

LPC

Luethi-Peterson Camps



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The Luethi-Peterson Camps, founded in 1949 by Natalie Luethi-Peterson as a project for peace in the wake of World War II, organize summer camps in various European countries and the United States. The camps have continued to foster international understanding and community responsibility among young people at an age when they are still relatively free from prejudice.

Boys and girls from many different cultures and backgrounds live together for several weeks in small communities. While the individual camp is autonomous and reflects the interests and needs of its members as well as the special features of its site, all the camps adhere to the LPC traditions and goals.

The daily program includes sports, music, drama, crafts and art work. Hikes and excursions to explore the surrounding country-

side and special festive days are highlights. A simple lifestyle encourages campers, aged 9 to 17, to take initiative and to respond to the needs of the community.



A sense of concern for the community is fostered in all phases of camp life and given special emphasis through such activities as assemblies and self-government days which teach democratic problem-solving and leadership skills. Campers gradually learn to make decisions, plan, organize and lead activities. Staff lend assistance as it is needed and allow for increasing autonomy as campers demonstrate their readiness.

Directors and counselors are carefully selected and specially trained for their work in LPC.

Die Lüthi-Peterson Camps, welche 1949 von Natalie Lüthi-Peterson als ein Friedensprojekt nach dem Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs gegründet wurden, organisieren Sommer-Ferienlager in verschiedenen europäischen Ländern und in den USA. Die Lager fördern internationale Verständigung und Verantwortung für die Gemeinschaft bei jungen Menschen in einem Alter, wo sie noch relativ vorurteilsfrei sind.

Jungen und Mädchen aus vielen verschiedenen Kulturen und Hintergründen leben für mehrere Wochen zusammen in kleinen Gemeinschaften. Während die einzelnen Lager autonom sind und die Interessen und Bedürfnisse ihrer TeilnehmerInnen sowie die speziellen Charakteristika des Lagerorts widerspiegeln, befolgen alle Lager die LPC-Traditionen und Ziele.

Das Tagesprogramm beinhaltet Sport, Musik, Theater, Basteln und künstlerisches Arbeiten. Wanderungen und Exkursionen in die umliegen-

den Gegenden und spezielle Festtage sind Höhepunkte. Ein einfacher Lebensstil ermuntert die TeilnehmerInnen zwischen neun und siebzehn Jahren dazu, Initiative zu ergreifen und auf die Bedürfnisse der Gemeinschaft zu reagieren.

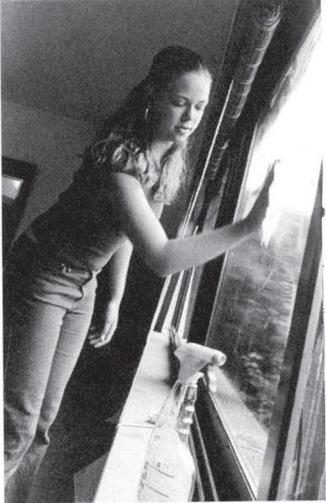
In allen Phasen des Lagerlebens wird ein Gemeinschaftssinn gefördert und speziell unterstützt durch Aktivitäten wie Versammlungen und Selbst-Regierungstage (Self Government Days), welche Probleme demokratisch lösen und Führungsqualitäten vermitteln. Die LagerteilnehmerInnen lernen schrittweise Entscheidungen zu fällen,

Aktivitäten zu planen, zu organisieren und zu leiten. Das Leitungsteam liefert, wo nötig, Unterstützung und gewährt zunehmende Selbstständigkeit, wenn die TeilnehmerInnen dazu bereit sind.

HauptleiterInnen und LeiterInnen werden sorgfältig ausgewählt und für ihre Arbeit in LPC speziell ausgebildet.



"We left home when it was raining, but we brought sunshine with us when we arrived back home. The second day, when we climbed up to the mountain, was the best. We finished our day at the ocean where we sat around a very small fire and enjoyed the sunset. On the last day we swam in the ocean, it was wonderful. Clear cold water, blue sky, it was an extraordinary day." Kai, Estonia



"Every day we meet for Planning Conference, where we plan the next day and discuss issues relating to camp. We sign up for activities and jobs for the next day. If there are

problems we try to find solutions together. Sometimes we don't all agree and the discussions take long. But at least we all have a say."

Mats, Sweden

"Folkdancing is something we do for Evening Program q from many countries, for example Miserlou from Greece, others. We dance on the field outside and kick up a great deal of dust."

Lukas,
Switzerland





uite a bit. We learn folk dances
Troika from Russia and many



"When I come back from your camps I can see differences in my behaviour. I learn how to live with the others, help them, work for them and share with them happy and sad moments. I had a lot of fun playing, dancing, singing and talking. In camp, money, religion and colour of skin are not important things at all." Marta, Poland



"Who is doing the chores?" Sometimes, campers and counsellors fight for the honour of feeding the animals on the farm. First come the chickens, I go into the chicken-coop.



