



Handicamp Norway 2012

To the District Governors in all 34 Zones of Rotary International

INVITATION LETTER

Dear everyone,

On behalf of Rotary Norway and the Norwegian Rotary Forum (NORFO), it is once again a pleasure to send you an invitation letter for candidates to apply for participation at the 19th Handicamp Norway, from Sunday 22 July (arrival day) to Saturday 4 August 2012 (departure day). The campsite is at "Haraldvangen", located in the community of Hurdal, some 80 kilometres (50 miles) North of Oslo, the capital city of Norway.

Handicamp Norway is an activity camp for physical disabled people, ranging in age from 18 to 28 years. Most of the invited participants team up with - and are accompanied by - able-bodied personal assistants at the same range of age (18-28 years old).

The main goals to be fulfilled during the camp are:

- * To integrate physically disabled and able-bodied youths through sports and other activities
- * To build up international friendship and understanding between the participants
- * To teach the participants about Norwegian culture

Details about Handicamp Norway are listed on the web-site: www.handicamp.no. Under the link "Administration" you will find the composition of the Camp Administration for Handicamp Norway 2012. As seen, the camp arrangement is in cooperation between Rotary, Rotaract and Inner Wheel in Norway

The stay at the camp, being the Rotary "flagship"- project of Norway, is free of charge for the participants, mainly financed by a share from every Rotary member of Norway.

The participants and their assistants pay their own travel expenses to and from Norway. Experience from previous Handicamps proves that the travel expenses and some pocket money may be - all or partly - sponsored and paid for by local Rotary clubs at the home places of the participants.

English is the camp language and the participants must have sufficient training in English.

From links on the Handicamp web-site, we will specially draw the attention to the following documents:

- * Procedure for application
- * Application form
- * Medical form

Please be aware of that any assistant to the disabled applicants *also* have to submit an application form, indicating in the proper box to which team the assistants belong to. Experience from former camps has proved the importance of that the members within the team should have previous good knowledge of each other and be familiar with the needs for assistance.

Application form together with the Medical form should reach the *Handicamp Secretary* **within 1 February 2012.**

Selection of participants to be invited to the camp, will take place during the month of February 2012 and successful applicants will be informed **by the end of February 2012.**

Any questions regarding Handicamp Norway 2012 should be addressed to the Secretary of the camp administration: *Hanne Nordgaard*, E-mail: secretary@handicamp.no. Her mobile telephone (cell-phone) number is: + **47 900 41 790.**

The camp administration want to ask all Governors to kindly inform their District Rotaryclubs about the opportunity to find physical disabled young people in the age-range of 18-28 years and submit applications for candidates to join Handicamp Norway 2012. The last Handicamp Norway in 2010 gathered about 100 participants from 18 countries world-wide and the response from former participants have been very flattering for the different organizing committees over the years, since this bi-annual event and Rotary Norway project was first launched in 1976.

We look forward to receive applications to Handicamp Norway 2012 from the whole Rotary world

With our best regards,


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