

Founded in 1949, the Luethi-Peterson Camps are nonprofit co-ed summer camps in different countries whose aim is to foster international understanding by bringing together young people from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

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# LUETHI-PETERSON CAMPS LPC-US, Inc.



**LPC INTERNATIONAL**  
 (luethipetersoncamps.org)  
 is the organizational arm of LPC,  
 based in Switzerland.

**LPC-US INC.** (lpcinc.org)  
 is the U.S.-based Board which  
 oversees the maintenance of  
 the Freedom House and collects  
 donations for camperships.

## OLYMPICS

LPC OLYMPICS Zoom <https://sites.google.com/view/lpc-olympics>

**J**UST LIKE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE spent yet another summer without hikes, together times and Sunday EPs. The pandemic has yet again led Hegnes, Freedom, Kiidi, Klino and all the other LPC sites to stay closed, empty and camp-less.

And just like last year, the Streit family has created an exciting worldwide challenge, a virtual alternative to real-life camps that provided many LPCers (a few children and many passionate grown-ups!) with Family days, weekly challenges and a renewed sense of community for five bright summer weeks.

This year's oLymPiCs revolved around a state-of-the-art virtual Olympic Village, whose Gym was the gateway to 5 (locked) venues. 55 passionate LPCers from all over the world were divided into 9 families. At the beginning of every week, each

family member would receive a different Warm-Up task, that they would bring to the weekly Family Day. There, with the collaboration of all its members, the family would solve the challenge and unearth a "passcode" to get into the Olympic venue of the week.

The weekly puzzles were very challenging at times, but always fun and ingenious and required every single family member to use all their logical, creative and imaginative skills to be solved, a great moment to bond and spend some quality time together.

In the hope that next year will once again be filled with LPC songs, hikes and Sunday EPs, on behalf of the whole LPC community, I want to thank the Streit family for gifting us all with their hard work, their skills and their creativity, and for making this summer so special for all of us.

- Beatrice (Babi) Niolu, Milan, Italy





## ITALIAN GATHERING Montebello - July 2021

**W**HAT CAN WE SAY, THE WEEKEND WAS WONDERFUL. We were able to recreate those LPC vibes that we all missed so much.

This group of fifteen was pretty diverse, different lives, different ages, different backgrounds, but, as always happens in the LPC context, we stuck together like bread and butter. Each participant brought something very special, irreplaceable and unique to the group.

It was a weekend full of laughter, music, stories, lovely food, jokes, games and debates. Everyone clearly felt that they were in a safe and warm environment and we believe that everyone went back home knowing they have some new friends they can always count on, and this was exactly our goal.

It was just a breath of fresh air. We realized that we all really needed this.

Before saying goodbye on Sunday, we did what we called the “Goodbye Circle,” where everyone said a few words about the weekend we spent together and what it meant to them. It was very moving and full of tears and emotions.

It took only two days to create unforgettable memories and we feel enormously enriched as people. This weekend helped us understand even more why we strongly believe in the LPC values and the bonds it creates. We miss everyone dearly already.

It was short but very intense, and it made us think about how great it would be to manage to create an actual Italian LPC support group, so that initiatives like this can happen again.

We want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your help, effort, kindness, support and enthusiasm. It was magical.

**- Francesca Schettini and Filippo Ricci  
Rome, Italy**



## MÖSLI, MÖSLI! Paul's letter to his "Group of '49ers"

*Written by Paul Rutgers van der Loeff, to friends who were with him in the first Young Leaders International (YLI, later to become LPC) camp, in Switzerland in 1949:*



ZÜRCHER SEE

**T**his morning I realized that today is August 1. Natalie Luethi-Peterson taught me 72 years ago that this date in Switzerland is the 'Schweitzer National Feiertag'. At our camp in Möсли we walked with the whole international YLI group of 24 kids and 5 leaders to the edge of the Uetliberg, from where we could admire the festive fireworks over the Zürcher See.

During the last decades my friend Andreas told me several times that after the misery that he experienced in Germany during the Second World War, this was the first time in his life that he understood that fireworks could also be festive.

Of course during our walk in August 1st 1949 it was evening, and because Natalie was afraid that we might get lost in the dark forest, she had taught us that if we feared to get lost, we should call for help by shouting "Mösli, Mösli" in order to get 'home' again.



MÖSLI CAMP HOUSE

Since that time we witnessed that with much pain and effort Europe was able to get back on its feet. But we have also learned that the world has become smaller and smaller and that all countries have become increasingly dependent on each other. The international perspective that Natalie taught us has also clarified how important it is for those that come after us to treat the earth, our only home, with care and respect.

