



LA GARENNE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP 2026

WHAT MAKES LA GARENNE SUMMER CAMPS SPECIAL?

A superb location, excellent facilities, an amazing range of activities, a student staff ratio of 4:1, and experienced, professional, caring teachers and instructors.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF LA GARENNE SUMMER CAMP?

We aim to give all our campers an amazing Alpine experience in a supportive, international environment. Along the way, they will learn languages, teamwork, resilience, and make friends from around the world, and create memories for life.

WHERE IS THE CAMP LOCATED?

Just outside the village of Villars-sur-Ollon, a pretty Alpine village in the Swiss Alps, about 90 minutes' drive from Geneva.

DO YOU OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER CAMP?

No. But we do offer discounts for siblings.

CAN I REQUEST ROOM MATES?

Requests to share with a particular student will be considered sympathetically. To guarantee integration and harmony, however, we will not permit students from different age groups to share.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN THE ALPS IN SUMMER?

Temperatures range from 18C to around 28C. Usually it is pleasantly warm and dry. We take care to protect students from the sun, with sun protection cream always available.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS READY FOR CAMP?

While we have children aged 6 who are perfectly happy to sleep at camp, we also have teenagers who prefer to come for day camp only. So ask your child directly if they are interested in going to sleepaway camp. If they are always planning visits and sleepovers at a friend's house, that is a positive sign. If your child is hesitant, try discussing the amazing experiences and advantages that overnight camps have to offer.



WHAT ARE THE AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES?

Students enjoy indoor and outdoor sports, cultural visits, expeditions, clubs and societies, excursions and crafts. You can see more here:

Ages 6-9 <https://www.la-garenne.ch/summer-camps/#ages6-9>

Ages 10-12 <https://www.la-garenne.ch/summer-camps/#ages10-12>

Ages 13-16 <https://www.la-garenne.ch/summer-camps/#ages13-17>

WHAT ARE THE MORNING ACTIVITIES?

Summer Campers have French or English classes in the morning. The classes take place Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:00 with a break in the middle of the morning.

WHAT IF I DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH OR FRENCH?

We welcome students at all language levels from complete beginners to advanced. We encourage students to speak only English or French around the campus.

IS THERE AN ENTRANCE EXAM?

No. All students are assessed when they arrive in order to place them in the correct group for their age and ability.

HOW LARGE ARE THE CLASSES?

Class sizes at Summer Camp are between eight and twelve students.

WHICH COUNTRIES DO STUDENTS COME FROM?

Summer campers come from all over the world, with around 45 nationalities represented. To keep our camp properly international, we have nationality and mother tongue quotas of 10% - 15%. This encourages good social and cultural integration, and great opportunities to practise a different language!

HOW MUCH POCKET MONEY IS ALLOWED?

Pocket money is charged to the parents' invoice at the weekly rate of CHF 30 for 6-9s, CHF 50 for 10-12s and CHF 100 for teenagers. The children receive it in instalments during their stay. If you wish to leave additional money, you may do so on arrival day. For teenagers, you could consider adding a credit or debit card to their phone, (e.g. Apple Pay). Physical credit cards are easily mislaid so please do not send one with your child. The school is not responsible for lost cards or lost money.



WHO LOOKS AFTER THE STUDENTS?

Our staff are qualified, experienced teachers and instructors. Students are supervised at all times. With written parental permission, students aged 10 and over can go shopping in small unsupervised groups.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD GETS SICK?

We have our own health centre on site, staffed by health care professionals. They deal with minor conditions such as headache, scraped knee, colds and so on. For anything more serious, we have close connections to local doctors in the village, while the nearest children's hospital is just 20 minutes away.

DO YOU PROVIDE HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE?

A. We provide medical and accident insurance for students while they are in our care at Summer Camp (Exception: Swiss residents). This covers most emergencies, except dental treatment and prescriptions for medication. We do not offer travel insurance for flight delays or cancellations. This is the responsibility of parents.

WHERE WILL MY CHILD SLEEP?

Summer Camp boarding students sleep on campus, in bedrooms for 2 to 5 students. Teenagers have 2-bed hotel-style rooms at Chalet Le Roc, with spectacular mountain views and en-suite bathrooms. Campers aged 10 to 12 share spacious suites with its own bathroom. Our youngest students sleep in cosy chalet bedrooms where the focus is on home comforts.

WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE?

We take great care to ensure that students eat well. We serve an international menu with a wide choice at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Fresh salads and vegetarian options are always available. Fruit and healthy snacks are also offered during the day.

