

Application for

« Rivjèka ! »

2 weeks of knowledge-share on river protection and environmental responsibility
Switzerland ↔ Bosnia-Herzegovina

Preparation week in Neuchâtel (Val de Travers) 27.07. – 31.07.2020

Exchange weeks Switzerland – Bosnie-Herzegovina: summer 2021

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS OF MINORS

If you need more information or help for understanding, please contact jeunes.neuchatel@pronatura.ch

1. Overview

Within the two weeks' exchange project "Rivjèka", we will experience common activities on the topics of river protection and environmental responsibility together with young volunteers from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Part 1: 27.07. – 31.07.2020: preparation week in Neuchâtel and surroundings, Switzerland

Part 2: summer 2021: exchange program in Switzerland and in Travnik and surroundings, Bosna-Herzegovina

Participation of both parts are recommended

During "Rivjèka", you will:

- experience activities and tools on the topics of environmental responsibility, nature protection and emotional binding to local natural values
- learn and try methods to analyse water quality of riversides
- get to know young people and their families from Bosnia-Herzegovina with different backgrounds and a high motivation for nature protection
- learn skills in international co-working, elaborate and implement activities within the exchange project

Our goals during the exchange are:

- Enable personal growth for every participant
- Give support for the creation of a group "Youth for Nature" in Travnik (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- Get inspiration and motivation through exposure to people, nature and history, by understanding of different cultures, by learning about the environmental challenges of the partner countries
- Strengthening the partner institutions CEM, CZSS, i-platform, Pro Natura Neuchâtel and the international network Friends of the earth

Topics and program

- Workshops on the work with children in nature, organization of a children's program in nature in Switzerland and in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Excursions to riversides, studies and analysis of water quality, nature habitats and biodiversity of rivers, learn about the effects of hydropower plants and water protection strategies
- Hiking in karstic landscapes, learn about climate change and its effect on water availability, agriculture and biodiversity
- Organization of a public event to present the project *Rivjèka* and to display the film "Blue heart of Europe"

2. Eligibility of Participants

- Young people between 15 and 25 years of age can apply. Exception of younger or older candidates are possible.
- The project seeks for gender mix and different backgrounds of the participants.
- Application form, motivational letter, copy of ID card or passport must be submitted.

- Total number of participants from Switzerland: 9
- Insurance: you need a health insurance that covers Bosnia-Herzegovina (no EU-member) and the repatriation back to Switzerland in case of emergency.
- The application fee covers all the costs of student participation, including bed, board and all programme activities. In the case of need, applicants can apply for a scholarship

3. Accommodation

Accommodation during the exchange program in 2021 is organised as followed:

partly overnights within hosting families in Neuchâtel and in Travnik, BiH

partly overnights in mountain lodges and group accommodations in “Sur la Vau”, Val de Travers and “Visitor Centar Pecka” near Jajce in BiH.

You are pleased to specify in the application form if you have the possibility to host (one/two) volunteers at yours during the stay in summer 2021 in Neuchâtel or surroundings.

4. Language

The official language during the exchange project is English. If needed, translation is assured. Please contact us if you think that you need some help for understanding.

5. Fee and costs

Fee per person: 250 CHF. In the case of need, you can apply for a scholarship.

6. Organizers

The exchange project Rivjeka is organized by Pro Natura Neuchâtel, i-platform, Center for youth education CEM in Travnik and Center for ecology CZZS in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The project is supported by Movetia.

7. Agreement on behaviour

A common agreement on behaviour and rules will be discussed in the very beginning of the project and a common charta will be elaborated and approved on behalf of mutual respect and support, common tasks, the use of alcohol, smoking, phone etc.

8. Application and contact

For your application, please submit:

- Completely filled Application form, scanned and sent to jeunes.neuchatel@pronatura.ch or sent by post to Maiann Suhner, coordinatrice J+N Pro Natura, Mont-Riant 9, 2000 Neuchâtel
- Copy of ID card or passport

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact **Maiann Suhner, 078 881 51 33, E-mail: jeunes.nature@pronatura.ch**

AGREEMENT OF PARENTS FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS

I/we _____
(first and last name of parent(s))

read the document

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For the project « Rivjèka ! »

and agree that my/our child(ren)

(first and last name of child(ren))

participate to the exchange project Rivjèka, under the responsibility of

- Maiann Suhner, coordinator of the youth group J+N Pro Natura Neuchâtel
- Nikola Buric, attendant and responsible for i-platform
- Amela Mrakic, socio-educator of CEM, Travnik

We can host 1 / 2 participant(s) during the exchange stay in Neuchâtel in summer 2021.

We prefer to host a girl, a boy, without importance

The participant needs a host family in or around Neuchâtel

Signature of parents:

Evtl. Comments:

ACCORD DES PARENTS D'ENFANTS MINEUR.E.S

Moi/nous _____
(prénom et nom de(s) parent(s))

j'ai/nous avons lu le document

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et je donne/nous donnons l'accord que

(prénom(s) et nom(s) des/de l'enfant(s))

participe(nt) au projet "Rivjèka", sous la responsabilité des accompagnant.e.s

- Maiann Suhner, coordinatrice du groupe J+N Pro Natura Neuchâtel
- Nikola Buric, responsable de la i-platform reliant la Suisse et la Bosnie-Herzégovine
- Amela Mrakic, éducatrice sociale au Centre d'éducation pour Jeunes CEM, Travnik

O Nous avons la possibilité d'accueillir O 1 / O 2 participant.e(s) chez nous durant l'échange en 2021 à ou autour de Neuchâtel.

Nous préférons que le/la participant.e soit O féminin, O masculin, O sans importance

O Le/la participant-e a besoin d'un logement à Neuchâtel

Signature du/des parent(s):

Evtl. commentaires :

EINVERSTÄNDNIS DER ELTERN VON MINDERJÄHRIGEN TEILNEHMER:INNEN

Ich/wir _____
(Vorname und Name der Eltern/des Elternteils)

habe(n) folgendes das Dokument

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gelesen und bin/sind einverstanden, dass mein/unser Kind

(Vorname und Name des Kindes)

am Projekt "Rivjèka" teilnehmen wird, unter der Verantwortung der folgenden Begleitpersonen

- Maiann Suhner, Koordinatorin der Jugendgruppe J+N Pro Natura Neuchâtel
- Nikola Buric, Leiter des bosnisch-schweizerischen Netzwerks i-platform
- Amela Mrakic, Jugendarbeiterin am Bildungszentrum für Jugendliche CEM in Travnik

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Nous préférons que le/la participant.e soit O féminin, O masculin, O sans importance

O Der/die TeilnehmerIn braucht eine Unterkunft in Neuchâtel

Unterschrift der Eltern/des Elternteils:

Evtl. Bemerkungen: