



YOUCEE 2019

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| Programme proposal | : 1 st draft |
| Date | : Monday 16 September - Sunday 22 September 2019 |
| Participants incl. supervisors | : 100 (max) |
| Location | : Akoesticum Ede |

Airborne International Youth Conference Youcee 2019 "Key to the Airborne Region"

Introduction

In choosing the theme for the Airborne International Youth Conference Youcee 2019 we have connected to this year's theme of Platform WW2, our Airborne partners in the region. The annual conference is based on the structure of the Arnhem Model United Nations (ARMUN), a project directed by students of Rivers International School. High-school pupils from the Netherlands, Poland, Germany, Britain and Italy, who are joining the Market Garden programme Monday-Sunday, will also participate in the ARMUN conference on Friday. On the other days this group will participate in a highly varied programme which, in the context of the commemoration of Operation Market Garden, focuses on three aspects: commemoration, awareness and experience. The thread running throughout the entire programme is the question of the meaning of peace and freedom, then and now. Each year we aim to reach a new wave of high-school students and convey to the younger generations the priceless value of the Four Freedoms formulated by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. By their participating in the Market Garden programme the youngsters are the "key to the Airborne region".

Monday 16 September 2019 "Arrival and Introduction"

Arrival at Akoesticum in Ede. Participants are divided into groups before dinner and house rules are explained. After dinner an introductory programme is presented in partnership with Akoesticum.

Afternoon

- Arrival of participants from 16.00 hours
- Check in at Akoesticum Ede

Evening

- Evening meal
- Introductory programme in partnership with Akoesticum

Tuesday 17 September 2019 "First Step to a Choir"

Participants have opportunity to become acquainted with each other in workshops organised by Akoesticum. During the programme a song will be composed by the participants. Throughout the week this song will be performed in all regional municipalities, strengthening the bonds between the four municipal districts.

Morning

- Breakfast
- Introduction workshops. Participants introduce themselves with short presentations in cooperation with Akoesticum

Afternoon

- Lunch
- Choir workshop. "First Step to a Choir"

Evening

- Evening meal
- Rehearsal "Youcee Song 2019"

Wednesday 18 September 2019

“Facing an Airborne past”

After the opening ceremony for the conference in the Old Church (Oude Kerkje) in Oosterbeek, participants will stand face to face with the region’s Airborne past. The youngsters will visit the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek and participate in the Airborne Battlefield Tour. The planning is for the participants in the Battlefield Tour to visit the four most widely-known Airborne monuments, i.e. the Polish monument in Driel, the monument on the Ginkelse heide, the Airborne monument in Arnhem, and the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek. At the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek the youngsters will place a wreath of flowers.

Morning

- Breakfast
- Opening of Youcee 2019 conference in the Old Church (Oude Kerkje) in Oosterbeek
- First part of visit to Airborne Museum and Battlefield Tour

Afternoon

- Reception by the Mayor of Renkum and lunch; performance of “Youcee Song 2019”
- Second part of visit to Airborne Museum and Battlefield Tour

Evening

- Evening meal and leisure time (film/concert)

Thursday, 19 September 2019 “Preparation for ARMUN”

Preparation for the Arnhem Model United Nations conference in the Town Hall of Ede. The participants are prepared for the ARMUN conference under the guidance of the Rivers International School students. A programme of leisure activities is scheduled after lunch.

Morning

- Breakfast
- Reception by the Mayor of Ede “Youcee Song 2019” performance
- Preparation for ARMUN

Afternoon

- Lunch by courtesy of the municipality of Ede
- Sport and leisure activities together with Invictus Games participants

Evening

- Evening meal
- Workshops and interaction with veterans in conjunction with the Veterans Institute

Friday 20 September 2019 “ARMUN”

The Arnhem Model United Nations conference is organised by the the Rivers International School, who are joined by a group of some 125 youngsters. The conference is organised in the Provincial Government Building (Provinciehuis) of Gelderland in Arnhem. ARMUN is a high-profile conference in which young people debate the problems in the world today. In the evening the participants will take part in an Airborne Commemoration in the Berenkuil in Arnhem. Several youngsters will place a wreath of flowers.

Morning

- Breakfast
- Reception by the King’s Commissioner (Commissaris van de Koning) in the Province of Gelderland
Performance of “Youcee Song 2019”
- ARMUN part 1

Afternoon

- Lunch by courtesy of the Province of Gelderland
- ARMUN part 2
- Leisure time and a meal at McDonalds

Evening

- Memorial service and placing of wreath at Airborne Square in Arnhem
- Performance of “Youcee Song 2019” during the Arnhem Liberation Experience

Saturday 21 September 2019

“The Battle of Arnhem”

The Battle of Arnhem began with the dropping of the First Airborne Division on the Ginkelse Heide in Ede. Every year, a parachute dropping event takes place at the Ginkelse Heide, in honour of the soldiers who perished there. The dropping is followed by a memorial service in which the youngsters will participate and place flowers. After the dropping and commemorations at the Ginkelse Heide, a memorial service is held at the Poland monument in Driel in attendance of the youngsters and a wreath of flowers will be laid.

Morning

- Breakfast
- Dropping and memorial service at the Ginkelse Heide

Afternoon

- Reception by the Mayor of Overbetuwe and lunch
 - Memorial service at the Poland monument in Driel
- Performance of “Youcee Song 2019” at reception after memorial service

Evening

- Farewell night with BBQ and issuing of certificates

Sunday 22 September 2019

“Memorial Service and Closing”

The group’s attendance of the memorial service at the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek is the official closing of the YOUCEE conference. The group will head home in the afternoon.

Morning

- Breakfast
- Memorial service at the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek and placing of flowers

Afternoon

- Lunch (packed lunch)
- Farewell and departure.