



Lovell International Camps Summer Camp - Switzerland

In 1971, Canadian born William and Sandra Lovell reestablished the Chalet Pfrundacker Children's home as the John F. Kennedy International School. In 1973, with the help of William's sister Catherine - the Lovell International Summer Camp was born.

In March of 2011 the directors of the John F. Kennedy International School, William, Sandra, Victoria and Bryce Lovell decided to create **Lovell International Camps AG** under the direction of the Lovell family thus continuing the long standing summer camp tradition.

The Camp aims to provide a safe, healthy and fun summer learning environment for children in the beautiful Saanenland region. The founders brought with them an enthusiasm and knowledge of how summer camps work and should be run. As Canada is steeped in summer camp tradition the Lovell's were familiar and experienced camp leaders and were naturally enthusiastic at the prospect of sharing these wonderful summer experiences with children from around the world who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to experience summer camp at its best.

In 2009 Lovell International Camps opened a new campus in Schönried allowing the camp to offer a modified and more challenging program for campers aged 11 - 15.

THE PROGRAM

In a superb Swiss alpine setting, the children enjoy a well-balanced, happy and safe holiday experience which introduces them to a variety of sports and exciting outdoor activities. At the same time, the summer camp offers children the opportunity to learn or to practise English and French. Daily lessons are combined with a total English immersion program. Not only are all camp activities conducted in English, but the children are constantly encouraged to develop their vocabulary and to use new skills. Children already proficient in English have the opportunity to take daily French lessons and join in the French Interest Group.

THE BOARDING STUDENTS

Summer camp welcomes up to 50 boarding students between the ages of 6 and 15, representing over 20 nationalities. Up to four children share a bedroom and there is one counsellor assigned to each room to supervise daily routines and to ensure that each camper maximizes the benefits of his or her summer experience.

The camp is divided into 2 sections - one for boys and girls aged 6 to 10 and the other for children aged 11 to 15. All campers are housed at the Mountain Lodge just above Schönried and about 5 km from Gstaad.

THE DAY STUDENTS

There are usually between 15 and 30 day students aged 6 to 15 who attend camp on Mondays to Fridays from 08.40 until 17.45. There are 3 to 4 counsellors who supervise and counsel the day students whenever necessary.

THE STAFF MEMBERS

Our English-speaking staff members are either professional teachers, certified language instructors or experienced camp counsellors. Our staff training program emphasizes the need for close supervision, safety and awareness of the needs of each individual child.

THE REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE (Junior and Senior)

07.20	Wake-up (supervised by room counsellors)
07.50	Breakfast
08.15	Brush teeth and complete room chores
08.45 - 10.15	Language Classes - Junior <i>The campers have language lessons in English or French from Mondays to Fridays in small instructional groups according to age, ability and experience.</i>
	Morning Program - Senior <i>A variety of sports, games, outdoor education, swim programs and local excursions.</i>
10.30 - 12.15	Language Classes - Senior <i>The campers have language lessons in English or French from Mondays to Fridays in small instructional groups according to age, ability and experience.</i>
	Swim Lessons - Junior <i>After pre-testing, the children are assigned to their swimming groups (5 to 8 students per class). Lessons are aimed at improving strokes, increasing endurance and developing good water safety habits. Children who attend for three weeks or more will work toward a Swiss National Swim Test Award.</i>
12.30 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 13.45	Supervised free time and program transition time
13.45 - 17.30	Interest Groups or Special Programs - Junior and Senior <i>Each child chooses four interest groups per camp session. Usually offered are tennis, horse riding, golf, archery, mountain biking, cooking and baking, arts and crafts, sports and games, rock-climbing, football, music, photography, etc.</i>
	Special programs are age appropriate and a combination of outdoor education, team sports and lessons in outdoor living including hiking procedures, camping skills, nature study, first aid and special events or excursions.
17.45	Day Campers depart
17.45 - 18.15	Boarder supervised free time
18.30	Dinner
19.15	Evening Program
21.00 - 21.15	Lights out - Juniors
21.45 - 22.00	Lights out - Seniors

Each week campers will participate in special events days, all day excursions or cultural trips, hikes, overnights and a number of adventure, outdoor and sports programs.

