

# English Immersion Outdoor Camp

FOR STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14-16 | 30 JULY - 13 AUGUST 2012

What better way to learn English than fully immersing yourself in the language whilst having the time of your life? That's exactly what the Active Earth Summer School is all about! This action-packed two week camp blends English language training with personal and leadership development and a multitude of exciting "challenges" and activities. These include rock climbing, canyoning, teamwork and leadership skills, Scottish Highland games, football, swimming in the river and arts and crafts. It won't be long before you feel at ease speaking English, develop new found skills, make new friends and discover an exciting new outlook on life!

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Why choose the Active Earth Summer School?

- 10-year professional track record in running outdoor youth camps
- Excellent team of professional guides and educators
- A diverse range of activities to cater for a wide range of interests
- Guide-student ratio of 2:12 enables us to respond to individuals needs and allows for real student-centered learning
- We are located in one of Spain's most spectacular natural parks
- The camp is cosy, comfortable and with good facilities
- Food is tasty, healthy and organic where possible
- We observe a comprehensive safety and risk management policy
- We know, love and respect the natural environment we work in and wish to share this enthusiasm and sense of adventure!

So, what should you expect?

At the outset you may feel a little nervous - meeting new faces, expectations and unknowns. But soon faces will become friends, expectations become experiences and unknowns become adventures. A lot of cool stuff happens when you're having fun with Active Earth.

Where is it?

The camp is based in the Alta Garrotxa Natural Park, Spanish Pyrenean foothills - a beautiful valley of limestone canyons, impressive rock faces, shady forest tracks and a crystal clear river with pristine rock pools - ideal for bathing and picnicking by. Situated only 1.5 hours Northeast of Barcelona, the summer camp is easily reached by plane, rail or bus. To assure safe arrival and departure we will pick you up personally.

Do I need to be physically fit?

No! We have a "challenge by choice" policy, which means that you decide what you want to do. None of the activities are compulsory. Our guides will take great care of you and gently introduce you to new activities. Your safety and well-being is our first priority.

Is any previous English language knowledge required?

The camp is for anyone who has been learning English for at least two years. The activities and workshops will take place in small groups with a maximum number of 12 students to 2 language/activity coaches. This allows us to cater for the different levels of English knowledge. The days will be spent enjoying a fun filled mix of outdoor activities through English.

Food and Accommodation

Students will sleep in modern and comfortable tents in a campsite with all basic amenities such as hot showers, toilets etc. A native American Tipi provides an atmospheric space for relaxing, telling stories and playing music around a campfire. Food will be local, fresh and organic where possible. In the evenings students will occasionally help out with food preparations and keeping camp tidy.

When is it?

Camp One: 30.07. - 06.08.2012

Camp Two: 06.08. - 13.08.2012

Sample-Day Schedule

7.00 Optional yoga class  
7.30 Wake up bell  
8.00 Breakfast  
9.00-16.30 Activity time  
16.30 Return to camp



Free time  
17.30-18.30 Review of the day  
19.00 Dinner  
20.00 Clean up  
21.00 Evening activities  
22.30 Bed time  
23.30 Silence

## Guiding Principles

### Sense of Self

Funny how the farther you travel from home and the more people and cultures you encounter, the closer you get to discovering yourself... Your passions, who you are, what you believe in and your own unique map of the world will guide you and light the path forward.

### Leadership

Seek out an adventure and discover you have the skills and talents to take responsibility and lead a group. The ability to set goals, guide a discussion and make decisions can benefit many - it's a gift and we know it's in you.

### English Immersion

Learn to express yourself through English in a fun and non-intimidating environment with the help and encouragement of our wonderful team of educators.

### Teamwork

Be a part of something bigger than yourself. Learn about communication, living and working in a group and a responsibility to your team — all things that make our programs successful and your adventure unforgettable.

### Creative minds • open hearts • wild places

This is the essence of Active Earth. Allow your creativity to flow as you leave behind old ideas - open your mind and heart to be just who you are - let nature inspire you on this adventure called 'life'.

### Openness to Different Ideas, Beliefs and Cultures

We build bridges and pull down walls. Learn to appreciate diversity and different cultural norms, as well as tolerance for other individuals or views different to your own.

### Environmental Stewardship

Active Earth promotes an understanding of global environmental issues, ecosystems and developmental pressures. Head home with a new found sense of responsibility to the environment.

