

2019-2020

# An adventure with CISV Belgium



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Over its 60-year-history, CISV International has become a worldwide movement working toward peace and intercultural cooperation and understanding. We have educated and inspired many thousands of children and young people, empowering them to achieve their full potential and to play an active role in creating a better world.

In late 1940s, a progressive child psychologist named **Dr Doris Allen** developed the concept of an organization that would foster inter-cultural understanding and friendship as an essential step toward world peace. Doris Allen believed that by creating opportunities for children of different cultures to come together to learn and make friends, they would grow up to become ambassadors for a more just and peaceful world.

## Children's International Summer Villages

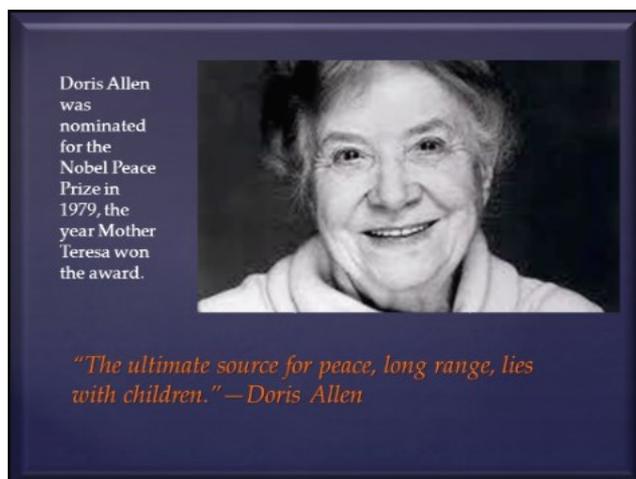
In just a few years, but with much hard work on the part of volunteers and supporters, Dr. Allen's idea had become a reality. Children's International Summer Villages (CISV) was registered as a non-profit corporation in Ohio in 1950. The first Village programme was held in Cincinnati in 1951, bringing together young people from Austria, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Sweden and USA.

## Where we are today

Over the years, beginning with that first Village, CISV volunteers in our Chapters have organized over 7,000 international programmes for some 300,000 participants.

Since 1950 the world has changed, and CISV has evolved along with it. Today, CISV offers experiences to people of all ages, starting with children aged eleven, through to young adults. In the spirit of Doris Allen's original vision, CISV aspires to be a unique and pioneering organization. CISV has grown from one programme model to seven different international programmes; from one Village to over 200 programme-events a year, involving over 8000 participants.

CISV continues to grow, guided by its founding belief that a more just and peaceful world is possible through inter cultural exchange, education and friendship.



CISV has a vision of a more just and peaceful world;

We believe that we can all take responsibility for making this happen. This vision gives us a strong purpose, or mission, which is summed up clearly in our Statement of Purpose:

In other words, CISV exists to educate and inspire people so they can actively contribute to a world of peace, justice and equality, where Human Rights and the environment are respected.

CISV does this because we believe that everyone can play an active role in creating a better world.

CISV's vision and purpose are supported directly by its four Educational Principles, which form the foundation for CISV's educational programmes.

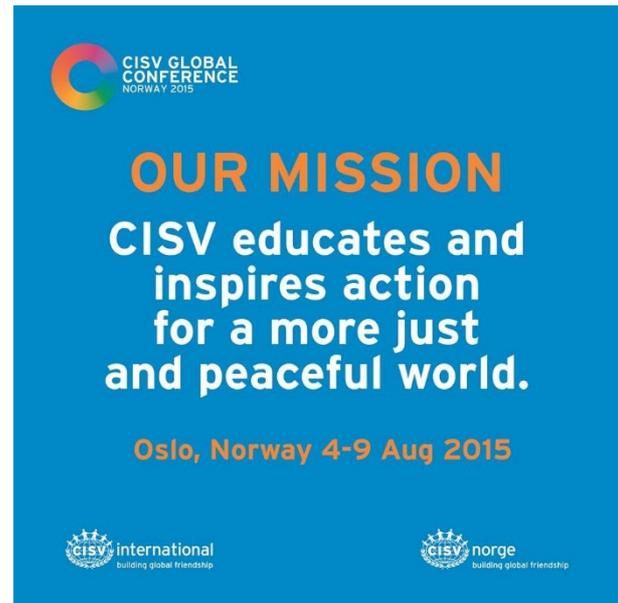
They sum up the vision of a better world.