The menus are nutritionally balanced and are prepared in-house by our chefs. Special diets can be catered for - just let us know if your child has any allergies, or if they have an EpiPen adrenaline pump. Our health team will liaise with our chefs to ensure that your child is safe, healthy and well fed.

CAN I CONTACT MY CHILD ?

To encourage integration and full participation in activities, we restrict access to phones and devices.

Children who stay at Chalet La Garenne can phone or video call their families on Wednesdays from 8:30am to 9:00am and on the second and subsequent Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 (all times are CEST/Swiss time). Students who sleep at Chalet Beau Site may use their phone more often, but again, this is strictly monitored and enforced.



Students based at Chalet Le Roc have more access to their devices but not during class time or activities. Phone privileges for Le Roc students can be withdrawn at any time. Day students may not bring mobile phones to camp under any circumstances.

CAN I VISIT MY CHILD ?

Parents may not visit their child except under exceptional circumstances and by prior agreement. Parents and guardians may not enter any part of the school campus, including access roads, car parks, any indoor and outdoor area except at official arrival and departure times or by appointment.

DO YOU MEET STUDENTS AT GENEVA AIRPORT ?

We meet children travelling as Unaccompanied Minors (UM) or with their parents on the [official camp dates](#). We also take students back to Geneva Airport on the final day. These journeys, on official dates and within official times, are included in camp fees. Transport to and from La Garenne is for students only; we regret we cannot transport parents or agents. Transport from and to Zurich Airport is not included in Summer Camp fees. Students whose flights are delayed and arrive after the official camp meeting times may be required to take a private taxi from the airport at their family's expense.

WHEN DO DAY STUDENTS ATTEND ?

Day students attend from 08:50 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday in the first week, and Monday to Friday during the second week. Camp finishes at 18:00 on the final Friday.

Day students cannot be accommodated before the drop off time in the morning or after the drop off time in the evening unless there is a late activity.

DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR DAY STUDENTS ?

At our discretion, we may offer a complimentary shuttle from Villars village to the camp in the mornings. You will be advised if this option is available. Parents of day students must make their own arrangements to collect their child at the end of each day.

DO STUDENTS WEAR A UNIFORM?

Ages 6-12 are provided with a Summer Camp T-shirt, cap and water bottle. You should pack other clothing and day to day necessities - download the clothing list [here](#). Boarding students' clothes are laundered throughout the Summer Camp by La Garenne staff. Parents of day students are responsible for their children's laundry.



WHAT ARE THE CAMP RULES?

All students who attend La Garenne Summer Camp are required to abide by the [Code of Conduct](#).

DO I NEED A VISA?

This depends on your nationality. Please check the [Swiss government website](#) for further information.

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION / REFUND POLICY?

If a Summer Camp place is cancelled 65 days or more before the start of the session, the school refunds the amount paid in full, in Swiss Francs.

If a place is cancelled fewer than 65 days before the start of the session, or after the session has started, the school retains full payment. This clause also applies to early or voluntary departure, late arrival, dismissal, or absence due to illness, family emergency etc.

Optional extras cancelled within 28 days of the start of the session are not refunded. We also do not issue refunds for students who cannot travel because their travel documents are out of date, or if they are denied boarding for any other reason (exception: see pandemic policy below).

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that all documentation is valid for travel. We strongly recommend parents take out insurance to cover cancellation eventualities.

CAN I CHANGE MY CHILD'S SUMMER CAMP SESSION?

If you inform us in writing that you wish to change your child's Summer Camp session 65 days or more before the start of the original session for which they were booked, we will consider a change if we have space in the newly-requested session.

It is not possible to change a Summer Camp session within 65 days of the start of the booked session. In this instance, it counts as a cancellation and no refund can be given (see above).

Parents and agents should take care always to ensure that the information they provide is correct. No responsibility is taken by us for acting in good faith on information supplied which subsequently turns out to be incorrect. Requests to change sessions, activities and any options will incur an administration fee.

WHAT IS THE PANDEMIC CANCELLATION POLICY?

If a global pandemic is declared by global agencies such as the World Health Organisation, and students cannot travel due to resulting worldwide restrictions, we either refund camp fees in full, in Swiss Francs, or offer a credit note which can be put towards a future stay (academic, summer, winter, or integration), valid for two years. In the absence of a formal declaration of a global pandemic, students who choose not to travel will not be refunded within 65 days of the start of their planned Summer Camp session. We strongly recommend parents take out insurance to cover all eventualities.