

The Planet of Children



A FILM PROJECT WITH YOUR CAMPERS and CAMPERS AROUND THE WORLD

The International Children's Center "Artek" in conjunction with a number of other youth and camping organizations invites you to take part in an international project entitled "Planet of Children".

The Aim of the Project

Development of basic human values in youth across the world through the involvement of children in creative work to create short films on a relevant subject, through joint activities with a group of professional directors and operators of children's camps around the world.

The Essence of the Project

A professional film crew arrives in your camp. Film crews are formed from amongst you're interested campers. Under the guidance of the film crew, children create story lines, write the script and make short films. They choose the music and produce the film. The story that takes place in a children's camp becomes part of a global film on common themes.

More Detail on the Project

Groups of youth will create short films on relevant subjects in conjunction with professional directors and operators who are prepared to come to children's camps around the world. The result of the project realization will be an almanac of short films made by the children on specific themes relating to universally common virtues independent of nationality, culture and religion. During this past year, ICC "Artek" conducted a pilot project entitled "The Young Cinematography of Artek". The work of the film detachments was built on similar themes and was very successful. During the project, 10 film crews, over 6 camp sessions created 10 short films. During October-November of 2012, a film festival of short films "*Made in Artek*" which presented the work produced during the project. You can learn more about the project and see the movies from this preliminary project here: <http://www.artek.ua/artek/video/> (an English version is available as "kinoartek_proj").

The staff members of the project team who are undertaking this more ambitious project, entitled "The Planet of Children", have worked with the young film crews in Artek International Children's Centre during this time and gained valuable experience and skills.

Who is Leading this Project

For more information as to the reliability of this project, credentials of the project leaders, and the reputation of the Artek's leadership in the camping field, please contact ICF President, Valery Kostin. valery.kostin@campingfellowship.org

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Scenario Development

The final overall film is compiled through individual short film stories, each of which speaks to a theme on the same topic in an attempt to develop an understanding of universal truths or moral laws (e.g. sample topics include justice, peace, and humility). Each story line is created, developed and written by the children in collaboration with a film crew at various children's camps throughout the world. In post-production, the film stories are linked together to create a world tour of these narratives. Each story will "hook" to the next to create a larger narrative. Stories may argue with each other, one story might "ask" a question while an answer may emerge in the next. Our goal is to allow small details to resonate in these stories, emphasizing one big planet united through the experience, and the wisdom, of childhood.

What Next

1. Is your camp or organization interested in such a project?
2. Can your organization join us as partner in connecting children around the world?

What the Project Team can provide:

1. Travel expenses for personnel and equipment from Ukraine to the airport closest to your Camp.
2. Pre- and post-production services for the project
3. All on-site program leadership and coordination (in English or Russian)
4. Recognition to participating film-makers and camps in the final production
5. Souvenir copy of the final film to all participants

What we need from you:

1. Transportation for Project Team (3 members) from and to the airport
2. Accommodation and meals for Project Team while on site
3. Organization of one or more camper groups to participate in the program. (A desirable time is approximately three weeks but it can be adjusted to suit specific circumstances or needs).

We are pleased to invite you to work with us!

We are happy to discuss any part of this project and adjust the project to your particular Camp setting

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