Not only do these Principles guide CISV's Peace Education content, but they also provide a guide for the organization, and everyone involved with it.

## Cisv's four principles are:

- We appreciate the similarities between people and value their differences
- We support social justice and equality of opportunity for all
- We encourage the resolution of conflict through peaceful means
- We support the creation of sustainable solutions to problems relating to our impact upon each other and the natural environment

We believe that through the choices we make, debates we have and actions we take within our families and communities, we can all take responsibility for making our world a better place to live in.





## **FOUR CONTENT AREAS**

CISV has four Peace Education content areas, which are each linked directly to its four Educational Principles, making a very clear connection to CISV's Purpose.

# D

### **DIVERSITY**

Explores the identity of the individual and asks us to consider ourselves within our own and the wider community.

# HR

### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

Considers how Human Rights affect every aspect of our lives and how violations can lie at the root of problems such as poverty, violence and lawlessness.

# SD

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Looks for integrated ways to promote economic and social well-being, while protecting the environment through the responsible use of natural resources.

# CR

### **CONFLICT & RESOLUTION**

Helps us understand how conflicts can arise, deliberately or otherwise, and what can be done to help bring peaceful resolution.

# Peace education content & Approach, Research and Partnerships

## Peace education content

CISV is a Peace Education organization acting to make a positive impact in the world. But what does “Peace Education” mean?

Simply put, Peace Education looks at local and global issues, recognizing that peace can mean much more than the absence of war.

Peace Education is a way of learning about issues that are seen to be the root causes of social injustice and conflict.

The purpose behind Peace Education is to develop the Attitudes, Skills and Knowledge needed in order to act for positive change; in other words, to help individuals to become Active Global Citizens.



## Experiential learning

‘Learning by doing’, or ‘Experiential Learning’ is simply a way of saying learning through direct, personal experience, rather than from reading books or listening to lectures. It is the basic educational approach of all CISV Programmes and this process is referred to as ‘Experiential Learning’.

## Research & partnerships

CISV also has two other important ways of contributing to working towards the vision of a more just and peaceful world. One is by setting up partnerships with other organizations to work on projects with shared goals.

The other is by carrying out research, which contributes to the body of knowledge on Peace Education and its effective delivery.

## Learning by doing

Learning by doing is a part of any CISV activity. Participants :

“DO”, have hands-on experience

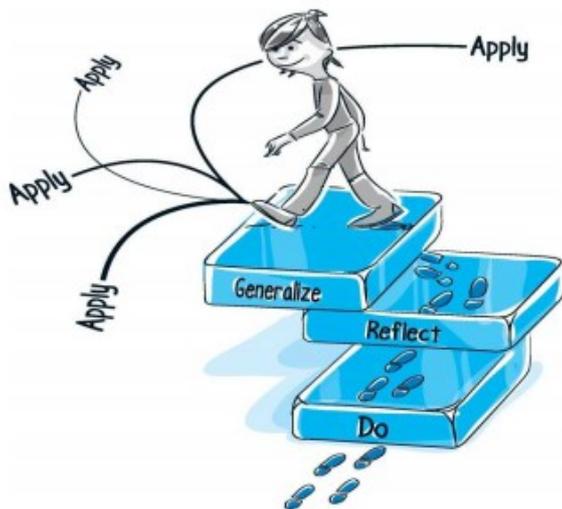
“Reflect” on what they have done

“Generalize” what they have learned

“Apply” what they have learned

Active Global Citizens need a combination of  
Attitudes,  
Skills and  
Knowledge

These components are the heart of our  
educational goals and our approach to  
learning



# OUR PROGRAMMES

## Village

### A camp-based programme for 11-year-olds lasting 28 days

The first Village, our original programme, was held in 1951

CISV Villages are international camps that inspire 11-year-old children to imagine a more just and peaceful world. The children come together from many different countries to take part in a variety of educational, cultural and fun activities.

Each Village welcomes delegations from 10-12 countries. Each delegation has two boys and two girls, accompanied by an adult leader. The camp is coordinated by adult staff, supported by Junior Counsellors (age 16-17).

A Village creates a safe, fun setting in which your child will learn, with children from around the world, about each others' lives and cultures and how to communicate, cooperate and live together. The Village learning experiences, and the friendships made, will last your child a lifetime.



