Rieneck, January 29th 2008

Dear friends,

In only a few weeks, IMWe 2008 will take place, where we will meet at the Bazaar in Al'Mashewa. This letter is to give you the information you will need in order to prepare and pack.

The sun sets slowly and cast a browns glaze over the dunes. The air is full of oriental fragrances. Listen! Can you hear the shout and murmuring of the near village? Quick! Saddle your camel because its Bazaar in Al'Mashewa…

Short Info

Theme:	Arabian Nights – Bazaar in Al'Mashewa!
Program:	Creative workshops, interest groups, games, dream time, music time, campfire, day out, creative evening, European evening, concert, party
Place:	Burg Rieneck, Germany (see www.burg-rieneck.de)
Date:	Sunday, 16.03. – Monday, 24.03.2008
Participants:	100 Rangers, Rovers and Leaders from various European countries
Organizer:	Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (VCP) / German Association of Guides and Scouts Wichernweg 3, D-34121 Kassel
Information:	www.imwe.net, imwe@gmx.net, or +49 511 542 8135 (Wendy Skinner)

Fee

Per person including food, program and accommodation:

Western Europe: **215 Euro**
We are able to reduce the fee for Guides and Scouts from Slovenia to **155 Euro**;
And Guides and Scouts from all other Eastern European countries pay **130 Euro**.

If you are not sure what category your country falls into, please consult our fee map at
http://www.imwe.vcp.de/imwe2007/imwe2007_information.htm

We are sorry not to be able to refund travel expenses. But we will help you to find the cheapest tickets to go to Burg Rieneck. Please ask us for help.

Everyone should have paid their participant fee by now. If you have any questions, please contact:

Daniel Werner
dw@online-freaks.de

Arrival and Departure

Please do try to arrive between 14:30 and 16:30 on Sunday, 16th of March 2008. If you arrive later than this, you will not be able to check in and be allocated to a bedroom until the end of the evening program.

Address:
Burg Rieneck,
Schlossberg 1,
D-97794 Rieneck
www.burg-rieneck.de

Contact telephone number for emergencies or problems arriving: +49 9354 902317.
This number cannot be used for private calls during the IMWe!

The workshop ends on Monday, 24th of March, at about 10:00 o'clock after breakfast.

Travel

Please find information on travel on the following websites. If you have any problems with travelling please contact us directly!

http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en (Train info)
http://www.burg-rieneck.de/6.0.html?&L=1 (Burg Rieneck)

Here you will find all the necessary information about how to get there!

Medical Insurance

Please make sure you are covered by medical insurance for the time you are in Germany.

Workshop Descriptions

On the first evening, you will decide on a workshop to participate in during the mornings for the rest of the week. Here are descriptions of the workshops on offer, so that you can think about which workshop you might like to do in advance. The workshops will, however, be presented on the first evening, and will have time to think about it.

We kindly ask you to pre sign up for a workshop by filling out this online form at http://www.createsurvey.com/c/62349-pqm1Lz/ . This is not binding but it's a way for the IMWe team to know beforehand how many will approximately choice witch workshop and if there is something that we should offer but is not on the list yet.

Here is an overview

IFC (Identifying Flying Carpets)
The world is full of obscure objects. But the ones, which can only be seen very rarely, are flying carpets. You better be up in the air, in order to catch sight of them. So don't be afraid of sophisticated science, just trust your instinct and even YOUR carpet will fly – high up in the sky!

Go and create your own flying things. Using different materials, you will be able to have paper planes/carpets, balloons, rockets, helicopters and all those things, that haven't even been discovered. We will do a lot of scientific testing, even with electronic things. There will even be remote control planes, carpets and helicopters, yeah!

Bring your own equipment, if you like. This can be a book about paper planes, RC (remote control) equipment (servos, models, etc.) or old carpets, which you have always wished would fly. Anything related to flying, really.

