



Junior Branch Mainz-Wiesbaden

CISV building global friendship, Chapter Mainz-Wiesbaden



Description of the local group:

CISV is an international non-profit organisation for children and youth encounters. CISV has no political or religious ties. Around 200 camps take place worldwide each year. Over sixty countries are involved in the camps.

CISV relies on volunteers and great youth work. CISV wants to bring tolerance, intercultural competence and communication closer to teenagers. We want to educate people about peace and break down prejudices.

Those who participate in CISV develop personal responsibility, commitment, teamwork and an awareness of social problems.

Who we are:

We are the youth group, the Junior Branch [JB] of CISV. Apart from international leisure time/camps, we organize local group activities throughout the year.

We are young people between the ages of 15 and 25 and do a lot of activities to deal with social issues and to inform ourselves and others about it. For example, we learn about social justice.

However, there is also enough time for games, music and fun.

What we do:

CISV offers six different camps that are intended for specific age groups.

1. The first camp is called "Dorf" (Village). You must be at least 11 years old for this camp.

Campers spend four weeks away from home. The Village creates the basis for worldwide friendships.

2. The "Austausch" (Interchange) is for participants between 12 and 15 years old.

It is comparable to a school exchange and is intended to develop intercultural competence.

3. The "Youth Meeting" is a camp for youth aged between 12 and 19 years (or older).

In the Youth Meeting, participants slowly learn to take responsibility for the organisation of the camps.

4. In the "Step Up" for participants between 14 and 15 years old, participants get more and more responsibilities in the camp. This means, you organise the daily routine, the contents of the discussions and some of the leisure/free time activities on your own.

5. At the "Seminar-Camp", responsibility rests entirely with the participants. There are usually around 30 participants. They come from different countries and are between 17 and 18 years old.

6. For participants aged 19 or older, there is the "IPP". The abbreviation stands for "International Peoples Project". Participants choose a social project, inform themselves about it and about its tasks, and then support it.

Participants go to the Village, Youth Meeting, Interchange and Step Up in a group of four persons or more. The group is accompanied by a trained supervisor, who must be at least 21 years old, and a "Staff Group" that usually consists of 5 people and which is responsible for the organisation on site.

How can I participate:

Anyone who is older than eleven and whose parents agree can participate in CISV.

The membership regulations can be found on the website.

Everyone is welcome in our youth group of the "JB", even if you have not yet participated in a CISV camp.

If you are interested, simply contact our local group or our youth leaders at ljr.mw@cisv.de

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Citation:

CISV wants to bring young people closer through learning-by-doing, tolerance, intercultural competence and communication.