## Interchange



**Two-way family exchange programme for 12–15 year olds; each exchange lasts between 14 to 28 days**

The first Interchange was held in 1961.

While based on the same educational principles as CISV's camp-based programmes, Interchange encourages a deeper encounter between two

cultures by placing young people within families. Group activities during the exchange, such as a mini-camp, are a vital complement to the in-depth family experience.

Interchange takes place in two 'phases' - your child joins a delegation that visits another country and is hosted there by a CISV family. Then in return you and your family host a child from the delegation from the country your child visited. Interchange exchanges give your whole family the chance to experience another culture and make new friends and to be part of your local CISV community.

An Interchange involves not just your child but the whole family. As part of your child's Interchange, you will host a child from another country in your home and get involved with local CISV social and educational activities. CISV offers your family a taste of the CISV experience along with dedicated support and advice

## Youth Meeting

**A camp-based programme for 12-19 + year-olds, lasting either 8 or 15 days**

The first Youth Meeting was held in 1969.

Youth Meetings bring small groups of young people, of similar ages together from different countries within a region.

Youth Meetings are for 25-35 participants (aged 12-13, 14-15, 16-18 or 19+), coordinated by adult staff. Young people aged under 16 travel in delegations with an adult leader.

Join a Youth Meeting and explore aspects of a theme that affects us all, such as democracy, and share your perspectives and learn from each other. You will also think about how you can use what you gain from your experience - new understanding and planning and communication skills - beyond the camp in your school, college or community. As with all of our programmes, you will find there is an emphasis on friendship and fun!

## Step Up

**A camp-based programme for 14-15 year olds, lasting 23 days**

The first Step Up was held in 1985

CISV's Step Up programme encourages young people to take a leading role in planning and organizing activities. The participants and their adult leaders use CISV's peace education to guide the theme of the camp around which they plan activities, such as identity, democracy, or environmental protection.



Step Up delegations come from nine countries and are comprised of four young people, 2 girls and 2 boys, who are accompanied by an adult leader. The camp is coordinated by adult staff.

Taking part in Step Up gives you the amazing opportunity to learn about important issues that affect us all and how they are thought about and dealt with in different countries and cultures. You will think about how you will take your new knowledge and leadership skills and make active use of them in your school or community. Just as importantly, you will have fun and make new and lasting friendships.

## Seminar Camp

**A camp-based programme for 17-18 year olds, lasting 21 days**

The first Seminar Camp was held in 1959

This personally challenging, intensive programme is coordinated by the young participants themselves. They develop their own agenda and explore global issues based on their backgrounds and interests, through activities and in-depth discussions.

Seminar Camps are for 30 international participants, with the supervision and assistance of international adult staff.

Joining a Seminar Camp puts you in the driving-seat, as with your fellow participants you plan and lead the programme. Being part of Seminar Camp's group-living environment encourages you to take a creative and cooperative approach to problem-solving and resolving differences that can arise from healthy discussion. Friendship and fun ensure that your Seminar Camp experience is lasting and positive.

## International People's Project

**An international community-based programme for people aged 19+, lasting 14-23 days**

International People's Projects (IPPs) are locally run projects that benefit a community and its environment. In partnership with local organizations, a group of volunteers from at least four different countries work together on a community project, such as combating environmental degradation, support for immigrants or an arts-based regeneration scheme.

IPPs are personally fulfilling, giving you the chance to learn new skills and ways of thinking and make lasting friendships. They are an opportunity to live and work as part of a community, in an authentic cultural experience that will make a genuine difference. Around 25 volunteers participate in each IPP, including staff.

## Mosaic

**Mosaic is CISV's local community-based programme for participants of all ages. Mosaic can be anything from a one-off event to a year-long project.**

Mosaic projects are planned and delivered by our Chapters, using CISV's educational approach, and each one responds to local needs and interests in a meaningful way. Most projects are designed and run in cooperation with partner organizations to further the benefit to the local community.

Being part of a Mosaic project is a real-life learning experience that will have a lasting impact and, if you're new to CISV, it's a great way to get involved!

## Junior Branch

CISV's Junior Branch members (JBers) are young local CISVers, who develop their intercultural and leadership skills through organizing and taking part in educational and social activities. JBers also often take an active role in the administrative responsibilities of their Chapters. Through their national and international network, JBers organize their own regional and international activities and events on a wide variety of themes, such as social justice and the environment.

