

*"BEHIND THE WALL"*

SUMMERCAMP- MODENA-2010

## WHO WE ARE...



Hi everyone!! My name is Livia!! I'm going to be your camp director...;) I'm 24 years old, turning 25 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June!

I study Veterinary, but hopefully I'll be done with school in July.. So as you can imagine I love animals! I also love to hang out with my friends, go to cinemas, listening to music!

I love travelling, and I've been in a lot of places with CISV! I've done a lot of different activities but let me tell you, Summer Camp is my favorite one!!

I'm really anxious to meet you all!! Let's have the best Summer Camp ever!!

See you soon!

Livia

Hey guys, my name is Francesco, I study biology at the University of Modena, I am at the fourth year.

Next year I'll be in Spain for 9 months for doing the stage and writing the thesis for my graduation.

During my free time I like doing jogging in the park, listening music, doing some shopping, reading book about environment and Asian culture and sometimes I work in a laboratory at university.

My hobbies are travelling, doing martial arts ( boxe, karate, sanda ecc..), and at least but not last CISV.

This is my third experience in CISV, but the first as a staff. I've done a youth meeting 2 years ago in Denmark, and interchange last year.



Hi everybody!

I'm Laura, I'm 24 and I live in Modena with my parents, my sisters and my little bunny, Lucy.

I just got the bachelor degree in Biological Psychology (don't worry, it does not bite) at the University of Padua after having spent the last academic year in The Netherlands studying. I have been involved in CISV since 2003, when I enjoyed it as junior. I did the Seminar Camp in Denmark, and I took part into two interchanges as co-leader; Norway and the United States. I also participated to an amazing IPP in Egypt. I think as myself as very lucky person and fortunately I have had the chance to do many experiences abroad and in the education field during my life.

I love sports and I tried myself with many of them: jogging, volleyball, swimming, dance, kick fit and sometimes football (the truth is that I suck, still enjoying it). My hobbies are too many to describe here, but you can find them out this summer; I also like talking a lot. Movies and books and bikes are just few of my passions. I can't wait to see you all this July here in Modena and start a new and unique CISV experience.

I tried to be brief, but as you may have noticed, I do not have the gift of synthesis.

Sara, the last staff, had some personal problem, so she won't be part of our camp.  
We also have to say you that neither Israel will participate in this summer camp, but we don't know who is coming yet.

## Cultural Activity

A CISV Summer Camp Cultural Activity, planned by each delegation before arriving at a camp, allows each delegation to share their culture with all participants using different methods. These may include discussions, games, crafts, food, dances, drama or a new creative activity from your country.

They **MUST** be based on the theme and relate to your culture.

What is the aim of the Cultural Activity?

To educate Summer Camp participants about a specific culture through participation in a fun educational environment, using the theme to share specific aspects of your culture.

As delegates prepare, they also learn about themselves and their culture.

How can we incorporate the theme and our culture?

Create a new activity or use an existing one and adapt it to your own culture and to the Summer Camp theme.

Use materials brought from home (posters, instruments, newspapers, pictures, and silly objects).

Use sub-themes within your culture (regional variation, important cultural events, and current national issues).

Some facts about Summer Camp Cultural Activity:

NO national costumes are required.

NO national food is required, unless part of activity

NO national dance or song is required, but can be used as an icebreaker

NO booklets are required

A final discussion or presentation is recommended to further develop the camp theme