WEEKDAY EXCURSIONS

Regular excursions are planned throughout the summer including all-day mountain hikes as well as day trips to places such as Montreux, Interlaken, Thun, Bern and the Aquaparc in Le Bouveret. During each three week session there are 2 overnight adventures - camping out in tents and a two day hiking trip with an overnight stay at one of the fully-equipped Swiss Alpine Club huts. These two outings are very popular with the children and always prove to be highlights of the camp program.

WEEKEND PROGRAM

Saturdays are more relaxed for the boarders who, after completing their morning chores, have free time to play outdoors. They also receive their weekly pocket money to go shopping in Gstaad, visit a local market or go on a special shopping trip to a nearby city with the counsellors. Weekend activities may include supervised free swim, mini golfing, high ropes course and a movie night.

Sundays are all-day excursions organized to give the children opportunities to see different parts of Switzerland and learn about the alpine environment. These outings have included visits to the Diablerets Glacier, the Cailler Chocolate Factory, the Castle of Gruyères and many of the local mountains, as well as trips to the zoo, the lake of Neuchatel, or the Olympic Museum in Lausanne. Boarders have also enjoyed Go Karting and Wake-boarding.

SPECIAL EVENTS DAY

Finally, each camp session ends with a "Special Events Day" in which the children participate in various swimming and field events. Following a special barbecue, the campers are presented with awards and are recognized for their achievements in swimming, language and interest groups as well as outdoor education and special programs.

AWARDS

At the end of camp, campers are recognized for their achievements in language, interest groups and if staying for three weeks or longer will receive swim badges according to the Swiss National Swimming Association. Campers who stay for three weeks or longer are also eligible for the prestigious Outstanding Camper and Bentley Awards, the former dates back to 1984. Recipients of these awards will have their names engraved on a plaque which is prominently displayed at the camp.

LOCATION

The camp is housed in the Mountain Lodge which is located above the sunny and beautiful village of Schönried on the side of the Rellerli mountain which has a cable car running in both winter and summer. The campus is around 5 km from the famous winter and summer resort of Gstaad.

By car, the camp is easily accessible. They are approximately 1 3/4 hours from Geneva, 1 1/2 hours from Bern, and 2 1/2 hours from Zurich. By train, there are good connections from Geneva to Schönried via Montreux or from Zürich via Bern, Spiez and Zweisimmen.

FACILITIES

The **Mountain Lodge** will be the home to up to 50 children aged 6 to 15 as well as a number of staff members. Junior and senior campers are housed in different wings. Located above the village of Schönried the lodge contains 20 bedrooms, kitchen, large dining, class rooms, games rooms, movie room and recreational areas as well as acres of outdoor grounds with playground, basketball facilities and a football pitch. A few minutes from the camp are the tennis courts, golf course, the local gymnasium, outdoor and indoor swimming pools, and many mountain cable cars and chairlifts.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health, safety and general welfare of the individual camper is the first concern of Lovell Camps. Every precaution is taken where campers eat, play and sleep. No activity is undertaken without proper supervision or where undue risk is involved. A qualified physician is available at all times and there is a fully-equipped hospital in Zweisimmen. Full health and accident insurance is available through the camp or can be the responsibility of each family; however, it is compulsory for all campers.

TRAVEL

Upon request, staff members will escort children to and from the Geneva airport and assist them with check-in and customs formalities. The camp is prepared to advise parents in all matters concerning travel to and from the school. Parents are reminded that, depending on nationality, some campers may require tourist visas for Switzerland.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Lovell International Camps offers **two 4-week sessions, two 3-week sessions and 2-week sessions that are limited**. Full details concerning application procedures, the dates of the camp sessions and fees are described on a separate page entitled 'Terms and Conditions for Summer Camp'.

PRE-CAMP INFORMATION

During the second half of May, all families who have registered children will receive a pre-camp mailing via email containing final details about the camp sessions such as a clothing and equipment list, health form, summer questionnaire and a reminder to complete the additional options and extras forms. All applications, forms and information documents can be found and filled out online at www.lovellcamps.ch.

Due to the fact that the number of places is limited, families are urged to make their applications before January.

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