformat(002).pdf) are an inseparable part of these rules.

These rules have to be signed (page 3 - Commitment and Indemnification Statement) by the participants or in the case of minority by the legal guardians (normally parents) and sent to: youthcamp-austria@kiwanis.at

Nation Leaders/Supervisors have to sign and send these rules too in order to ensure that they themselves are aware of them.

The organizer of the Youth Camp 2020 (July 19th – 26th) in Villach, Austria is Kiwanis International District Austria



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Commitment and Indemnification Statement

I / we as legal guardian agree to the participation of our son / our daughter

Last Name / Surname	
First Name	
Date of Birth	

Please select:

Participant	Nation Leader/Supervisor
Trainer	Visit as...

to the Kiwanis Youth Camp in _____

from _____ until _____

I / we hereby acknowledge receipt of the Kiwanis Youth Camp Rules, the KI-EF Youth Camp Guidelines as well as the KI Guidelines for Youth Protection and accept them for me / for my child irrevocably.

I / we hereby release the organizers, the camp management and each supervisor from any liability.

I/ we hereby agree to the requested background check report as mentioned in the guidelines. When applying for Nation Leader/Supervisor I hereby accept to fulfil the requested "Background Check Report" and herewith fully comply with the Kiwanis Youth Camp preconditions. I accept to participate actively in the Youth Camp just as the young ones mentioned in point 2.

Place and Date

Signature
(Participant/Parent/Trainer/Nation Leader/Supervisor)

Name, First Name of Mother or legal representative	
Name, First Name of Father or legal representative	