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World Camp 2018

The Philippines

Every three years FIMCAP, the federation of catholic parochial youth movements, organizes a World Camp. After seven successful editions, in 2018 FIMCAP will organize the eighth edition of the World Camp in cooperation with Chiro Philippines.

1992	Ghana & Chile
2000	Paraguay
2003	Philippines
2006	DR Congo
2009	India
2012	Paraguay
2015	Rwanda
2018	Philippines

From the 28th of July until the 19th of August, youth leaders from all over the world can enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience during the World Camp in the Philippines.

1. Aims of the World Camp

- The World Camp is an encounter of young people. Participants are youth leaders between 20 and 30 years old. The host organization is asked to involve their local youth groups as much as possible in the program and projects.
- The World Camp is an encounter of cultures. Through working in local projects and living in hosting families, participants will experience the reality of daily life in the Philippines, and especially the situation of the young people there. Participants will also present their own culture and get to know the cultures of the other participants. Activities like songs, dances, games and liturgy will be organized as a process of cross-cultural experiences.
- The World Camp gives us the concrete opportunity to show and live solidarity. Participants will be involved in different projects and will develop their creative talents in supporting the local community.

- The World Camp is not an isolated event. The participants will face situations that will confront them with differences in reality and possibilities. It will be an experience they will take back home to their own local/regional organisation and their personal lives. We want to use this experience and stimulate the participants to share it with their peers.

2. Host organization

FIMCAP is very happy to present Chiro Philippines as host organization.

2.1. The Philippines



The Philippines is an archipelago nation of more than 7,100 islands. The islands are mountainous and in total have a land area of 115,831 square miles. The islands are divided into three major regions:

- Luzon, the largest island in the north;
- the Visayas, an island group in the center;
- Mindanao, the largest island in the south.

The Philippines enjoy a climate that is always tropical and warm because of the islands' location, 5 to 20 degrees north of the equator. There are two main seasons: the dry season is from March to June, and the monsoon season is from July to October. The intervening months of November to February are still relatively warm with a soothing sea breeze.

The official languages of the Philippines are Filipino (which is based on Tagalog) and English.

Due to early colonization by the Spanish, the Philippines is a majority Roman Catholic nation, with 80.9% of the population self-defining as Catholic.



2.2. Chiro Philippines

The Chiro Youth Movement is a small faith community of young Christians. It is passionately engaged in children and youth ministry.

The word Chiro is derived from the first two Greek letters of the name of Christ: Chi and Rho. The Chiro Youth Movement is named after Christ. Hence, Chiro people are Christ's people. Youth refers to the young and even the not so young but young at heart. The young includes the children, which should be given more attention and space to develop within the arms of the Church. It is called a movement and not just an organization because it aims to pass on the Chiro (Christ) values from one generation to the other. Hence, the saying "Once a Chiro, a Chiro forever!"

2.3. The aims of Chiro Philippines

General aim: To bring the youth closer to Christ.

Specific aims:

The Chiro pledges its commitment:

- To form a community of young People centered in Christ that is attuned to the changes brought about by signs of the times and developments in society, church and the rest of the secular world in order to continue the task of Christ-evangelization.

- To give young people the opportunity to see and experience the different aspects of their lives that enrich them.
- To inspire voluntary involvement from the youth that responds to their concerns and needs and help them face these issues realistically.
- To positively strive to provide an environment in the light of the Gospel that encourages them to take responsibility that will affect their personal lives and the community to which they belong. (The New Chiro Way)

2.4. How does Chiro work?

➤ Sunday Gatherings and Activities

The group meets regularly usually every Sunday afternoon at the church grounds or anywhere within the parish near where the children live. This is called the Regular Sunday Program which lasts from 2 to 4 hours each week.

It is a movement that develops Christian values in young people through a unique method: **the game approach** where values and talents are developed. There is a use of youthful games, songs, ‘creativity’, self-expression, nature exploration and camps as a spring board to build up the young person.

➤ Methodologies

– **Community Method**

Chiro wants to form a community. Everything is directed towards this idea: our games, projects, being-together, training courses. We want to bring people together and ‘educate’ them towards solidarity and community-spirit. We want to bring people out of their isolation and let them experience things they can realize together than when they are alone.

– **Action Method**

From traditional methods of youth training, the active method of modern youth movements came about. It uses games and creative activities to obtain the participation of the young. It attempts to complement paternalistic and authoritarian methods of education by appealing to the liberty which young people possess to develop their own personalities, both from a human and supernatural point of view.

– **Intuitive Method**

Intuitive pedagogy is the result of a deeper psychological understanding of man. It considers man less intellectually and more existentially. It recognized that man communicates his interior life to another, not only through expression of ideas but by means of impressions made on the senses, instincts and affective life. It utilizes the power of images, gestures, artistic emotions, nature, etc. to express and feed the interior life, even more effectively than abstract ideas.

