

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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ECOLE D'HUMANITÉ Hasliberg-Goldern, Switzerland

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

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

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, we had camp at the Ecole d'Humanité (the boarding school which LPC's founder, Natalie, ran with her husband Armin for many years). Our summer together started to unfold in three of the main Ecole buildings surrounding the central platz (a place to play great basketball matches, unforgettable vampire/potato games, skateboard, or have suspenseful egg-dropping challenges). The cozy room became cozy and full of people; the kitchen full of nuts, beans, pasta and (alas!) flies; the basketball court full of players, skaters, jugglers, ping pong enthusiasts; our minds full of ideas, and our hearts full of hopes and care.

Immersed in the mountainous region of the Hasliberg, we explored our surroundings one excursion after the other. We spent three weeks full of sunshine, music, folkdancing, clay sculpting and soccer games on the sweet Hasliberg mountains, with occasional summer storms, several guests and incredible views; we ate some

incredible meals from many different cultures, had a heartwarming open day with so many old and new friends of LPC, and an LPC history-themed pictiionary challenge, a dance party and a final camp dinner on camp birthday (our departure day was on August 2nd) at the local restaurant/guesthouse, the Pöstli.

Most of all, this summer we continued something old and started something new: we did another LPC camp, but as always, every camp is the first.

- The Ecole Staff



ECOLE / BRUNA MELIS



HEGGNES / AUGUST LÖFGREN



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HEGGNES Norway

FOR TWO NIGHTS AND TWO nights only, LPC Heggnes 2019 hosted an original, contemporary musical about the history of the people of Dale i Sunnfjord and the magical raccoon in the forest nearby. It is a story of love, life, war, and blueberries. A new folkdance was created, as well as a number of original songs. "Blueberry Love" is the story of Olaf, The Magic Raccoon, Astrid, and Bjorn, and the people who became collateral damage in their journey.

- The Heggnes Staff



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KLINO / JACOB PODGORSKY

HIKING France

PLANE, TRAIN, BUS, TAXI, MINIVAN and landrover; campers utilized all forms of transport to arrive in beautiful Kaskoletta, surrounded by a 360° view of the hills into which we would be walking. After a day of planning and getting to know each other, including games of bingo and a rousing chorus of Bella Ciao, the evening was spent writing our group song “Mountain Trails” while watching the setting sun... [Journal excerpts below.]

Cromlech d’Okabe: Walking uphill through thick clouds, we passed the ancient burial mounds and associated stone circles known as the Cromlech d’Okabe, which date back 4000-5000 years and looked particularly creepy in the fog. We celebrated the clearing views from Summit D’Okabe by folkdancing to live music. Curious large horned sheep were eager to share our snacks...

Olhadubi Gorge: After a steep climb, the impressive sight of the suspension bridge over the Gorges d’Olhadubi provided great photo opportunities, with a 180m drop to the river below. That afternoon clouds and fog rolled in and we found ourselves lost in Basque Country. Luckily, visiting friends were able to help shuttle everyone to the next campsite for hot showers, delicious curry and a game of telephone Pictionary...

Pic d’Ayous: Grateful to see the sun, we packed our wet tents and set out to wild camp at the beautiful Lac Bioux. After a steep climb past numerous lakes, with the iconic Pic Du Midi Ossau looming above, we reached the magical Lac d’Ayous for a wonderful swim before a group set off for the last leg to the summit. From here we could see the grandeur of the Pyrenees spreading in all directions below us, and appreciate every step that had brought us to the highest point of our hike...

- Fionnuala Bulman, New Zealand & Rowan Gill, UK & Filippo Ricci, Italy

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BIRCH POINT



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BIRCH POINT Maine USA

OUR MAGICAL SUMMER IN BIRCH Point was four sunny weeks full of laughter, joy and many activities. Only three days after the campers arrived we put on our hiking boots and walked through the ancient forests of Maine.

On our way we stopped at a llama farm, where we met a human-loving llama called PRECIOUS, who stayed in all our hearts throughout the entire summer. We even wrote a song about our lovely new friend.

The final destination of the overnight hike was the sandbar, a historic place for LPC Birch Point as the overnight hike has been going there for the last 30 years. At the sandbar we swam in the water, put up our tents and grilled marshmallows on the campfire, while campers played the guitar.

Upon our return, we built a beautiful new wooden floor. We also rebuilt an old chariot out of wood, and worked on the caravan that used to be the camp's office.

Then we put on our hiking boots again for the 3-day-hike. Two groups went hiking in the Arcadia National Park, where we enjoyed beautiful views from the peaks of Schoodic, Black and Caribou mountains. The home hike swam in various lakes nearby and picked blueberries and did some serious wood stacking with Gail.

During our camp we had many concerts with Tim and also CJ, but the absolute highlight was the performance on the last night of camp of Wild Horses by the Rolling Stones, with Tim, Samir (camper), Gabriel (camper) and Travis (director) playing the guitars and Rosie (camper) singing, while Rafael (camper) played the violin.

