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Scout Week in Taizé

22nd to 29th August 2010



Dear Friends,

The committee of the Europe-Mediterranean Region cordially invites participants to join the Scout Week in Taizé, to be held in Taizé, France from the 22nd to 29th August 2010.

What is this activity about?

Scout Week in Taizé is a joint venture between the Taizé community and the ICCS EM Region.

"During the Scout Week lived in Taizé we experienced Bible introduction in an unusual way. We met in small groups made up coming from eight different countries and we shared our opinion and experiences following the questions that had been prepared. But we had something more to share: our Scout experience." Valentina from Italy. [2009 participant



What is Taizé?

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is comprised of a little over 100 brothers who come from a wide range of Christian traditions.

Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work.

By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

Aims and Objectives?

Scout Week in Taizé has been designed to help young leaders in the Scouting view their daily life in the light of the Gospel: praying together three times a day, reflecting on the wellsprings of the faith, exploring the Promise, the Law, and the Principles of Scouting.

"It was a wonderful experience for me as a person, as a christian and as a scout. It was like a trip where I could grow and learn with so many people, many cultures and with time and silence to know me better." Ema from Portugal

Participants of the Scout Week should bring a big openness to the programme. It is important to know that it is not possible to have a "normal" Scout camp in Taizé, because it is part of the regular youth meetings of Taizé, which take place every week. Though the programme will be adapted to Scouting.

Where is Taizé?

The village of Taizé is set on a hill in the Burgundy region of France.



for further details go to Google at www.taize.fr/

Working methods



The Scout week takes place within the regular weekly Taizé youth meetings.

Who is the target group?

Young leaders aged between the ages of 17 to 30.

There is no limit to the number of participants.



Language

Participants should be able to communicate reasonably well in either English or French, in order to gain the most from the plenary sessions and the group work.



Where will they stay?

Living conditions are simple. Participants will bring a sleeping bag, towel, and camping mat. Sleeping tents will be provided by Taizé, but if you can bring your own tent with you.

Participation fee:

The cost of the week is **70.00 euro**. Participants will have to pay their own travel costs.

Taizé receives no external subsidy, but depends on participants contributions.

Your contribution shall cover: meals, accommodation and other expenses of the event.



Travel arrangements

Once participants have been selected (acceptance letters will be sent by the 1st July) they should make their own travel arrangements and if necessary obtain a visa for France (host country).

Should you require a visa ICCS-EM will issue to you the 'invitation' letter necessary for presentation to the French Embassy in your home country.

Please note: obtaining a visa is entirely the responsibility of the participant and / or his or her national association.

If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this clearly on your application form and return it as soon as possible.

Travel details:

Further information, including travel forms to be completed, will be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

Preparation:

Participants should have a good understanding of the Scout Promise, Law and Principles.

What to bring:

- Scout / Guide Uniform
- A tent if possible
- Casual 'warm' clothing (evenings can be chilly)
- Comfortable walking shoes or boots
- A copy of the Bible
- Material presenting your association, with some typical food from your country but please do not bring alcoholic drinks as it is not appropriate for Taizé.
- Rain wear (just in case!)

Medical cover:

People living within the European Union should bring their:

Certificate of Entitlement to Benefits in Kind,
This replaces the EU **Form E111**.

Applications:

The attached application form, or photocopies, should e-mailed or posted to the:

ICCS-EM Regional Office
C/o Columban Missionaries
St Columban's,
Navan,
Co Meath, Ireland

To be received on or before
30th June 2010.



Applications received directly from individuals can not be accepted so please ensure that the form has been signed by your National Chaplain or International Commissioner.

Please do **NOT** register directly in Taizé!

Planning Team:

Annette Westerwalbesloh (DPSG),
Christoph Kubina (DPSG) and the
community of Taizé



Queries:

Further details will be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

If you require additional information please contact us at:
taize@iccs-em.org

We are counting on your support to make this activity a success.

Thank you,
Gerry Glynn
Regional Chairperson /Secretary



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Application Form

First Name & Family Name			
Birth	<i>Date & place:</i>		
Gender	<i>Male:</i>		<i>Female:</i>
Passport	<i>Nationality:</i>		<i>Number:</i>
	<i>Date & Place of issue:</i>		
Address	<i>Street:</i>		
	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>City:</i>	
	<i>Country:</i>		
Telephone	<i>Home:</i>		<i>Work:</i>
Fax			
E-mail			
Association			
Position in the Association			

Please indicate the category that best describes your spoken English and/or French:

English: Very Good Good Can manage Poor None
 or
French: Very Good Good Can manage Poor None

Which other language do you speak (*incl. mother tongue*)?
 Please list:

Do you have any dietary or other special requirements?
 Please specify:

Have you ever participated in an ICCS event or activity? Yes or No.
 If yes which:

Do you need an official invitation to obtain a visa? Yes or No.
 If yes specify passport details:

Declaration by National Chaplain or international Commissioner:

I confirm that this participant is a member of good standing in our Association

Signature of National Chaplain:

Date:

IMPORTANT

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