Length is up to delegates

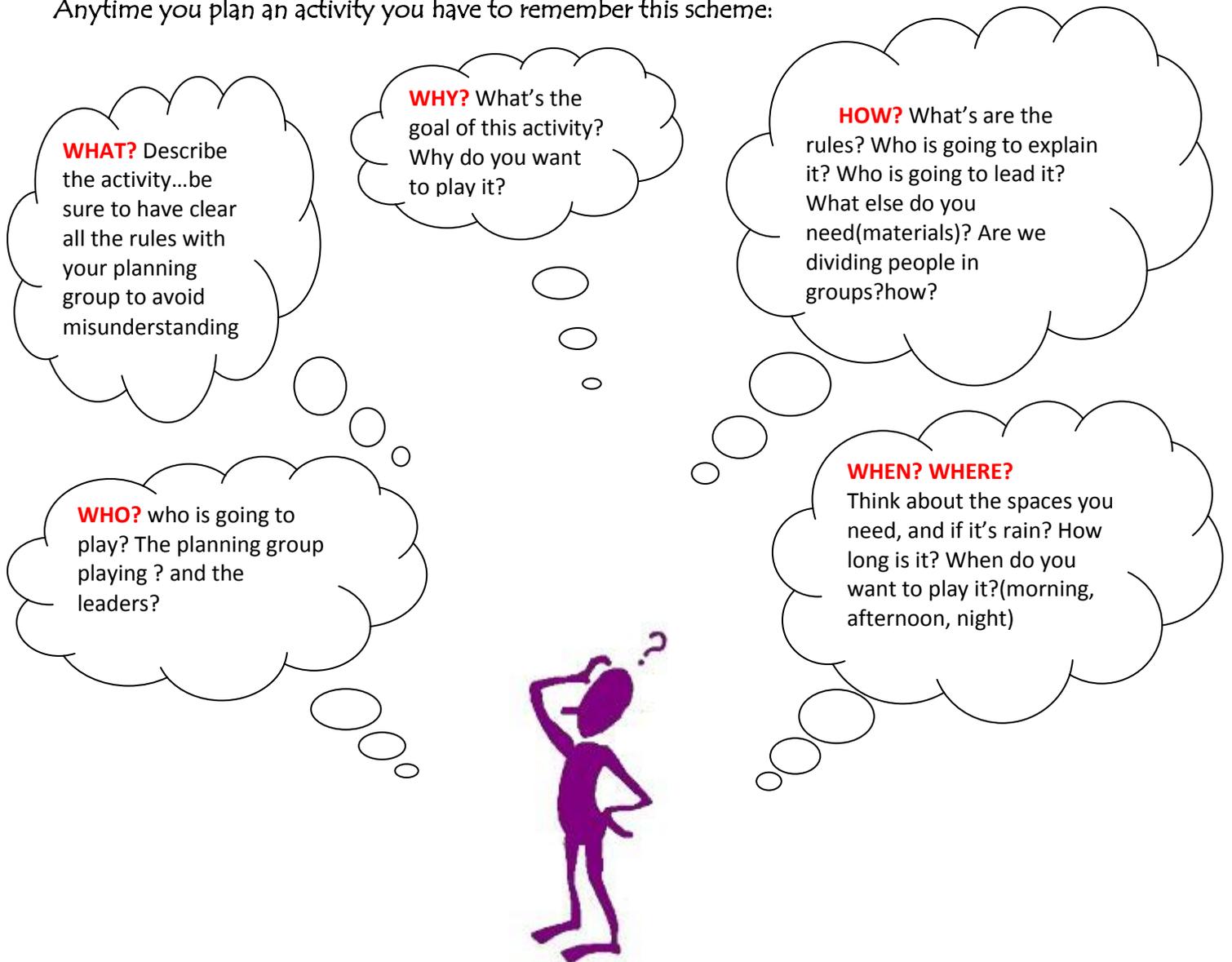
Activity has to be related to delegation's country and Summer Camp theme

Activity has to be prepared before camp

## HOW TO PLAN AN ACTIVITY

Probably in your chapter someone already explain you everything about this topic..anyway here you have some guidelines that can help to plan an activity...

Anytime you plan an activity you have to remember this scheme:



Remember also to think about an **energizer** and how is going to lead it!

After each activity you should **evaluate it**, how it was, if you reached your purpose..

If you are planning an activity that ends with a **discussion** it's better if you prepare some question, and decide someone to lead it!

Every time you plan an activity remember to plan also an "**activity B**" if it's raining!

## EQUIPMENTS:

Hey guys if you need some special equipments for your cultural activity please tell us before the beginning of the camp so we can, as a staff, provide to give you what you need.

But, as I said, **tell us before the camp (before 20<sup>th</sup> of June)**

Send an e-mail with your request at the camp address [c-2010-20@it.cisv.org](mailto:c-2010-20@it.cisv.org)

## THEME:

One day some crazy cisvers in the Italian summercamp committee came out with this idea: "why don't we make all summercamp participants in the same nation meet and share their experience with even more beautiful people?"

They told their idea to the even crazier cisvers in the international summercamp committee, who liked it were even more excited!

So there will be three "behind the wall" camps in Italy this summer: one in Modena, one in Ferrara and one in Rome.

In a given day we will meet with the other two camps in Florence, where we'll spend the day together doing activities that shows what we have done with the common theme seen from the three different points of view. As with every aspect of a summercamp, the day will be planned by the participants.

