



LEIRIKESÄ

The Camp Letter 2020

*International Day Camps
Helsinki*

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WELCOME TO DAY CAMP!

It's GRRREAT to have you with us at the camp! You're going to spend the best possible week of summer in the city! At the camp, you'll get new friends, have new experiences, and get to do all kinds of summer fun. Some of these include making food on a camping cooker, swimming, outing, tinkering, and many many adventures where you get to try and learn new things!

There will also be counsellors at the camp in addition to you campers, and they will take care of all the programmes, meals, safety, and other practical matters. These counsellors are really good at coming up with the best games, telling the best stories, and helping if things don't always go as planned.

The camp's staff and office will be glad to help all campers and their families at home in all your concerns and will address all your questions before, during, and after the camp!

I wish the summer was already here!

This letter will give you a lot more information about the camp. You'll learn about how to get to the camp, the camp programme and everyday things, communication and news from the camp, as well as about the needed equipment and how to pack it.

Read the letter carefully. If you still have unanswered questions after reading the letter, please contact our office. You'll find our contact information on the last page of this letter.

Camp dates

You can see the camp dates in the separate invoice for the camp, in the reservation confirmation, and on the reservation service's OWNPAGE. **Log in to your OWNPAGE at www.leiri.fi/omasivu**

Check the invoice and your OWNPAGE for camp dates and contact and registration information.

Arriving and leaving the camp

Camp counsellors are present daily between 8.30 am and 4 pm. Organised activities take place between 9 am and 4 pm. You can start your camp day flexibly starting from 8.30 am. The day ends by 4 pm which is when you should leave the camp.

The child may arrive by him/herself or together with their parent(s). Please note that all campsites do not necessarily have available parking spaces.

As you fill in the health survey, please indicate whether your child can leave the campsite on their own at the end of the day or whether an adult they recognise will pick them up. This way our counsellors will know how to act in these situations.

You can fill in the health survey easily and quickly on the reservation service's OWNPAGE at **www.leiri.fi/omasivu**

Healthcare - don't forget to fill in the health survey!

At day camps, the counsellors manage the children's well-being. The reservation service's OWNPAGE has a health survey that the child's guardian(s) should complete.

You can fill in the health survey easily and quickly on the reservation service's OWNPAGE at www.leiri.fi/omasivu

The health survey must be completed and saved no later than two (2) weeks before camp starts. You should fill in the survey even if you have attended one of our camps before and even if there are no changes to your health information.

The health survey covers essential information with regard to camp, such as possible allergies, dietary requirements, illnesses, and medication. We would also like you to address the questions related to the child's ability to swim, whether they are allowed to leave the camp in the afternoon on their own, and whether you allow photographing your child at the camp.

If your child has an infectious illness (such as stomach flu), you must not send them to camp! Other campers or the staff may get infected by the same illness.

The child must be completely healthy for at least 24 hours before coming to camp. They can always attend a bit later after getting well. Don't forget to notify the camp if your child falls ill!

Accident insurance

All campers are insured for accidents for the duration of the camp. This is a primary insurance, so the Leirikesä insurance will cover all personal damages should these occur. The insurance does not cover material damages, such as broken glasses or torn clothing, during camp.

Contact information and communication during camp

Campers can bring their own mobile phones to camp. However, they are not to be used during organised activities. Usually, campers get to use their phones for a little while during the day if they so wish. Sending a text or WhatsApp message to the camper's phone may be the easiest way to reach them.

- You can find the **camp telephone number** in the separate reservation confirmation sent together with this letter. Please contact this number directly if you need to notify us or discuss something related to camp.
 - **camp number is only valid for the duration of the camp** between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm. You can also send text and WhatsApp messages to this number.

Our Helsinki office will answer all your questions you may have before camp. For any queries related to registration, invoices and so on, please contact our Helsinki office.

- You can call our **Helsinki office** at **+3589 8865 1280**
 - telephone service is open Mon-Thu between 10 am and 3 pm.

Invoice

You should pay the invoice no later than the due date indicated in the invoice. All cancellations must be notified as soon as possible to the Leirikesä ry office.

If you have difficulties related to payment, contact the Leirikesä office immediately. We all face financial challenges from time to time. We understand this very well, and in most cases, we can negotiate for a more flexible payment schedule or a scheme of payment.

Illness during camp and interrupting camp

Sometimes a child's camp needs to be interrupted. There can be many reasons for this, for example:

- the family wants the child to return home
- the child himself/herself wants to go home

- the child falls ill at the camp
- the child bullies or hurts other children
- the child has brought illegal substances with him/her to the camp

In these cases, the home will be notified, and the child's guardians must retrieve their child. In the above cases, no refunds will be made for any camp payments.

Grant to support camp payments

As in previous years, Leirikesä will again apply for financial support from the Tunkelo foundation to seek reduced camp payments for families with financial, social, or health-related challenges. The Tunkelo foundation will make decisions regarding support in late spring (estimation: in April 2020). If we receive this support, we will offer grants in the form of reduced camp payments by separate application.

You can apply for a grant using the application form on our Web site. We will process the applications if we receive support from the foundation and send an email regarding awarded grants to the primary guardian's email address provided in connection with registration.