➤ Age Groups

The group is subdivided into different divisions, according to the age of the children. The methods and activities are based on the psychology of each age group. Each division has its own leaders. The children in each age group share, perform activities together, and grow together.

STARLIGHTS/CASTLE BOYS	7-8 years old
SUNBEAMS/SUNGUARDS	8-11 years old
CROWN	11-13 years old
CHRISTI	13-15 years old
ASPIRANT	15-17 years old
LEADERS	18 years old and above

➤ Local Group Structure

Each local group is under the direction of the parish priest. Each group has at least 1 division leader (for each age group) and a group leader or two group leaders (a girl and a boy). The group leaders are responsible for calling the meetings, animating the other leaders, communicating with the parish priest, and representing the group in district, regional and national meetings.

3. Program of the World Camp

The World camp will take place from the **28th of July till the 19th of August 2018**.

The World Camp consists of 3 main parts (exact dates can still shift):

- 28/07 – 3/08 (Luzon region): getting to know each other, teambuilding games, getting to know the host country, presentations of participants and organizations, visiting local groups and the local area, reflections and sessions on the theme of the World Camp.
- 4/08 – 12/08: splitting up in smaller, mixed groups and working in different projects, while staying with local host families.
- 13/08 – 19/08 (Visayas region): Getting back together with the whole group and sharing the experiences, reflections and sessions on the theme of the World Camp, evaluation and closing.

4. Projects of the World Camp

The participants will be divided over 4 projects.

More information about the different projects will follow soon.

5. Theme of the World Camp

The theme is a red thread throughout the World Camp. It will be brought to the participants via discussions, games and speakers. During this World Camp we will reflect on one of the Sustainable Development Goals: **SDG 12 - responsible consumption and production**.

We will reflect on the following questions:

- Why is it important to work on this topic?
- What can I as a person do?
- What can my youth group/youth organization do?
- What message do we want to send to the world?

The World Camp is part of a bigger project. Interested participants will need to engage themselves for the whole project.

The first stage of the project is the **preparation** of the participants. Each continent has the task to bring together and prepare the participants coming from their continent. This can be online (for example by setting up a facebook group) or in person (a seminar). During this stage the participants will have the opportunity to get to know each other and share their concerns and questions before the start of the World Camp. They will get a first introduction in the topic of responsible consumption and production.

The second stage of the project is the World Camp itself. Here the youth leaders will meet youth leaders from the other continents to discuss responsible consumption and production as a worldwide issue.

The third part of the project is the follow-up stage. As FIMCAP we want to do more with the intense experience that a World Camp offers and reach out to our peers. We challenge the participants to develop actions:

- Actions as a person
- Actions for your youth group and youth organization
- Actions on your regional or continental level

No specific knowledge or experience of the participants is required, only an interest in the topic and an engagement for the full duration of the project.

6. Participants

6.1. Number of participants

Each FIMCAP member organisation is invited to send 3 participants to the World Camp. We advise you not to throw away this opportunity, as it will be a great experience for your participants, as well as for your organisation.

We also foresee a waiting list. Each organisation can put 2 extra participants on the waiting list. In case of open spaces the persons of the waiting list will be accepted as participants.

Inscriptions (and waiting lists) must arrive at the international FIMCAP secretariat before the 1st of March 2018. After this deadline will inform the organisations as soon as possible about the number of vacant places for their people on the waiting list.

By the 1st of June all flight information of the participants must be handed in.

6.2. Conditions to participate

- Age: between 20 and 30 years
- Experience in local and/or regional youth work, training in youth work
- Knowledge of English, French or Spanish + willingness to speak and learn other languages. The main language during the World Camp will be English and there will not always be somebody translating for you.

- Open mind and flexibility
- Respect for camp rules and local customs
- Optimism
- An active engagement for the full project (preparation, World Camp and follow up)
- To be prepared to pass on the experience in your local group, your youth organization and your community.
- Participants can only participate one time in a World Camp.

7. Fees and travel costs

7.1. Travel costs

- The participants of the European member organisations pay for their own travel costs. Should this be a problem, please contact the FIMCAP secretariat to look for a solution together.
- FIMCAP will reimburse the full travel costs of one participant and half of the travel costs of the second participant from non-European member organisations.
- Tickets should be booked by the organisation itself. In case of travel cost reimbursement, a list with maximum reference prices will be provided. Open membership fees and debts will be deducted from the travel cost reimbursement.

7.2. Participation fee

- The participation fee for every participant is € 200.

We encourage all member organisations to look for financial means to support their participants. Ask local/regional authorities, church institutions, companies and foundations for support. If required, FIMCAP can provide personal documents stating their participation.

8. Contact information

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to **contact the secretariat**:

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See you in the Philippines!