Most of JB activities are for 15+ and some are open to participants as from village or those under 15 who have attended a Step Up camp. **To join please send an e-mail to [njr@be.cisv.org](mailto:njr@be.cisv.org) and like the "JB Belgium" Facebook page.**

Has 2 structures and is run by volunteers

## Legal structure:

National Association (NA) composed by 2 chapters

CISV België and CISV Belgique

These two chapters work hand in hand and are supported in their daily work by 7 teams.

## Operational structure

Program team

Finance team

Fund raising team

Communication & Planning team

Risk Management team

Shop team

IT team

You have great ideas to share with one of the teams?

You are welcome to send a mail to

[communication-team@cisv.be](mailto:communication-team@cisv.be)

Now, let's be honest.

You will be even more welcome if not only you share your ideas but you also help to make it happen. We are all volunteers with a limited time and very happy to learn to know new people.

**CISV is a family organization,  
we cannot make it happen without YOU**

Few faces behind the scene:

Liaison to parents and participants [info-participants@cisv.be](mailto:info-participants@cisv.be)

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Head of program team	President Chapter België	Secretary Chapter Belgique	President Chapter Belgique

Joep Nieuwenhuis Chair CISV Belgium



Lyne Brenac National Secretary



## How it all works

Each year, CISV Belgium receives invitations from CISV international to send about 80 delegates to an international CISV program. There are different rounds of invitations.

In this year's first round we have already received invitations for

- Villages (11 years old)
- Youth Meeting (12 – 13 years old)  
1 Winter / 1 Easter /1 Summer
- Interchange europe (12 – 13 years old)
- Step Up delegations (14 – 15 years old)
- Junior Project (15-16 years old)
- Junior Counselor (16 – 17 years old)
- Seminar Camp (17 – 18 years old)
- International People's Project (19 +)

As invitations can change until December we do not share more detailed information at this stage.

**Most of our programs are in July,  
some might be in August.**

*EVER WANTED TO BE A STAFF?  
ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING A  
LEADER ?*

*Take an active part in  
global peace education*

*WHAT YOU LEARN FROM IT?  
cooperation,  
work with other cultures,  
pedagogical approach,  
organization,  
communication,  
leadership,  
responsibility  
increase your network at  
global level*

*YOU ARE NOT ALONE:  
Training (how to organize  
an activity, deal with  
stressful situation,  
conflict management, risk  
management, ...)  
Support from local chapter  
(before, during, after the  
camp)*

# KEY MOMENTS IN THE RUN UP TO A CAMP

## Preparation meetings (see calendar - end of info-pack)

Taking part in the preparation activities is not only a sign of motivation, it is a key step in your child's CISV adventure. You'll find the yearly calendar of our meetings at the end of this booklet. These meetings take place once a month on a Sunday afternoon. **These meetings are mandatory** (exception for planned school trip or if sick ☹).

Your child will have the opportunity to learn about CISV, build a strong relationship with other delegates, start preparing for his/her camp, learn national dances, lullabies, and energizers... Note that once your child has been selected in March, participation in meetings after Easter remain CRITICAL in order to build special link with his/her delegation and leader.

We will also organize a family day in April. This is the perfect moment for you, as parent, to join a CISV activity and experiment what your child will be doing during his CISV program. Again (and we dare to insist) family participation will be much appreciated.

## Preparation week-end:

Planned in November. This week-end is mandatory, and the only exception is planned school trip or if sick ☹.

This week-end is THE moment where we will really have the opportunity to spend time with the delegates and see how they best match.

Note that a meeting with parents is planned at the start of the weekend (Saturday morning 10 AM). This is our opportunity to share more information and, for you, to ask all the questions you might have and raise any possible concern.

A sign up mail will be sent in October with all the related information.

## Delegation set-up:

Please note that all camps are the same all over the world (including in Belgium...). Only dates and travel costs can vary. This is why, CISV does not offer you the possibility to choose the camp you/your children are going to attend. Delegations will be set up taking into consideration the fit and dynamic we observe between participants and leaders.

Our major concern when setting up a delegation is that ALL participants are comfortable with their group and leader.

We will focus on keeping the balance right for ALL.

Yet, when signing up for a CISV program we offer you the possibility to choose for a destination in Europe (including Belgium) or out of Europe. This is due to the difference of costs it involves.

