

PAGGS19 Newsletter



April 2019

Hello PAGGS19 participants!

What a great joy to welcome you all to the PAGGS 19 camp held in Apeldoorn this Summer. We've now been in touch with almost all the delegations and the number of participants is approaching 300 people! So many young people will be on their first PAGGS event and we certainly will make the effort to make your experiences worthwhile.

The PAGGS19 team is gearing up for the event. We have appointed all the team leads and they have formed their teams, but are always looking out for more team members to share the work load.

In the next Newsletter the team will introduce themselves so you'll know who to talk to in case you have a particular question or special desire.

Thank you all for filling in the lengthy registration and health forms. Yes, we do need a lot of information to run the camp in a smooth manner. For those who have for some reason not sent in their forms, please do so soon.

PAGGS19 Theme

The theme for PAGGS19 will be: You're A Star!



This theme was chosen because there are so many ways to do something with stars, like astronomy, show bizz, the European flag, famous people, fire works etc. You will see the different aspects on several activities during the camp. But you're also challenged to bring something to the camp in this theme (see Preparations).

Introduction Camp Leader



Dear PAGGS 2019 participants!

My name is Stefan van der Meer and I will be the Camp Leader for PAGGS 2019.

I am 57 and have been a Scout since 1968 when I started as a cub scout. In 1976 I was asked to become a Scout leader and later a GSL and have been until the mid 1990's. Today I'm the secretary of the Region Rondon de Ijssel plus PAGGS committee member.

In daily life I work as a Networking Consultant, for the last 22 years with the Dutch Ministry of Defense. I live with my wife Ilona in a converted barn in Markelo and our 4 adult kids are flown out of the nest. We very glad to be grandparents to a boy (6 months) and a girl (2 ½ years).

The Twin Town virus knocked on my door in 1979 when the Conference came to Apeldoorn. I was hooked on it straight away. I visited all the Twin Towns for Conferences and PAGGS camps and I have helped organizing the TwiToCo in 1992, 1997, 2011, the YLC in 2015 and the PAGGS camps in 1993 and 2006. From that experience I have learned that participating in a Twin Town activity is a lot of fun and that the friendships that are formed there will probably last a lifetime.

I hope you are looking forward to the camp as much as we do and we hope that you will enjoy the programme!

See you all in Harderwijk!

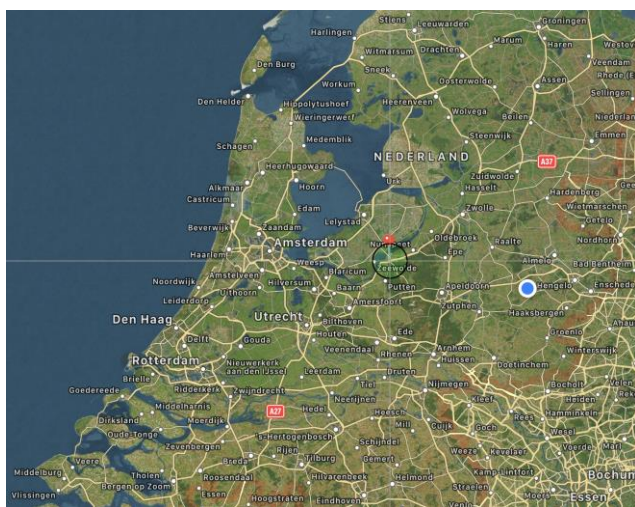
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The Camp Site

The camp site for PAGGS19 is located on Harderwijk.Ragay-Redoz/Margriet Verbraak Scout site, Strokewelweg 6, 3847 LR Harderwijk

(GPS: N52 19.729 E5 38.276)



Situated in the centre of the Netherlands. Approx. 31 kilometres from Apeldoorn. It is often used for themed scouting camps because of its excellent facilities (buildings, toilets, showers, camp fire pits , open spaces etc.). As can be seen on the picture below there's plenty of forest to run around.



We'll show the camp site in more detail in our next Newsletter.

The Site Services Team.

Preparations

Yes, we are gearing up for the camp, but what can you do as preparations for the event?

There are 3 subjects we would like you to prepare for the camp:

1. Country presentation (Sunday 4. Aug.)

During the visitor day we'd like you to present your town/country to the other participants and guests.

2. Camp fire presentation (Monday 5. Aug.)

As part of the campfire we'd like you to prepare a short (10 min) camp fire sketch elaborating on the theme of the camp (be creative!).

3. National activity (Wednesday 7. Aug.)

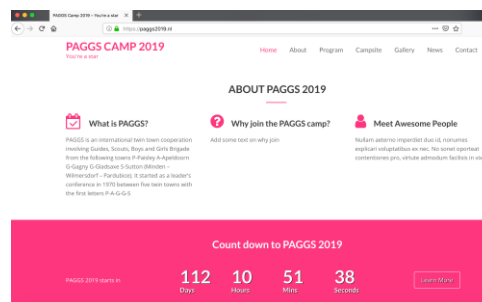
On the last day there is a 2 hour programme where the delegations are invited to partake in each other's national activities.

We hope you'll have a lot of fun preparing for PAGGS19!

WEB site

We have prepared a website to keep you and your family informed about the camp. It's still in the build-up phase but it will progress in time. During and after the camp it will be the camp newspaper and a place to find the photos and videos of the event. You can reach the web site on:

<https://paggs2019.nl>



Also you can reach the PAGGS19 team on organisation@paggs2019.nl if you have any questions concerning the camp our your preparations.