



LA GARENNE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Winter Camps

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Location
Chesières, Suisse

> **USEFUL INFORMATION**

WINTER CAMP 2024



From January to March 2024, La Garenne International School offers unforgettable winter sports, academic and integration programmes for students aged from 5 to 16.

AGES 5-10: Integration Programme within the existing school timetable, including an opportunity to ski. Minimum stay two weeks.

AGES 11-13: Integration Programme (minimum stay two weeks) within the existing school timetable, including an opportunity to ski or Super Ski (minimum stay one week).

AGES 14-16: pre-IB* 4-week Study Programme with 5 half-day ski sessions a week **OR** Super Ski (minimum stay one week).

*four IB subjects plus TOK, writing for the IB and/or conversational French, and University Counseling

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

At the Airport

If your child is flying alone, please send the travel itinerary and the Unaccompanied Minor (UM) details to info@la-garenne.ch

School transport is available only to students. Our school driver **Mr. Serafim Azevedo** is responsible for meeting all students including UM children, as long as their flight details have been sent to the school office in advance. There are additional fees for transport and UM assistance - please refer to the General Conditions.

Details for UM (Unaccompanied Minor) forms: Address

La Garenne International School

Ch. des Chavasses 23

CH 1885 Chesières

Tel: +41 (0) 24 495 24 53

Responsible person:

Mr. Serafim Leite de Azevedo (Swiss passport X1105102)



Mr. Serafim Azevedo

For parents meeting us at the airport, the meeting point is outside the **Montreux Jazz Café**, twenty metres to your right after exiting the arrivals hall.

Students Arriving at School with Parents

If you are accompanying your child directly to school on arrival day, please send the estimated time of your arrival time to info@la-garenne.ch. Students arriving with parents should aim to arrive between 10am and 4pm.

We aim to process all arrivals efficiently but if we have many students arriving at once, this can take a little time so please be patient.

LUGGAGE

We remind parents to give your child(ren) the code or key of the suitcase(s) and to put a name tag on each piece of luggage.

PHONE CALLS AND INTERNET ACCESS

At check-in, all electronic devices (smart phone, iPad etc) are handed in to our staff for safe keeping. Please label each device and accessory with your child's name. All devices must have settings/interface available in English or French so we can configure them.

During Family Time (see below), you will be able to contact your children on their electronic device. Data roaming charges are the parents' responsibility. You can disable roaming on your child's device if necessary. Wifi is available on the school campus.

We try to ensure that children speak to their families at the set times but sometimes activities can delay this. Similarly, if you will be unreachable during Family Time, let us know beforehand and we will find another time for you to speak with your child.

Make sure your child knows their video calling platform username and password. Schedules can be adapted for families living in countries with a significant time difference.



FAMILY TIME (all times are Swiss time CET)

✓ Sundays **10:30 to 12:00**

✓ Wednesdays **18:30 to 20:00**

IMPORTANT - LAPTOP FOR INTEGRATION PROGRAMME

Students joining the **Integration or Pre-IB programmes** should bring an **Apple Mac laptop**. If your child does not have one, you can rent one from school for CHF 20 per day.

CLASSES AND PRIVATE LESSONS

Students are provided with all the necessary equipment for their classes apart from a **pencil case, dictionary and Apple laptop** which they should bring themselves.

For organisational reasons, students who request additional private lessons will not be allowed to make any changes or cancellations to these options upon arrival at school.

POCKET MONEY

The recommended pocket money has already been charged to the parents' invoice. We will give it to your child in instalments during their stay. If you wish to leave additional money, you can do so on the arrival day.

BIRTHDAYS

For students celebrating their birthday during Winter Camp, we can organise a special celebration with a cake, small gift etc). The cost is CHF 250. Please contact us if you wish to have this option.

IMPORTANT - HEALTH INSURANCE

Under Swiss Law, each student must have insurance covering illness and accidents; therefore an amount of CHF 10 per day has automatically been charged to your invoice. The only exception is Swiss nationals who already have health insurance. Fees for prescribed medication will be invoiced to the parents.

MEDICATION

For the safety of our campers, please hand **all** medication including vitamins and herbal remedies to staff when you arrive. Medication must be in its original packaging and **clearly marked with your child's name**, with dosage instructions in English or French.

LAUNDRY

Laundry for boarding students is done on a daily basis by our housekeeping department.

HEAD LICE

Before arrival, please check your child's hair for lice and inform us if lice are found and what treatment is being used. We will check the children again and treat them if necessary.

CLOTHES

As winter in the mountains can be chilly, we kindly ask you to follow the [clothing list](#) carefully. Please label **all clothing** (including shoes, tennis rackets, swimming towels, backpacks, underwear etc.) with laundry resistant labels. Each label should have the first name of the child followed by the two first letters of the family name (example: **John SM.** for John Smith). If items are missing, La Garenne staff will purchase them on the student's behalf and the cost will be billed to the parents.



Typical Weekly Programme

SUPER SKI

07:30 Wake Up

08:00 Breakfast

10:00 Ski
with certified instructors

12:00 Lunch on the ski slopes

13:00 Ski
with certified instructors

16:30 Afternoon Tea & Snacks

17:00 Activities & Clubs
arts, sports, reading, free time

18:30 Dinner

19:00 Recreational Activities

20:45 - 21:30 Shower / Bedtime

21:00 Lights out for Minis

21:30 Lights out for Juniors

22:00 Lights out for Seniors

ACADEMICS + SKI

07:00 Wake Up

07:20 Breakfast

08:00 Classes

10:30 Break

11:00 Classes

12:30 - 13:15 Lunch at school

13:30 - 16:00
Ski with certified instructors
or academic lessons *according to class schedule*

16:30 Afternoon Tea & Snacks

17:00 Activities & Clubs
arts, sports, reading, free time

18:30 Dinner

19:00 Recreational Activities

20:30 Shower / Bedtime

21:00 Lights out for Minis

21:30 Lights out for Juniors

22:00 Lights out for Seniors



STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

We have every confidence that your child will have a wonderful experience at winter camp. Our staff are approachable and friendly and there is always someone for your child to talk to if they are worried about anything.

To make sure that everyone has a positive experience, we encourage all the children to keep to our simple rules of courtesy and respect.

- If you have any worries or questions, do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.
- Only speak in French or English.
- Greet everyone with good morning, or good afternoon.
- Show respect for other people and their property.
- Behave responsibly at all times and listen carefully to instructions from staff.

Behaviour such as violence, bullying, theft or inappropriate language and swearing is unacceptable and will be dealt with by the School Director. Parents will be informed if such behaviour is considered to compromise the comfort and safety of other pupils.

WEEKEND VISITS

As winter camp stays are short, we limit visits from parents. Students need to adapt to their new environment, and the daily programmes are intense. However, if you wish to visit your child, please contact the [school office](#) at least **4 days** in advance and complete the form here: https://www.la-garenne.ch/PDF/request_weekend_away_school.pdf Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL YEAR AND SUMMER CAMP

If you have questions or require further information regarding our academic school year or summer camp programmes, please arrange an appointment: admissions@la-garenne.ch.