

Gold Expeditions

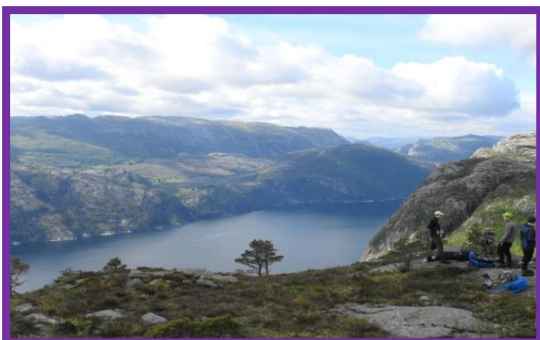


*Julien, Claire, Keila, Florian, Charles and Eric
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For our Gold Expedition, we decided to travel to Norway, pass the Lysefjord and climb the 4444 steps of the Florli wooden stair. What we appreciated most of all was the kindness of the Norwegians during our Hike. For instance, someone invited us on his boat to cruise along the fjord. Without these friendly and welcoming people our adventure wouldn't have been the same.



During our stay in Norway we experienced many different weather conditions: snow, rain, sun, wind,... Like experiencing the four seasons in 5 days..



*Claire, Lisi, Vicky and Christine
EPF and LGE*

During the Pentecost break we undertook our Qualifying journey for Gold along the Mediterranean Sea at the French-Spanish border in the Pyrenees. The journey was very demanding, but we were rewarded with wonderful views. To catch sight of the area around Banyuls where the sea and the mountains merge into each other was breathtaking.

"President's Award" in South Africa



In April some Award participants from the Athénée relay-cycled a total of 240km with approximately 30 young South Africans, who were completing their "President's Award", (referring to Nelson Mandela) equivalent to our *Mérite Jeunesse*.

These candidates came from different social backgrounds and what was hard to believe for the youngsters from Luxembourg: some of the South Africans were young prison inmates! They were happy to participate in this very unique opportunity to mingle with very different people.

Residential project and Qualifying journey in Nepal



We were 13 pupils aged 16 to 18 to set out from Luxembourg on Sunday July 9th with teachers in tow and arriving in Kathmandu on Monday 10th July to begin a fully packed 3 week programme. The first few days were all about sightseeing and culture: places where the April 2015 Earthquake had created extensive damage in Kathmandu and local people explained to the group what that dreadful Saturday was like. We also had the opportunity to see how some of the rebuilding was already complete such as that at the Boudanath Stupa.

In Pokhara we prepared for our 4 day expedition. This was something we had been preparing for since November 2016. The expedition was physically and mentally exhausting. We hiked about 100km in all but the elevation changes (we went up to 3250m at the Ghorepani) and heat made it much tougher.



The main aim of the residential project was to support a local primary school. The primary school was completely destroyed by the 2015 Earthquake. We spent 6 full days in the village and worked closely with YYY Foundation

and the Mandala Organisation. During that time we accomplished many things including digging holes, mixing concrete, planting the poles and constructing a set of steps from rocks and cement to connect the two levels of the school...



The last days we went to Chitwan, washing elephants, seeing crocodiles and undertaking a cultural visit of Kathmandu. We have had the most rewarding experience during our trip.

Qualifying journey (national)



The Qualifying journey for Bronze and Silver organized by the national office took place from 19th-21st of May and started at the camping site in Ettelbruck. In small groups of 4-7 participants they started their hike in different directions and arrived two days later in Echternach. Youngsters from 9 different schools participated at the expedition.



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10. EMAS Regional Conference

The 10th EMAS Regional Conference will take place in Madeira, Portugal from 10th-13th of September. The Conference offers the opportunity and space to share practices and experiences among members of the Association, and to discuss the implementation of policies for the operational development of the Award Programme in the EMAS Region. Furthermore workshops on different topics concerning the Award will be offered. H.R.H. Prince Guillaume and Pierre Matagne, member of the board, will represent Luxembourg.

Agenda

04.10.17	Presentation in the NOSL under the presence of H.R.H.Prince Guillaume
12.10.17	Presentation in the LCD under the presence of H.R.H.Prince Guillaume
21.10+22.10.17	Award Leader Training (language LU)
25.10.17	Award Leaders Evening
07.11.17	Presentation in the LAML under the presence of H.R.H.Prince Guillaume
23.03-25.03.18	Practice journey (national)
21.04.18	Award Leader Training in Holland (language EN)
04.05-06.05.18	Qualifying journey (national)

Which activity belongs to which section?

- yoga+pilates -> physical recreation
- every style of dancing -> physical recreation
- horse riding -> physical recreation
- referee+first aid -> service section
- training for referee+first aid -> skill



Dear Award Leader...

Statistics participants

Please do send the updated statistical file with your participants to the national office by the end of December.



Dear Participant...

Prix du Mérite

Are you a group of youngsters aged between 14-25 years and you have recently realised a project together? Then you can register for the next edition of the Prix du Mérite. It can be a cultural project, an adventurous or sports project, or a social project. You can apply until the 1st of December 2017. The registration form is available on our website.

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