No grant applications will be processed before April 2020.

NOTE! You must pay the camp invoice regardless if the due date is before the processing of applications! If you have already paid the invoice and receive a grant, we will refund the party who made the payment after making an excess deduction.

You can apply for a grant at www.leiri.fi/stipendi

Social media and taking photographs at camp

During camp, the site and campers will be photographed and videoed for mainly social media purposes. We may also use this material in marketing our future camps, for example in the Leiriopas guide or the Leirikesä ry social media accounts (such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube etc.). At times our camps may also be visited by the press or TV/radio representatives.

Use the registration service's OWNPAGE to notify us of photographing permission regarding your child. This permission is online at www.leiri.fi/omasivu. It's also a good idea to discuss taking photos at home in line with the above.



We will publish almost daily on the Leirikesä Facebook page at www.facebook.com/leirikesa



You can check our photos in Leirikesä's official Instagram account [@leirikesa](https://www.instagram.com/leirikesa) or use the hashtag [#leirikesa](https://www.instagram.com/leirikesa).



In addition to Facebook and Instagram, we may also publish on the Leirikesä YouTube account at www.youtube.com/leirikesa

ATTENDING DAY CAMP

We have a lot to do at camp: working with your hands, exploring, exercising, stories, adventures, trips, and nature. The daily programme includes guided activities, lunch, and free time.

Daily programme and times

The programme may vary somewhat from one camp to another, but the main schedule is as follows:

8.30-9.00 am	arrival to camp
9.00 am	camp day starts
9.30-11.00 am	activities
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	preparing lunch, eating, doing the dishes
12.30 - 2.00 pm	activities
2.00 - 2.30 pm	afternoon snack
2.30 - 3.45 pm	activities
3.45 - 4.00 pm	closing session
4.00 pm	camp ends - time to go home!

Meals

Each day, we'll have lunch that we prepare ourselves using a camping cooker, supervised by a counsellor. The day also includes an afternoon snack.

In case your child has special dietary requirements, it is essential that you notify us of this a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance before camp starts so that we can take this into account in the best possible way. Please be specific in stating the requirements (for instance, whether the child is allergic to fresh or cooked tomatoes).

You can fill in the health survey easily and quickly on the reservation service's OWN-PAGE at www.leiri.fi/omasivu

Equipment needed at camp

When indoors, we'll be **in our stockinged feet or use indoor shoes**. We go outdoors every day, so you'll need appropriate **outdoor clothes** for changing weather conditions that are suitable for running and playing, as well as for sitting and cooking. Even if the forecast promises good weather, don't forget to pack enough **warm clothes** with you. Good-quality **shoes** and **headgear** are also part of required camp equipment.

You should also pack a **water bottle** and a **swimsuit plus a small towel** in your backpack. We try to go swimming at least once during every camp. Most campsites allow for storing your **rainwear** and swimming gear for the week.

On camp days, we'll cook and eat outdoors. So, have your **eating utensils** (plastic plate, mug, fork, spoon) with you in your backpack! We rinse the utensils at camp, but you should wash them carefully at home in the evening.

Backpacks and bags

- backpack for your extra clothes and other equipment to bring to camp and carry around with you during the day

Clothes

- indoor footwear (socks will do as well)
- outdoor clothes for changing weather conditions - good shoes and headgear
- rainwear
- warm, long-sleeved shirt
- swimsuit and small towel

Eating utensils

- plastic plate and mug
- fork and spoon

IMPORTANT: Always have equipment with you that matches the time of year, weather conditions, and current forecast! Don't forget to pack enough warm clothing and equipment.

NOTE! Discuss at home whether you need a mobile phone (or other electronic equipment) at camp. At camp, electronic equipment may break or be lost. Leirikesä will not compensate for any damaged equipment.

Lost property

The surest way to locate the right owner is to **mark the child's name in every item they bring to camp.** As camp ends, it's a good idea to check once more that all items have safely returned home.

If you notice anything missing after camp, contact us immediately at camp or at our Helsinki office.

After camp, all lost property is delivered to Lost & Found International, Helsinki office in Vallila (www.loytotavara.net or tel. +358 600 41006, 1.98–3.56€/min+local network charge).

Leirikesä will not compensate for any items lost or broken during camp.

Packing tips

Mark your name in every item and piece of equipment. This will make returning them significantly easier. Leirikesä is not responsible for any items lost or broken during camp.

It may not be a good idea to buy new items or equipment for the camper. If possible, see if you can borrow some items from your friends, relatives, or neighbours.

As camp ends, it's a good idea to check once more that all items have safely returned home.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Helsinki office

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You can find your camp's telephone number in the reservation confirmation or on the Leirikesä Web site.

» <https://www.leiri.fi/yhteystiedot>

Things to remember before camp!

- fill in and save the health survey a minimum of two (2) weeks before camp
 - *complete this easily online at: www.leiri.fi/omasivu*
 - *OR send it via postal mail to Helsinki. Address information above. Mark "terveyskysely/health survey" on the envelope. If you complete the survey online, you don't need to send us anything.*