

# Report for goosemeeting in Slovakia

Agenda Goosemeeting 16<sup>th</sup> October in Slovakia. At [www.goosenetwork.org](http://www.goosenetwork.org) you find the reports of past meetings..

1. How did the centres run last year?
2. ICD 2007/ Sunrise
3. Campstaffseminar 2007
4. Staff exchange 2007
5. Packback/ database:
  1. how far is it at the moment and
  2. how we go further?
6. How further with the network? Changes necessary?
7. A Goosenetwork Badge:
  1. Yes or no?
  2. What, who, how much etc.
  3. Can people buy it or can you earn it by doing Gooseactivities at your campsite.
8. *Campstaffseminar 2008 (together with ad. 3)*
  1. who can host us?
  2. Who can help to prepare (be a planningteam)?
  3. What we want in the program?
9. Staff exchange 2007
  1. Who is coordinator of this?
  2. How we are going to do it this time?
10. Managers meeting 2007
  1. Who can host us?
  2. Which date?
11. *ICD 2007 (together with ad. 2)*
12. The Goosewebsite: changes? Olaf and I want to up-dat the website after this meeting. We add new members then, and new reports and pictures.
13. New papa or mama Goose. (Please think about this: I really stop now!)

## **1. How did the centres run last year?**

Bucher Berg: Angelo and Joey, Last year could have been better. Spring and autumn was ok, but the summer wasn't good, Probably because of the many 100-years-jamborees.

**Ingelsrud:** Ole and Håvard. There haven't been going much on this summer. But they are on in the middle of some organizational change... they are about to kick off soon.

**Naesby:** Lise, Janus and Thomas. Quite a nice summer, having the Scouting Sunrise with 1200 participants (Danish and German scouts/guides). We have not had many scouts from our own organisation (KFUM-spejderne). Strange – because we have had the biggest year ever.

**Houens Odde:** Stine, Lasse and Svend Erik. They had a normal year, despite the weather. They had six weeks of nice summer-camps. For the first time in several weeks the sun was rising on the scouting sunrise. They tried to copy the Brown Sea Camp “concept” and that was quite an experience for the participating scouts.

**Kandersteg:** Mark. The past year they have of course celebrated the 100 years. They hosted a lot of international events... including the Goose Camp Staff Seminar (some of us joined/planned).

**Zellhof:** Michi and Mäx. The season was pretty ok. International team and guests. They renovated a new house – it was finished during the summer.

**Kopparbo:** Ôrjan and Lennart: A good spring season and actually a good season all together. They had some minor groups from Germany and Czech Rep. They celebrated the 100-years together with another national yearly event.

**Buitenzorg:** Piet and Ingeborg. Trying out a new structure for how to run the centre. They had 200 African people living at the centre before the Jamboree. Ingeborgs last year at the centre. The centre had more overnights than ever. Buitenzorg joined a big project in the Neatherlands, planting special trees eating the bad-bad CO2.

## **2. ICD 2007/ Sunrise**

We had a lot of email contact about the ICD 2007.

At the Goosemeeting at Kopparbo we decided that we would have an International Centre day (ICD) like we had for the last six years. But the two events (sunrise and ICD) was too close to each other (only two weeks), so we skipped the ICD and tried to make some ICD-like activities... but everybody was busy with the 100-years.

Bucher Berg and Buitenzorg would like to join 2008.

Houens Odde would also like to join, but yields that it has to be simple.

All you need is a digital camera, an internet connection and a web-browser.

We should all contact our guest around 3 months before the camp asking if they like to join the ICD.

### **Naesby arrange ICD**

Date: the Wednesday on the fourth (and busy) week in July: 23th of July 2008.

A technique-test the day before is wanted.

The goal is to make the guests feel a little international during the camp.

## **3. Campstaffseminar 2007**

All the participants from the seminar received a CD with photos and the report. We had a very nice seminar at Kandersteg, with a fantastic weather. 25 participants (including the planning team). We

had a lot of different workshops with “the good camp”, “taking care of staffs”, “creativity” and so on.

We had a good atmosphere, and the participants went home with a good feeling and with good ideas. We could have been more participants, but a broad range of centres was represented. It was a good opportunity for the staff-members to meet, feeling the international very closely.

We had some good evaluations also with proposals for improvement for next year (that would be the fourth time).

Some of the evaluations showed us, that the participants weren't sure in the beginning of the seminar what the aim with the seminar was... They weren't sure what The Goose Network was. It's important, that we all tell about the network “at home”.

It's difficult to find volunteers wanting to spend the Easter on a scout seminar. Its ok – but it would be easier if it weren't in the Easter. We will try again in Easter.... 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

Bucherg Berg would be happy to host it 2008. Its without a house, but in a lot of black tents and maybe some rooms in addition to the campsite... maybe in the nearby town.

[Janus and Thomas discuss with Bucher Berg during the conference about the facilities and possibilities.](#)

Members of the planning team: 2-3 from Bucher Berg, Thomas and Janus from Naesby... We need more members in the planning team, so go back and ask your board if and who would like to join. Check out the CD, if you haven't.

#### **4. Staff exchange 2007**

The job as exchange-coordinator (Svend-Erik) was unfortunately very easy. We had:

- 1 from Houens Odde went
- 1 from Kandersteg went
- 0 from Naesby went and 4 wanted to, but didn't go
- 0 from Buitenzorg went and 1 wanted to, but didn't go.