- Käthi Kröbel, Germany & Cato van Paddenburgh, Netherlands

KLINO Czech Republic

OUR KLINO CAMP WAS BUSY AND full of work, but most importantly fun. During the first week, we planned family time, where instead of eating as a whole camp the families went to different locations to eat, spend time together, and prepare theater skits.

Our skits were made up of random items in boxes that were selected for each family. We had world-renowned performances by an opera star, Franlicensco, a musical group that danced and sang a Catalan song about "patatas y croquetas y espagueti y bolancia," and an international crime mystery to solve.

For the overnight hike, we took a nice easy stroll into the forest to the campsite. After getting to the campsite and figuring out where to sleep, we made a fire, cooked some macaroni and cheese, and had marshmallows for Evening Program. The next day, we walked to spend some pocket money at the local Coop and then headed back to Klino.

Toward the end of camp, as per tradition, we had an excursion and for this one we walked to a swimming pool in nearby Radomysl. After swimming, playing volleyball, and relaxing by the sun, we walked again to the Coop and spent some pocket money. We also had our Open Day, when we invited locals of Klino and LPCers into our camp for the day to participate and see how our day is run.

In the final few days, campers showed an eagerness to share their cultures by running language courses, cooking meals, and leading courses. Some courses led were capoeira, drawing, bracelets, sports, and more. As our camp went on, lots of campers made strong connections with each other and the staff, some so strong that campers have plans to visit each other and stay in contact.

- The Klino Staff

FREEDOM New Hampshire USA

FREEDOM WAS WONDERFUL this summer! We spent time swimming at Loon Lake, cooking classic LPC dishes, and singing lots of songs throughout the summer. We had 4 successful hikes within New Hampshire with 3 going up to the White Mountains. Those groups hiked Baldface Mountain, Chocorua, and Franconia Falls. The final hike group went to Southern NH and hiked Mt. Monadnock, one of the most frequented mountains in New England.

We had a successful Open Day that had many townspeople come to folkdance and sing with us. The Freedom House remains as resilient as ever with the constant barrage of footsteps up and down the stairs. It was again a quintessential LPC experience in a place that oozes LPC history with campers constantly remarking on each LPC frieze on the walls.

- The Freedom Staff

LPCINC IS LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR NEXT SUMMER!

If you are interested in hosting a Birch Point or Freedom camper the weekend before camp, please check out lpcinc.org/host-family/ for more information, or contact us at hostfamily@lpcinc.org.



BIRCH POINT / ISADORA REGIS



FREEDOM / JESSE CLEMENTS



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LPC DATABASE

We send a digital version of the Newsletter (with more great photos!) to everyone for whom we have an email address. Please send yours (and physical address changes) to board@lpcinc.org.

SUMMER 2020

Applications for 2020 LPC summer camps are due December 1, 2019. For an application or any further information, please contact the LPC office at lpc.office@ecole.ch.

DONATIONS!

We are grateful for all donations to LPC INC. (for maintaining the Freedom House and camperships.) Make out checks to "LPC Inc." and mail to address below. Or find our PayPal link [LPCinc.org/donations/](https://www.paypal.com/donations/?url=https://www.lpcinc.org)

KIIDI Estonia

LPC KIIDI 2019 HAS SUCCESSFULLY come to an end. With 13 different nationalities and more than 500 hours spent in camp, Kiidi is quite difficult to explain simply, not unlike other LPC camps.

Nature was not very kind to us, but that did not stop anyone from having a fantastic time at Kiidi. Food from around the globe was shared in Kiidi. Apple pies were baked in celebration of July 4th. In addition, Chinese dumplings, Swedish chocolate balls, Polish Kopytkas, and many more cultural meals were made. Courses were very fulfilling and community driven. There were 7 language courses alone, and May Lee's iconic "extreme Japanese folk dancing" was a fun new course.

Games commonly found around the camp site included Speed, a game found popular across LPC, Dou Di Zhu, a traditional Chinese card game, and towards the end of the camp, Poker. This is why the camp T-shirt logo includes two poker cards.

- Xi Yuan (Sherwin) Wang, China



KIIDI / TILL SCHWANTES



KIIDI / ARILO BECKMAN

OUR SUMMER WAS FULL OF LPC-LIFE SINGING. FOLKDANCING. COOKING. BAKING. PLAYING CARD GAMES. MAKING ART. WRITING. MEDITATING. A HUGE VARIETY OF DIFFERENT COURSES WITH VERY ENERGETIC, SELF-CONFIDENT AND WILLING TO LEAD CAMPER. COMMUNITY LIFE. BEING AN INDIVIDUAL IN A GROUP. BEING PART OF SOMETHING. FEELING USEFUL. GIVING AND RECEIVING. LEARNING BY DOING. ACHIEVING. LIVING.

- Yonit Ben-Yehuda, Germany



KIINO / JACOB PODGORSKY



BIRCH POINT

FREEDOM / JESSE CLEMENTS



HEGGNES / MICHIEL VAN DER PLOEG



KIIDI / ARLO BECKMAN



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FCOLE / TAL ROIZNER



HEGGNES / AUGUST LÖFGREN



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