



Dear international friends,

First things first, we would like to introduce ourselves: we are Jana and Ward, two volunteers of the international committee of Chiro Flanders, Belgium.

We are pleased to invite you to our national camp **Krinkel** in August 2022. Every 4 years Chiro Flanders organises a big summer camp for its oldest members, leaders and adult counsellors. Next Krinkel will take place from **August 23th** until **August 29th** at **Merksplas, Belgium**.

For Krinkel we invite you, our friends from all over the world to join us during this camp. That is the reason why we send you the official invitation for Krinkel 2022. Like every region in Flanders we have our 'own spot at the campsite': **The International Campground**. Flemish participants eat and sleep together in their own region. All our international guests will be part of the international campground, with a smaller group of Flemish participants.

During Krinkel participants will be part of a 'living group' of about 10 to 12 people, with a mix of Flemish participants and international guests. These groups will be guided by 2 leaders, one Flemish leader and one international leader. We'd like to welcome some members of your organisation at our camp. So we ask you to find participants to join our international campground.

What is Krinkel?

Krinkel is an extraordinary summer camp with around 4000 youth leaders: living together for 6 days, sleeping in tents on a mattress or field bed and sleeping bag, no luxury, with the warmth of camp fires. Playing games is a central part of Chiro and of Krinkel, games in small living groups but also spectacular mass games with everybody together. Therefore, active participation in every activity is expected from each participant.

Do you want to see what the last Krinkel editions were like? Watch one of the aftermovies of the last editions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igc-3_STFyc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhWbZjfGb18

Do you want some more information? Visit https://www.krinkel.be/international

Who can join Krinkel?

Krinkel is open to European and non-European participants.

Criteria for participants:

- Between the ages of 17 and 30.
- Able to express themselves in English, French or Spanish
- Excited to meet new people
- An active member of your organisation.

For European participants we received funds under the European Erasmus+ program. One of the requirements to use these funds is that European organisations participate with minimum 4 participants + one group leader.

The leader is preferably between the age of 18 and 30. If they are older, it does not mean that they can't join. Just be aware that Krinkel is an active camp and leaders in Belgium are between this age.

We encourage that the participants are a mix of people from different regions, gender... In that way, we have a good diverse group of people.

How much does it cost?

The participation fee is 125 euro. Of course, there will be travelling costs as well.

For **European** organisations (part of **Erasmus+** program):

If you come with 4 participants + 1 group leader, travel costs will be reimbursed according to the Erasmus+ rules. Extra participants are also allowed.

For **non-European** organisations + **European** organisations sending **less than 5 participants** or not in the **Erasmus+** program:

At the moment that we are writing this invitation, we don't have a view on the subventions yet as they depend on the amount of participants from different countries. Depending on the subventions, the travel costs will be partially reimbursed following a list with maximum prices that you will receive once we have a more clear view on the subventions. Visa costs will not be reimbursed. We are doing our best to keep the costs low and will keep you informed.

If it is more comfortable to come a day in advance or to stay the weekend afterwards, we will try to look for suitable accommodation. Especially if participants are coming from far away we will do our best to host you in a nice host family before and/or after Krinkel.

How many participants can you send?

We encourage you to send a minimum of 4 participants from your local groups and one person who would like to be a leader during Krinkel. It is also possible to send more participants. We hope to welcome lots of internationals to our camp. So, we're flexible on the number of participants you want to send.

Inscriptions?

It is not possible for individual participants to inscribe themselves for Krinkel. All enrollments belonging to one youth organisation must be grouped together. So if someone is interested in participating, they should contact their organisation as they are in charge of the selection and will send us the participant list of their organisation.

The deadline for the inscription for **non-European** participants is <u>March 15th 2022</u>. For **European** participants, the deadline is **May 1st 2022**.

You can send the participants list as well as the registration forms of each participant to international@krinkel.be

Covid

Unfortunately Covid is still influencing our daily lives, there are a lot of unknowns ahead of us regarding Covid. We highly recommend our participants to get vaccinated. Regulations will have to be followed in accordance with your own country, Belgian and European law. It is the participants responsibility to follow these rules and cover the costs of additional testing or to stay in quarantine. Specific measures will be taken on the camp to ensure a safe environment. We will update you about the ongoing situation in the coming months and really hope to see you in Belgium this summer!

We welcome you for this fantastic summer camp and we are looking forward to meeting you!

Jana & Ward