



# rotary youth exchange

## Bergisches Land: The Highlands East of Cologne

Join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> **International Student Summer Camp**  
of the Rotary Club Wipperfürth-Lindlar/Romerike Berge,  
Rotary District 1810!

We welcome approximately 20 students, from 10-14 countries, each of which can send one boy and one girl (age 16-18). The camp language will be English, perhaps we'll teach you even a little bit of German ...

Just on the eastern bank of the river Rhine you enter the highlands called "Bergisches Land". Our camp headquarters are located in a youth hostel in Wipperfürth, approximately 30 km east of Cologne. From here we are going to start our daily excursions and activities, e.g.:

- explore the city of Cologne with its old Roman history and its modern culture, from the roof top of the world-known Cologne cathedral "Kölner Dom" down to the lovely old city centre on the banks of the river Rhine
  - visit the world-famous knife production town of "Solingen"
- build a provisional bridge across a wild stream while forming your team
  - represent your country on our famous international wall
- explore the medieval castle "Schloss Burg", the former home of the aristocratic and ruling family of the Counts of Berg
  - conquer the high rope garden up in the woods
  - go on an excursion to a big dam with an artificial lake
- visit a still operational historic water-powered steel forging mill
  - go canoeing on the river "Agger" ...

... and experience other sights, attractions and some nice surprises ...

The summer camp aims at developing and improving international friendships and networking among young people. We are looking forward to welcoming you in our summer camp and letting you explore a region in the heart of Germany with the most interesting contrasts between the world-famous city of Cologne and the beauty of the countryside, and its unique side by side of traditional farming, forestry and industrial culture!

And we're going to have a lot of fun !!





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### Facts and Figures

- **Arrival** on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2026,  
at Cologne/Bonn (CGN)\* airport or Cologne railway station\*
- **Departure** on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 2026,  
from Cologne/Bonn (CGN)\* airport or Cologne railway station\*
- Daily excursion programme from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- Casual summer wear, weather-proof jacket, sport & hiking shoes required
- Youth hostel accommodation, 2-4 persons per bedroom
- Camp participants should be 16-18 years old and of non-Rotarian families.
- Participants should neither be brother & sister nor boyfriend & girlfriend.
- The non-refundable registration fee of € 500,00 p.p. includes  
insurance, accommodation, meals and entry fees.

### Important:

- Participants must have a health insurance & passport.
- Personal liability & accident insurance are covered by the camp
- **Registration fee of € 500,-** incl. insurance must be paid until  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 by bank transfer to the account of  
Rotary Club Wipperfürth-Lindlar/Romerike Berge.

After approval you'll get all details.

### • For application please contact your local Rotary Club.

- And for any further questions please contact the  
organization committee of RC Wipperfürth-Lindlar/Romerike Berge:

email: sc2026@rc-wlrb.de

\* Please, contact us for travelling advice  
from/to other airports.

**Please don't hesitate to contact us  
with all of your questions!**