## Selection / Decision making criteria:

If we have too many candidates for our programs, we have to make a selection. We use the following selection criteria:

- Motivation
- Taking part in the preparation meetings and activities throughout the year (mandatory as it is critical for us to know the candidates):
- Age
- Maturity
- Family / participant's support to CISV Belgium.  
Hosting delegates for 1 or 2 week-ends in July. \*
- Subscription and payment of deposit before 31 of December: gives you priority to candidates that arrive later in the year

Finally, when all the above criteria will have been met, we will also give priority to candidates living in Belgium.

### \* Being a host family for CISV

Some days in a camp the participants are hosted by local CISV families, (home-stays), while the leaders and staff meet and prepare at the campsite.

As a host family we suggest you to choose activities that are appropriate for a peace education programme. The activities should not be too tiring and they should show the normal life of a family in that hosting country in order to experience the culture.

Being a host family is a perfect way to better understand CISV and to have a glimpse in your child's experience

## Delegation announcement / admin info

Delegations' announcement is planned in February; it is THE opportunity for you to discover what camp your child will attend but more important with whom your child will go on camp.

Delegation announcement will be followed by an information meeting where you also will have the opportunity to meet other parents and your child's leader.

We will inform you all the admin detailed (in particular forms you MUST fill in to join a CISV activity)

These are the information/document we will need:

- CISV forms (to be sent to you by email):
  - The [Child Travelling with Leader Legal Form](#) is for child participants in Village, Interchange, Step Up and Youth Meetings for ages 15 and under; all travelling with an adult leader.
  - The [Child Travelling Alone Legal Form](#) is for participants under the age 18 and Junior Counsellors who are permitted to travel without an adult leader.
  - The [Adult Legal Form](#) is for participants, staff and leaders aged 18
- Travel doc from "mandatory health insurance" (mutualité / mutualiteit)
- Prescription for optical glasses (if needed of course)
- Copy of ID or passport

**REMEMBER : we are volunteers and we would really appreciate to receive all these documents by the deadline requested and with the correct number of copies.**

**In March/April, you will also start receiving "pre-camps" (up to 3 max).**

These **precamps** are prepared by the camp staff. It contains a lot of info on your/your child's upcoming camp. **Please read it carefully and share it with your child.** This will help him get ready for his/her camp.

We also suggest that you organize a little activity with the co-delegate(s) of your child to give him/her even more opportunities to know each-other better, and invite the leader at home.

## We can't make it real without you

Your child is about to participate to a CISV program, it's probably not obvious but this means A LOT of work from MANY volunteers here in Belgium.

One of the reason your child may go on camp is that we organize camps here in Belgium.

In 2020 CISV Belgium will be happy to host:

- 1 Youth-Meeting Winter (2019-2020) / 1 Youth-meeting Easter
- 1 Village in July
- 1 Youth-Meeting in July
- 1 Interchange in July

This means A LOT of work and preparation before during and even after...

### Host Families

We ask all families that send a child to a CISV camp to be host family and / or to find host families for one or two week-ends.

This implies welcoming 2 delegates during a week-end (from Friday to Sunday) that might be in the start of the camp, the middle of the camp or the end of the camp. In the case, you can not commit to host delegates, we will ask you to find families in your network to host delegates.

This is a wonderful way to share a little of your childs adventure

**Other support** is also welcome for: Kitchen Staff, Cleaning teams at the end of the camps, transportation from delegates from and to the airport, accompanying adults during excursions etc ...

**Gifts** are welcome, food, cleaning products, arts & crafts material (paper, ink, pens, glue, ....)

**IN OTHER WORDS YOUR SUPPORT IS MORE THAN WELCOME**

# PRICE INDICATION

Participation costs for our programs are build as follows:

- International Fee : to be paid by CISV Belgium to CISV International Office
- National Fee: Hosting programs; training leaders/staff etc ...
- Delegation Fee : chocolates, costumes, flags, gifts for staff
- Travel costs + part of the leader's travel cost

Price indication, might slightly vary (not more than 10%) due to international office costs

	Belgium	Europe	Out of Europe
Village	1000 €	1350 €	2400 €
Interchange		750 € 2*2 weeks -1 summer	1850 € 2*3 weeks-2 summers
Youth Meeting 1 week	300 €	600 €	
Youth Meeting 2 weeks	550 €	800 €	
Step-UP		1150 €	2200 €
Junior Councilor	1000 € * travel costs excluded		
Seminar Camp	750 € * travel costs excluded		
IPP	Short (2 weeks) 550 € * travel costs excluded Long (3 weeks) 750 € * travel costs excluded		