We will have the time to discuss, plan and prepare this event when you'll come to the camp, but you can start to think about what amazing things can be done with 150 cisvers in the same place!

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What is a prejudice??

The reason of a prejudices??

Where were born the prejudices and why??

Can your family/friends/teachers influence your prejudices??

Have you ever been a "victim" of a prejudice??

How can you get over a prejudice??

Here a little definition of the word prejudice taken from Wikipedia:

*A prejudice is a prejudgment: a preconceived belief, opinion, or judgment made without ascertaining the facts of a case. The word prejudice is most commonly used to refer to a preconceived judgment toward a people or a person because of race, social class, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, political beliefs, religion, sexual orientation or other personal characteristics. It also means a priori beliefs (without knowledge of the facts) and includes "any unreasonable attitude that is unusually resistant to rational influence. Although positive and negative prejudice both exist, when used negatively, "prejudice" implies fear and antipathy toward such a race.*

#### DOCUMENTS:

<http://www.understandingprejudice.org/>

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/oct04/prejudice.aspx>

<http://remember.org/guide/History.root.stereotypes.html>

<http://hubpages.com/hub/Why-Prejudice-is-Bad>

<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/Catholic+pride...+and+prejudice:+the+story+behind+the+hierarchy's+...-a0141801534>

<http://www.dimensionsmagazine.com/dimtext/bruno/bruno76.html>

<http://www.heart-intl.net/HEART/Stigma/Comp/Prejudiceandstigma-HIV.pdf>

<http://www.newint.org/issue201/sodom.htm>

[http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/gaskell/61n\\_s7.html](http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/gaskell/61n_s7.html)

<http://www.askkids.com/resource/Orientalism-and-Prejudice.html>

#### RELATED MOVIES:

Milk

The green mile

Romeo & Juliette

Shakespeare in love

District 9

Crash

Dreaming Beckham

#### SONGS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1HXmYkxwSE>

Black or White M. Jackson

Hurricane B. Dylan

Beautiful C. Aguilera

Numb Linking Park

Do you want us to do all your job??? :-)) we're sure that you have more ideas..use your fantasy!!

## AIM & GOALS OF A SUMMER CAMP

### CISV Identity Statement

We are a global community of dedicated volunteers creating opportunities for all ages to experience the excitement and enrichment of cultural diversity through our educational programmes. We are founded on our belief that peace is possible through friendship – and that the real difference can be made by starting with children.

The **goals** of the International Summer Camp Programme are:

**Developing Intercultural awareness** – To aid in the understanding and appreciation of other cultures, including their own, through being part of an international camp.

**Developing Leadership Skills** – To provide an opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills through participating actively, creatively, and responsibly in decision making and programme planning.

**Developing Self-awareness** – To provide an opportunity for youth to help build self-confidence and to stimulate critical thinking.

**Developing Co-operative skills** – To provide an opportunity for youth to live in a peaceful society where they can learn the values of consideration for others and the benefit of co-operation with fellow campers.

CISV core educational content should be a basis for the Summer Camp programme.

The A + ASK model (Awareness = Attitudes + Skills + Knowledge) can be used to help facilitate the growth of Summer Camp participants. Looking at this model, we can identify some of the behaviours, characteristics, and traits that should be developed in a Summer Camp participant:

Attitudes	Skills	Knowledge
Open mind	Thinking for themselves	CISV & Summer Camp
Flexibility	Listening	Summer Camp theme related to their culture
Respect & cultural sensitivity	Communication	Topic/Activity related to the theme
Initiative	Teamwork	Cultural awareness
Accept responsibility	Group decision making	How to plan activities
Plan, lead & participate	Respect the rules they set	How to evaluate activities
Include all members of the group	Leadership	

## What is a summer camp?

In the previous precamp we gave you just a quick general description of what a Summer Camp is. Here you will find a very specific and useful comparison among Village and Summer camps to better understand what a Summer Camp really is and is not.

