

North- South Network

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Invitation letter North-South Network

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Dear Friends in Scouting and Guiding,

As decided during the network meeting in Copenhagen last October, Germany will host the next North-South Network meeting. It will take place at **Rieneck Castle** – the Scout Centre of VCP (www.burg-rieneck.de), Germany from **19th – 21st of October 2012**.

The meeting will be organized by DPSG and VCP, Germany as well as PBS, Switzerland and SGdF, France.

On behalf of the organizing committee it is a great pleasure to invite you to the North-South Network meeting in Rieneck, Germany.

What is the North-South Network?

Being an informal platform, the network consists of different associations of Scouts and Guides from all over Europe, who have/have had/intend to have partnership projects with other Scout and Guide Associations in various parts of the world.

The key functions of the Network are:

- ❖ To share information on partnership projects
- ❖ To provide a forum for co-operation of European associations with similar projects and partner countries in the south.
- ❖ To share information on development education projects and educational materials
- ❖ To provide a supportive environment for individuals, from European Associations, who currently are involved in development work.

The program will be sent out by mid-September. Beginning of the meeting will be Friday at 5 PM (4 PM for newcomers) and ends on Sunday around 1 PM after the lunch. The main topic of the program will be how to campaign the partnership in your association.

Registration

Please fill in the attached registration form and send it back to **andre.joerg@vcp.de** by the **28th of September 2012**. The participation fee will be **€ 110,-** and should be paid in cash at the venue. Please note that the fee does not include bed sheets (€ 5,-) and towels (€ 1,50). You can bring your own or lend them on arrival.

Staying longer in Germany

There are two possibilities to extend your journey:

Either you stay at Rieneck Castle for some more days to enjoy the beautiful landscape, the middle-aged castle and visit some old towns in the area (e.g. Lohr or Würzburg) or you enjoy the city of Frankfurt.

- For Rieneck, please give us the information when you are planning to arrive or leave the castle on the registration form. The costs will be around € 30 per night. Please note that the host team can't support you earlier or later than the days, the meeting takes place. You have to take the local train from Gemünden (Main¹) to Rieneck on your own.
- For Frankfurt, there is a hostel nearby the central station in (<http://www.frankfurt-hostel.com>). In Frankfurt you have a variety of places to visit: Near to the skyscrapers you can find cosy Ebbelwei pubs. At the heart of the bustling city centre you can find a lot of historical sights. Frankfurt is not just proud of its most famous son, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. The Kaiserdom (Cathedral) and the Paulskirche, the cradle of German democracy, are also to be found here.

Getting to Rieneck

Rieneck Castle is located in the south of Germany – the next airport is Frankfurt /Main (FRA). In Frankfurt you have to catch the train to *Gemünden (Main)*. We will pick you up and bring you to Rieneck Castle. To plan your trip and purchase your online ticket you can use the international website of the German train service (<http://www.bahn.com>). The trip from the airport is about 2h and costs around € 23,- to € 30,-.

If you have any further question or recommendation, please feel free to contact us at any time.

We are looking forward to meeting you at Rieneck Castle!

Yours in scouting and guiding,

The organizing committee

¹ Name of the river nearby