# WANT TO JOIN ?

- Subscribe via the site [www.cisv.be](http://www.cisv.be) => “apply now”
- Pay a deposit of 150 € by 31 of December camp subscription  
CISV BELGIUM BE12 3630 6148 3892  
Communication : Deposit + surname + first name participant
- **COME TO THE ACTIVITIES** (see agenda below at end of info-pack)
- Choose the chapter you want to belong to and pay the membership fee  
(Note that both chapters work hand in hand)
  
- CISV Belgique IBAN : BE60 3100 8304 0170 BIC-SWIFT BBRUBEBB

OR

- CISV België IBAN : BE13 7360 2839 9139 BIC-SWIFT GKCCBEBB  
Communication: Membership 2019-2020 + surname and first name(s)

Which type of membership? For whom?

- Family Membership: 80 €) - any family member, living under the same roof, will be considered as a member of CISV Belgium
- Single parent family membership : family with 1 child 50 €  
  
This membership is mandatory for ALL the families whose child participates to one of our programs.
- Individual membership: 50 € - for adults (18 years +) participating in our activities and not belonging to a CISV family (leaders, staff, ...)
- Support membership: from 100 € & up – a nice way to show your support to our organization

**JOIN THE ACTIVITIES.... See the agenda on the next page:**

Follow CISV Belgium on Social Media to stay up-to-date:

Instagram @cisv\_belgium & Facebook @CISVBelgium

## YEARLY ACTIVITY PLANNING A reminder e-mail will be sent before each meeting, double check place as it might slightly change.

Date & Time	What	For whom	Where
Sat 21/09/2019 14.00 to 22.00	Welcome (back) to CISV + 50 years CISV BE	Everyone	
Sun 06/10/2019	Preparation	JB, Step-up (14 summer 2020), Seminar camp, IPP	<b>TBD</b>
Sun 13/10/2019 13.00 to 16.30	Preparation	Village (10-11 years old) + JC Interchange/ Youth meeting (12-13)+	<b>ULB Solbosch Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
<b>22-24/11/2019</b>	<b>Mandatory weekend bring a friend</b>	<b>Village (+JC), Interchange, Youth-Meeting (12-13), Step-Up,</b>	<b>Seaside – details will be send</b>
29/11/2019 to 01/12/2019	BIB weekend	JB, Seminar Camp, IPP	<b>Details will be send</b>
Sun 15/12/2019	Preparation	Villages (+JC) + Interchange / Youth meeting (12-13)	<b>ULB Solbosch - Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
Sun 15/12/2019 17.30 to 20.00	General Assembly	Board members mandatory / all members welcome	<b>ULB Solbosch - Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
Sun 12/01/2020 13.00 to 16.30	Preparation	Village (+JC), Interchange, Youth-Meeting (12-13), Step-Up, Seminar Camp	<b>ULB Solbosch - Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
Sun 02/02/2020	Preparation forest in one day	All delegates + Family In collaboration with Jane Goodall Institute	<b>Details will be send</b>
Sun 08/03/2020 13.00 to 16.30	Preparation Delegation announcement Info session for parents	All programs + parents	<b>ULB Solbosch - Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
Sun 25/04/2020	Talent show	ALL + Families	To be defined
Sun 17/05/2020 13.00 to 16.30	Preparation	ALL programs	<b>ULB Solbosch - Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
<b>Sun 21/06/2020 14.00 to 18.00</b>	<b>Preparation + "picnic"</b>	<b>All programs - parents join at 04 PM for a fun gathering before the summer</b>	<b>ULB Solbosch - Foyer Sportif (bat E1)</b> AV Buyl 87a – 1050 Bxl
Fr 10/07/2020 to sun 12/07/2020	Family week-end for village delegates in Belgium	All families sending a child on camp engages to host (or get hosted) 4 participants to our camps during summer season	Pick-Up in Zaventem Bring Back in Vilvoorde Horteco
Fr 24/07/2020 to sun 26/07/2020	Family week-end for village delegates in Belgium	* see above in info-pack	Pick-Up in Vilvoorde Horteco Bring Back in Vilvoorde Horteco