VILLAGE	SUMMER CAMP
11 year old	14 or 15 year old
16-17 year old JC, YES leaders	NO JC, YES Leaders
National Costumes	NO National Costumes
Booklets	NO Booklets
Leaders and Staff Plan Activities	Youth Plan Activities (Facilitated by leaders)
2 Home stays	Just 1 Home stay at Beginning
No Daily Discussion	Daily Discussion Activity
Camp Theme not required	Camp Theme Required
Excursions anyplace	Excursions should be theme related
National Nights	Cultural Activities
Shorter Activity Periods	Longer Activities Periods
Activities Unrelated to Theme	Activities Mostly Related to Theme
Open Day: Kids perform with National Costumes	Youth help to plan the Open Day (along with staff and chapter)
Kids have cleaning time	Youth have Cleaning and Planning times
Village Meeting	Camp Meeting
Usually 12 delegations of 4 kids 11 year old	Usually 9 delegations of 4 youth – sometimes 6 delegations of 6 youth
Usually no guest speakers	Usually a guest speaker talking about the Summer Camp Theme
4 weeks long	3 weeks long plus 2 home stay days
Leaders are leading the group	Leaders are facilitating the group

## BEHAVIOUR AND CULTURAL SENSITIVITY

Appropriate behaviour is expected by and within CISV, at every level of the organization, in order to realize:

CISV's objects as outlined in the *Memorandum & Articles of Incorporation and Constitutional Rules of CISV International Ltd*;

CISV's educational goals and methods as approved by the CISV International Board; and the personal expectations of participants and volunteers.

For most people appropriate behaviour is inherent within the concepts of common sense, good manners, or being a good host / guest / friend. Given the great cultural diversity within CISV, the Board finds it helpful to stress certain qualities in CISV participants' behaviour -- especially in adults and juniors acting as "role models" for youth in an international educational programme stressing peace and cross-cultural friendship. Equally, participants who are guests of the host CISV Chapter, family or resident site are expected to conform to agreed upon concepts of behaviour. No list of norms can anticipate every situation; there is no substitute for proper selection (or de-selection prior to participation, if necessary), and appropriate training / orientation.

Behaviour expected of all adults and youth in CISV programmes / administration falls within three categories:

(1) Standards; (2) Guidelines; and, (3) Recommendations. Sanctions & procedures are set by Board policy.

**STANDARDS** relate to a class / type of FORBIDDEN behaviour, violation or reasonable suspicion of which may invoke the most severe sanctions (including notification, exclusion, early return home or loss of membership).

Forbidden behaviour includes:

- ◊ intimacy / sexual relations between children or youth and ANY adult or older youth acting in a position of trust or as a role model within CISV (whether locally legal or not);
- ◊ use of narcotic / hallucinogenic drugs or chemicals (whether locally legal or not);
- ◊ criminal / illegal acts or failure to take action if legally required;

- ◊ use of or access to firearms / ammunition or other weapons (within host family home or at CISV site); and
- ◊ xenophobic behaviour, discrimination, intolerance or lack of cultural flexibility / openness.
- ◊ physical / psychological abuse and corporal punishment.
- ◊ abuse of alcohol -- especially in situations where youth are present in an educational context;
- ◊ The use of alcohol by participants in the following CISV programmes is prohibited:  
(‘participants’ means those not in a position of responsibility, regardless of age, except as specified re IYM)

Village

Interchange

Summer Camp

Seminar Camp

Youth Meetings (for participants age 18 or younger).

Additionally,

Junior Counsellors are not permitted to use alcohol at anytime, regardless of local laws or culture.

Consumption of alcohol is not permitted for Seminar Camp Staff during the Camp.

**GUIDELINES** relate to a class / type of UNACCEPTABLE behaviour, violation or reasonable suspicion of which may invoke serious sanctions (including notification, temporary exclusion or loss of membership).

Unacceptable behaviour includes:

nudity within CISV programmes or activities (games, swimming etc) or within CISV’s community living arrangements (Villages, camps or family stay) which violate concepts of privacy or modesty, whether defined by the cultural norms of the host or guest;

sexual intimacy -- or the appearance of sexual intimacy in programme activities or between consenting adults, while "off duty" or between youth participants while taking part in an official CISV program or activity;

violation of public health standards which jeopardize the health or safety of the participant or others; and,

**RECOMMENDATIONS** relate to a class / type of INAPPROPRIATE behaviour, violation of which may invoke a less serious sanction / reprimand (including notification, restricted participation or ban on being officer / staff).