Shadow Theatre

The Kalif shall be honoured with a delightful body shadow show! For one week we will work on our acting with the body, on costumes, props and masks. Welcome to this workshop is anybody who is interested in acting, as well as those who want to manage the stage (as lightengeneers and for building the large screen). Playing with light and shadow provokes the fantasy, as the technology is very simple. - But the effects are grandiose. Let´s present to the Kalif the greatest, strangest and most impressive shadow spectacle imaginable. *Please bring tight clothes and - if possible - any material that makes a fascinating shadow*.

The Last Game

Do you like to play games? Do you like to play games with a lot of people? But do you also like to set the rules? To cross new frontiers? Then this is the ultimate challenge for you. We will develop a brand new game, never played before, for all the people visiting the bazaar of Al'Mashewa at the pleasure of the Kalif to be held at the end of the bazaar. You will be trained how to develop new ideas and concepts, test rules, design game materials and explain complex structures to a large group of people and finally to run the ongoing game. Like the magic lamp it will be full of risks but also full of excitement. You will never know what it is like until you have tried it!!!

The Heavy Metal Workshop!

It's cool, it's flashy, it's metal heavy! Come and join our workshop where we are going to deal with various kinds of metal (e.g. copper) to design and build everyday things like cups, pots, candle holders, plates, jewellery and whatever comes to your minds. We will start together with a very easy project to get used to different techniques. After that you have the possibility to work the rest of the week on your own ideas and projects – of course we will help you all the time if it's necessary. Sturdy clothes will be useful.

Portraits

The bazaar of Al' Mashewa is full of mysterious people from faraway lands, some of them harbouring deep, dark secrets within the facades of their faces, others bearing knowledge of things we cannot imagine, and the experience of the years is etched into the lines around their eyes and the movement of their smiles. At the portrait workshop, we will learn how to capture the tiny details of the human face that speak of real life and the soul within. We will work with pencils, charcoal and pastells to draw portraits of each other in black and white and in colour, both frontal portraits, profiles and half-profiles. We will draw people as they really are, wrinkles, warts and all. Join the portraits workshop and take home particularly special pictures of the fascinating people you will meet at the bazaar of Al' Mashewa!

Al'Mashewa daily news

Al Mashewa Tribune proudly presents: Al Mashewa daily news! Carpet accidents, latest fashion from far east, best magic lamps in town! We will inform you, weather you want it or not! In this workshop we will write articles about all important events during the IMWe. Therefore we will use several media beside the classical newspaper. If possible bring camera (digital) and a laptop.

Welcome to the most pure and noble art of Hammock-making!

Relaxing is not for beginners, and so we will spend the week getting to know the secrets of making the prefect instrument laidbackness - the hammock! Actually we will make several of them! Please bring comfortable clothes, your favourite relaxation/chillout-music and MOST IMPORTANTLY a piece of durable cloth, length 3 meters or more! Chill out in Al Mashewa!

Your ideas

If there is a workshop that you would like to participate in and is not listed here, then please tell us. The IMWeTeam would like to develop one workshop based on suggestions from participants. Please submit your ideas at http://www.createsurvey.com/c/62349-pqm1Lz/ before the 15th of February.

What to Bring

For International Evening (on Tuesday)
You will have the opportunity to present your home country/town, therefore we ask you to bring/prepare the following:

1. Presentation of your country
you will be given a table where you can display pictures, photos and/or objects.

2. Food/Drinks from your country
we also ask you to bring a taste of your country: a regional or national specialty. There will be no dinner that evening, but notice that you have no kitchen available for cooking – it should be something cold and ready prepared!

3. Prepare a performance
further information about the performances and what it should be about will be sent out in the end of February!

Please organize everything together with the others of your country (People from Germany may split up in regional groups because there are quite many) – if you need help, ask our contact person. Bring your scout uniform.

Message to German Scouts: Please work together in presenting the different regional states ("Bundesländer").

Other Things to Bring:

- Clothing: scout uniform, working clothes for handicraft work, hiking boots (if you want to hike), slippers, comfortable clothes, e.g. for dancing, wet-weather clothes

- Towel and bed linen (duvet cover, pillow case and single sheet). These items can alternatively be rented from the castle for € 5,50

- Any musical instruments! (also the ones you don't play!) and also sheet music, especially for group performance (choirs, duets, trios, etc.) and, if possible, music stands

- There will be an opportunity to go swimming on the day out. Bring swim suit if you want to do that.