Then we need to get water for our little pink pig which jumps up the fence for joy offinally being fed. The last thing are the sheep. I give them hay which shuts them up."

Wilma, Austria

Les camps Luethi-Peterson ont été fondés en 1949 par Natalie Luethi-Peterson en tant que projet pour la paix au lendemain de la 2e Guerre Mondiale. Il s'agit de camps d'été organisés dans différents pays européens et aux Etats-Unis. Les camps visent à favoriser la compréhension internationale et la responsabilité communautaire parmi les jeunes à un âge où ils sont encore relativement libres de préjugés.

Des garçons et des filles de nombreuses cultures et origines différentes vivent ensemble pendant quelques semaines dans de petites communautés.

Alors que chaque camp est autonome et reflète les intérêts et les besoins de ses membres ainsi que les caractéristiques spécifiques du site, tous les camps adhèrent aux traditions et buts LPC.

Dans le programme quotidien sont inclus sport, musique, théâtre, travaux manuels et artistiques; les marches et excursions ayant pour but

d'explorer la campagne alentour et les jours de fête spéciaux sont particulièrement appréciés. Un style de vie simple encourage les participants à prendre des initiatives et à répondre aux besoins de la communauté.

Un sens du souci pour la communauté est encouragé dans toutes les phases de la vie du camp et un accent particulier est mis sur les activités telles que les assemblées et les jours autogérés, qui visent à enseigner des stratégies de résolution de problèmes démocratiques et des compétences de leadership. Les participants apprennent petit à petit à prendre des décisions,

ainsi qu'à organiser, planifier et mener des activités. Les moniteurs les assistent selon leurs besoins et leur permettent une autonomie croissante au fur et à mesure que les participants se montrent prêts.

Les directeurs et les moniteurs sont sélectionnés soigneusement et formés spécialement pour leur travail à LPC.



I Luethi – Peterson Camps, fondati nel 1949 da Natalie Luethi – Peterson come progetto di pace in seguito alla Seconda Guerra Mondiale, organizzano campeggi internazionali in vari stati europei e negli Stati Uniti. I campeggi hanno continuato a promuovere l'international understanding e il senso di responsabilità nella comunità tra i giovani ad un'età in cui sono relativamente privi di pregiudizi.

Ragazzi e ragazze di culture e provenienze diverse vivono insieme per varie settimane in piccole comunità. Mentre i singoli campeggi sono autonomi e riflettono gli interessi e i bisogni dei partecipanti e si adattano alle caratteristiche del luogo in cui si svolgono, tutti i campeggi aderiscono alla tradizione e agli obiettivi dell'LPC.

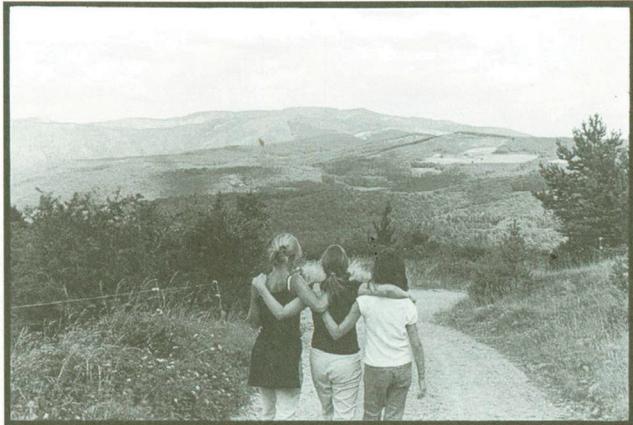
Il programma giornaliero include sports, musica, teatro, lavori manuali e artistici. Escursioni e gite per esplorare la zona circostante

e le giornate di festa sono i momenti più importanti. Uno stile di vita semplice incoraggia i campeggiatori, tra i 9 e i 17 anni, a prendere iniziative e a rispondere ai bisogni della comunità.



Il senso di responsabilità per la comunità è promosso in tutte le fasi della vita di campeggio e le viene data importanza particolare durante attività quali assemblee e giorni di autogestione che insegnano a risolvere i problemi in maniera democratica e sviluppano capacità di leadership. I campeggiatori imparano gradualmente a prendere decisioni, a pianificare, a organizzare e dirigere attività. Lo staff offre assistenza quando necessario e concede un'autonomia crescente quando i campeggiatori dimostrano di essere pronti.

I direttori e gli animatori sono scelti attentamente e opportunamente preparati per lavorare in LPC.



*"I don't need running water, I don't need electricity,
I just need good friends."*

Jordi, Spain

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