Inappropriate behaviour includes:

failure to respect / provide reasonable dietary, health, security and comfort requirements for participants (e.g. vegetarians, asthmatics, non-smokers, bathing privacy, adequate sleep, emergency communication);

failure to respect the privacy of participants, host family members or site staff (including their personal luggage or effects), except in cases of suspected illegal activity, violation of CISV standards / guidelines, or medical confidences when the participant's behaviour is a threat to the health / safety of the participant or others (NB: standards of confidentiality regarding patient's medical information / treatment vary widely);

failure to respect "house rules" of host families or sites hosting the CISV programme / activity (including insensitivity in observing known "local" customs or courtesies);

failure to respect differing personal and cultural standards of appropriate educational activities & discipline or sanctions; and,

failure to use appropriate methods to resolve personal / group conflict in intercultural living / activities.

Respect for appropriate behaviour is considered so universally important within CISV that the content of this document must be observed and incorporated into CISV's programmes, activities and administration at every level of the organization. CISV National and Promotional

Associations may supplement these declarations, but they may not contradict the wording or effect of official CISV international policy.

### Laws and Rules in Italy

In Italy it is forbidden to buy and smoke cigarettes under the age of 16

In Italy is forbidden to smoke in a public place.

In Modena it is forbidden to buy and drink alcoholic drinks under the age of 16

In Italy it is forbidden to walk on public streets without a t-shirt

In Italy it is forbidden the use of any kind of narcotic and hallucinogenic drug

During the camp the delegates are not allowed to have mobile phone.

## FORMS

Yes guys, I know this is a tough topic, but also very important.

It is essential that all the forms are signed and completed in every parts by the appropriate person. Here we remember you which forms you have to fill, which ones you have to send us and which ones you have to take with you to the camp.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM:** to be sent by email to the staff by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**HEALTH FORM:** to be filled and signed by the physician and brought to the camp. This is probably the most important form, so take the necessary time to fully complete it.

**ADULT LEGAL INFORMATION FORM:** to be filled by the leader before the camp and brought to the camp.

**YOUTH LEGAL INFORMATION FORM:** to be filled by the participants and his/her guardian before the camp and brought to the camp.

**TRAVEL WITHOUT AN ADULT LEADER:** to be filled by the participants and his/her guardian before the camp and brought to the camp.

**DELEGATION INFORMATION FORM:** this is not a specific and official form, but feel free to write a few lines about your delegation, important/ interesting things and facts, whatever you feel you want to share with us.

Remember to bring with you three copies of each form: the original version should be carried by the leader, one copy should be carried by the participant and the last one is for the host family when the participants arrive. Be sure that one additional copy of every form stays at home, so in case of emergency or in case for any reason your original form get lost before you arrive to the camp, we are able to receive it by fax.

## OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING....

1. Something you can use to blindfolding..as a bandana
2. Movie, music, newspapers, books or anything else you think is correlated to the theme and you would like to share with us!!
3. FLASHLIGHT
4. An HAT!!!

## CAMP SHOPS

We'll have a camp shop where you'll find candies, snacks, soft drinks...

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

If there is any need of attending religious services, let us know! We'll try our best to help you.

## SHOPPING DAY AND EXCURSION!

We'll have an excursion to Verona, the city of Romeo & Juliette!:)

it's a nice town not far from Modena with nice places to visit! It will be also a good place to have shopping...you'll love it!

We are going to have also a visit to the centre of our town, Modena, where we are planning to have a wonderful welcome activity for you!

Modena is a very hot town in summer, so we think it could be nice and funny to have a swimming pool day. The swimming pool is 20 minutes far from the campsite and we'll go there by bus.

And then as we tell you in the last pre camp we are going to have the 3x1 project and we are going to meet the other two summer camps to have activities all together! Can you imagine 150 people have fun together?!!!!!

## FRIENDS AND FACEBOOK

We see that many of you join the facebook group..thank you! Please remember to register on [Http://friends.cisv.org](http://friends.cisv.org)

## SOME MORE INFOs FOR THE LEADERS..

Ehy guys!! We forgot to tell you that you, as leaders, can bring as much money as you want. But of course in Italy you can also withdraw money from ATM.

The last thing about money is to remember to bring some emergency money. The best is to ask 100€ for each delegate, that won't be used during the camp. It will be locked until the last day of the camp, but is better to have them, never know what can happen..

One more thing is about your day off. Modena is in a very good location from where you can reach a lot of places (Venice, Florence, Milan, Bologna, the seaside...)! Check the map and start thinking of what you would like to do...☺

Then please contact us for any information you need!

Something to think about...

I wonder if those  
who live on borders  
are less strangers than the others