- Costume (*further information on page 8*)

- Cups will not be provided this year. Please bring your own cup as during IMWe we will provide coffee, tea and water and you will need your own cup. At the end of IMWe there will be a game where you can give your cup away and get another as a souvenir.

- Scout/camp brochures from your own country and advertising for your own international camps and events.

- Alarm clock

- Cakes and/or biscuits for chatting time – ideally, cakes or biscuits that are typical of your home country

Your Chance to Get Involved

The IMWe is an interactive creative program, where the participants are invited to share their creative talents or their national crafts, dances and music. Here is an overview of the program points where you can do this. If you would like to lead one of these activities or contribute to one of these program points, please just let us know, either before IMWe or at the Check-In.

Music time

Every day in the afternoon there will be music time where a lot of possibilities to make music will be offered. This could be: a choir, band, orchestra, etc. Help us by bringing your notes, instruments, voices; interesting songs etc. and/or lead a group of interested people at music time (e.g. build a choir or similar musical group).

Interest Groups (IGs)

If you are familiar with any particular artwork, music theatre, handicraft, games etc., you can teach your skill (or at least the basics) to other participants (5-10 persons). If you are interested

in doing so, bring all you need (tools and materials) with you. Such an interest group should last about 2 hours.

Waking up
Starting punctually is very important for us – and we prefer to be woken up by music rather than by a beeping alarm clock! So if you can sing or play an instrument and would like to have the amusing task of getting everyone out of bed on one or more mornings, just let us know!

Easter walk
On Easter Sunday we traditionally go on an Easter walk to think about the meaning of Easter while the sun is rising. If you would like to lead this activity, just let us know.

Dream time
Every day after lunch there will be dreamtime – 45 minutes of relaxation and dreams: you could offer massage, play nice and relaxing music, do a meditation, tell nice stories, etc.

Creative Evening
We will have a Creative Evening, where all sorts of fun performances will be shown on stage: sketches, juggling, plays, acrobatics, tricks, songs, dancing, or whatever you like. Even though you will find others to join and help you during IMWe, it is good to bring something you have prepared. You could, for example, get together beforehand with others from your country/region to prepare the Europe Evening and the Creative Evening.

Concert
The Concert is for more serious musical offerings; if you play an instrument or sing, you can perform at the concert. You will have time for rehearsing performances together with others during the IMWe, but not too much time, so if you can prepare something in advance – all the better!

IMWe 2008 T-Shirt

You have the option of ordering a special IMWe 2008 t-shirt. This year we changed the t-shirt design. The IMWe 2008 logo (as seen on the picture, note that this is only a draft version) will be a major part of the new design. Something to really look forward to!

If you would like one, please fill out the online form at
http://www.createsurvey.com/c/62349-pqm1Lz/
until 15.02.08 at the latest!

If you have any questions about the T-shirts please send an email to Oliver Gratzl: oliver.gratzl@gmx.at

Costumes

Traders! Caravans! People from the Arabic World! Come to Al'Mashewa to join the big bazaar! For some program points it is essential to have a costume according to our theme "Arabian Nights". If you need some ideas check out the following pictures and homepages:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaftan Kaftan - a simple traditional Arabic clothing for men and women
http://www.sikhwomen.com/turban/how.htm How to tie a turban
http://www.sikhnet.com/s/tyingturbans How to tie a turban II
http://www.geocities.com/anahita_whitehorse/ottofemcloth.html Kaftans for women – how to
http://www.egyptbazar.de/assets/s2dmain.html?http://www.egyptbazar.de/kaftan/frauenkaftan/index.html Women kaftan – just look at the pictures…

If you have more questions, please don't hesitate to ask us! We look forward to meeting you soon at Rieneck Castle and wish you fun preparation and a good journey!

Yours in Scouting

The I M We-Team