The idea is that a Camp staff member of a Scout Centre (lets say no.1) goes for one week to another Scout centre and meet at least one staff member of the guest centre who works there during this week (lets say no.2). And then staff member 2 goes for one week to the scout centre of staff member 1 during a week that no.1 is working there.

It's a personal exchange, because we are hoping for a long lasting connection. It's free. Only the travel cost, and some centres decides weather to cover the travel-costs.

Zellhof thinks it's a great concept and would really make an effort to find some volunteers to go next year.

It's necessary to start asking people early in the year. It takes some time to “spread the word”. Another issue for some centres is, that they don't know the staff just before summer.

Deadline: We tried with a deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of February (because of summer-holidays-planning), but we could make that deadline very late... just before the camps. It's a good thing to promote it at the Camp Staff Seminar (Easter).

We shouldn't necessarily make the exchange “personal”. It doesn't really matters if some centres only receive exchange scouts.

We will keep in mind that the personal change is important, but if there is no match in the puzzle, they can still go some where.

First thing is to find out what weeks we have camps... and then present that list to our campstaff-members and ask them two questions:

1. Do you want to go a week to another centre this year ?
2. Do you want to receive one from that centre (maybe next year)?

They can still go, without receiving.

Coordinator: Thank you to Svend-Erik for coordinating. Svend-Erik will make sure, that some one from Houens Odde takes the coordinating task 2008. Thank you. We hope to find at least one exchange-staff-member to go.

## **5. Backpack/database**

In the beginning of the network everybody had to bring an activity to the “backpack” as an “admission fee”. Well we know now, that it isn’t used at the centres, so we decided to make a database with activities.

At the Camp Staff Seminar we promised to send Thomas Olsen (Houens Odde) or Thomas Kirkeskov (Naesby) an activity to the database, but no one did that.

So... do we want to have this database? And if so... how are we going to make it useable.

**A short round:** Buitenzorg: Its hard to “sell” the concept to Dutch people, but foreign guests like it, so ok to database. It has to be renewed. Naesby would like it, but need the activities in good time, to include it in the activity-system. Houens Odde would like to use it. Ingelsrud would like to try. Bucher Berg don’t think it will work out with big activities but if its short games it would work out. Maybe the games should be about the centres. Kopparjo: We can always use group-activities, but don’t know how easy it is to include in the existing system. Zellhof normally doesn’t organize activities to guests, so a database wouldn’t be necessary, maybe it would be used.

Its important, that we produce the ideas for activity at the Camp Staff Seminar  
An idea is to just make ONE game (including information about the network), that we renew every year. One Goose-game every year. That’s a good idea. Then we drop the database-idea.

Information about the network should be a part of the game – or around it. Like a poster about the Goose network (with 3 lines about every goose-center and a picture) next to the Goose Game. A short description about the goose-network to the staff-members that introduces the Goose Game.

Why is the goose-network important to the guests? International feeling (others are playing this game other places – wau). Information about other centres in Europe (maybe they wants to go travel next year).

We can manage to print out the poster our selves on each center (the size about A1).

Poster in PDF ([Ingeborg makes the poster before the end of the year](#)). [Every center sends around 3 lines, a picture and a logo](#) (picture and logo in good quality). We collect leaflets from each other now, later on camp staff seminar and we can also mail it.

Short note for the staff about Goose-network.

## **6. How further with the network? Changes necessary?**

Zellhof: [We can try to organize presentation of the Goose Network on big jamborees in the future](#). It's a good idea, but of course it has to be organized by someone. Every campsite can have a poster presented in a tent. Or we can have a common presentation for all the Goose centres.

## **7. A Goosenetwork Badge: Yes or no? What, who, how much etc. Can people buy it or can you earn it by doing Gooseactivities at your campsite.**

To sell or give away at the campsite, camp staff people can wear it, we can use it as a prize in the Goose Game. It's a reason to tell about the network. Maybe we all have different badges, similar, but a little different from each other. And people can try to collect as many as possible. It's a very good idea. Most of us liked the idea of a badge, especially if it is connected to the game. We can still do it, even though not everyone wants to join the badge.

Yes: We decided to make a Goose badge. And also to make the badges individual to every centre. We can't use the existing logo (its too complex). We need a new drawing with only one goose.

- [Buitenzorg \(Ingeborg\) is making suggestion for a new logo](#)
- [Zellhof is collecting who wants to join and how large a number of badges for each center](#)
- [Zellhof is finding a good prize](#)

## **10. Managers meeting 2007 Who can host us? Which date?**

Buitenzorg would like to host a meeting in October. 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2008.

## **12. The Goosewebsite: changes?**

Olaf and Ingeborg want to update the website after this meeting. We add new members then, and new reports and pictures. If we have new ideas, send an email so Olaf and Ingeborg can change it. Check out the website NOW!!

## **13. New papa or mama Goose**

Ingeborg really stop now! After 3 years. Here is the list of previous managers:  
2002 – 2004: Torben Stenstrup (Næsbycentret, DK)  
2004 – 2007: Ingeborg (Buitenzorg, NL)

New Pappa Goose is Mark Knippenberg (Kandersteg)