

# HELLO IRELAND Summer Camp for Children (Code HI 011)

## Introduction

Hello Ireland has been running a Summer camp for Irish children since 1994. To date it has been attended by Irish children and the children of visitors holidaying in Ireland. In 2012 we will welcome children from overseas countries.

The camp comprises a wide range of indoor and outdoor sports and activities, arts and crafts and computing. English classes are an optional extra.

Camp is located in the safe enclosed campus of Waterford Institute of Technology and this provides access to a wide range of excellent facilities.

## Admission Criteria

Age 8 to 14 years.

Hello Ireland must be informed in advance if a child has any special needs.

## English Programme

The language of the camp is English and all activities will be supervised by staff who speak English at all times. All staff will have some training in dealing with non-English speaking children

Most of the children attending will be Irish children, speaking English.

In such an environment children pick up language very easily and naturally, driven by their need to communicate.

Short English classes each day can be arranged as an optional extra.

## Activities Programme.

Camp lasts for 6.5 hours per day – from 10am to 4.30pm. Monday to Friday.

Here are some examples of the activities provided for the children:-

- Sport (outdoors) – soccer, tennis, hockey, gaelic games, athletics
- Sport (indoors) – basketball, badminton, swimming, mini-games

- Leisure and field trips – orienteering, bouncy castle, pedal karts, treasure trail.
- Arts and Crafts – fun painting, kite making and other crafts

Of course, these are adapted for the different age groups.

## **Accommodation and Full Board**

Children are placed in local families.

The host families are inspected and selected very carefully to ensure the safety and welfare of each child.

Normally a family hosts 2-3 children, sharing rooms and facilities.

The family provides breakfast, an evening meal and a picnic lunch for the child.

Safe transportation is provided from the host family to the camp in the morning and back in the evening.

The host family provides evening activities and one outing each weekend.

## **Safety is our Priority**

All the camp programmes are staffed by a qualified and highly motivated team who enjoy working with children.

The ratio of staff to children is set at a maximum of 10.

There is a supervisor and group leader present at all times with the children.

First aid and medical assistance is on hand at all times.

Home stays are selected carefully and arrangement for safely transporting the children are also carefully planned.

## **Starting Dates.**

Most Hello Ireland programmes start on Wednesdays so that students can avail of lower airfares and less busy airports and transfers. It also allows students two full weekends to enjoy their stay in Ireland.

Children's camp groups start on the following Wednesdays:

July 4<sup>th</sup>,

July 11<sup>th</sup>,

July 18<sup>th</sup> and

July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Duration ; Children can stay for 1 to 4 weeks.