Almost daily we now hear and see how massive forest fires threaten the lives of people and animals - in Southern Europe, Siberia, the west coast of Canada and the USA, the Amazon forest, Australia.

With these kinds of desperate images I feel the urge to call "Mösli, Mösli!" again, so we can support each other and not get lost.

**- Paul Rutgers van der Loeff  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

# Postponed!

## U.S. GATHERING

### OUR PLANNED CELEBRATION OF THE FREEDOM HOUSE

will not take place in 2022. We hope to host this gathering in a future year.

### FRIENDSHIP BOOKS 2021

**I**n early June, organizers Natalie von Tschärner and Bruna Melis sent out instructions to some LPC friends to purchase (or make) a booklet, add something to it, and send it on to another LPC friend. Like camp correspondence, these booklets will be filled with creativity and love, LPC memories, drawings, and lovely notes. After an amazing journey, they will find their way back to the LPC Office in Switzerland at the Ecole d'Humanité in October. **If you still possess a book, please send it to the Ecole!** A follow up virtual gathering will show off all of the books.

**SEND TO: LPC INT'L, ECOLE D'HUMANITÉ,  
CH 6085 HASLIBERG-GOLDERN, SWITZERLAND**

### VIRTUAL PÖSCHTLI 2021

**V**IRTUAL PÖSCHTLI IS A LIVE zoom casual drop-in-for-a-chat activity open to everyone LPC. You never know who you will meet at the Pöschtl! Everyone is welcome and Breakout Rooms are available to those who want a quiet chat. Organizer Chris Signorino posts the zoom link to various chat groups and to the official LPC Facebook page: Luethi-Peterson Camps.

**WHEN: FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
TIME: 19:00 - 22:00 CET**

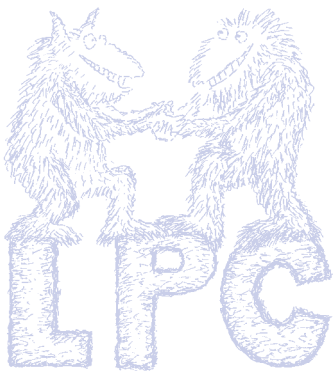
### LPC RADIO with Piet-Hein

**J**OIN PIET-HEIN FOR MUSIC and commentary. His show offers opportunities to submit your requests and enjoy 2 hours of LPC-themed fun! On August 1, 2021, for his 41st show, Piet-Hein hosted a special interactive celebration of the LPC Camp Birthday! Links to join are posted prior to the events on the official LPC Facebook page.

**WHEN: EVERY OTHER SUNDAY  
TIME: 19:00 - 21:00 CET**



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**SUMMER 2022**

Camps are back! Applications for 2022 LPC summer camps are due December 1, 2021. For an application or any further information, please contact the LPC office at [lpc.office@ecole.ch](mailto:lpc.office@ecole.ch).

**DONATIONS!**

We appreciate all donations! Make checks to "LPC-US, Inc." and mail to address below. Or click on our PayPal link at [LPCinc.org/donations](https://www.paypal.com/donations).

**NEW ADDRESS?**

Update your email & address: [board@lpcinc.org](mailto:board@lpcinc.org).

**SONGBOOK & CD**

Armin & Natalie's favorite LPC and Ecole songs are collected in



one place and beautifully illustrated by LPCers. The CD is the perfect companion to the book. More info: [lpc-ecolesongs.org](http://lpc-ecolesongs.org).



**SILENT AUCTION Fundraiser**

*October 30 - November 7, 2021*

**T**HE LPC FUNDRAISING GROUP is organizing the second LPC Silent Auction to benefit the Luethi-Peterson Camps. Last year was a big success, thanks to all donations contributed - the auction raised 5,263 Euro (approximately \$6,200) for LPC!

We had handmade yarn, clothes, rugs, a blanket and a carved wooden spoon, LPC memorabilia, art, music, wine tasting, virtual tours, holiday getaways, Swiss chocolate, and much more. The bidding was enthusiastic up to the very last minute, and the process helped connect our community around the world at a time we all needed it.



[galabid.com/lpcsilentauction](https://galabid.com/lpcsilentauction)

This year's Silent Auction will be open from October 30 - November 7. Please check out the exciting range of donations on the site [galabid.com/lpcsilentauction](https://galabid.com/lpcsilentauction), and bid often to support LPC!

**- The LPC International Fundraising Committee**

*Join Us!*

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