

Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in scouting!

The Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan is pleased to invite you to take a part in the International Camp – "Wonderland Azerbaijan 2015" to be held in Ganja district of the Republic of Azerbaijan on **16-24 July 2016**.

Short info:

Wonderland 2016

First Wonderland camp was organized in 2013 in Sheki, Azerbaijan with the financial support of the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan and became traditional annual international scout camp organized by the Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan. Already in 2014 we organized a tent camp in the South of Azerbaijan with more than 200 people and representatives of all six scout regions of WOSM. In 2015 we pitched our tents in the West part of Azerbaijan – in Gadabay. Gadabay is another beautiful region of Azerbaijan. This year we decided to organize camp in Ganja, which is also the European Youth Capital 2016.

The distance between Baku (capital city) and Ganja is 357 km. Ganja is the second biggest city of Azerbaijan after the capital Baku. Ganja is located in west part of Azerbaijan. The Mount Kapaz or Kepez is a mountain in Minor Caucasus near Ganja city in central Azerbaijan. Kapaz rises 3,065 meters above the sea level. It is located next to Lake Göygöl and its huge rocks broken off the mount and blocking a nearby river in 1139 earthquake were a cause for creation of the lake. The city has an ancient history and a big ethnic diversity. 29,3% of the city's population consists of young people under 29. There are 4 universities, 4 colleges and 34 student organizations and youth NGOs present in Ganja. The city has been selected as the first Youth Capital of Azerbaijan 2012, and will be European Youth Capital in 2016. Ganja is the first EYC city that represents a country outside the European Union. Ganja EYC 2016 will focus on its 5 priorities volunteering, youth employment, social cohesion, active participation and education. **Dates:**

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The camp will consist of three parts:

- * 11 15 July Arrival of STAFF and Building of the camp site
- * 16 24 July Tent camp in Ganja district
- * 24 26 July Camp down and cleaning of the campsite

Age:

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Participants : 14 – 17 years old. STAFF Volunteers: 18+

Accommodation:

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The Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan will provide tents during the camp and hiking. (If you want to bring your tent, please let us know in advance)

Home Hospitality:

Available upon request **after and before** the event (sightseeing in Baku, swimming in the Caspian Sea and introduction to delicious Azerbaijani cuisine)

Fees:

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50 euros (includes internal transportation, t-shirts, badge, meals during the event)

Visa:

You will not need to apply to the embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan. We need copies of your passports in advance for arranging the issue of entry **VISAS AT THE AIRPORT**. (for those who need a visa to Azerbaijan)

Port of Entry for Wonderland 2016

- Baku
 - o Haydar Aliyev International airport
 - o Baku Central Train station
 - o Baku International Bus station
- Ganja
 - o Ganja International airport
 - o Ganja Central Train Station
- Gabala
 - o Gabala International airport

Activities for Wonderland 2015:

Pioneering, orienteering, Archery, hiking & trekking to Goygol and Maralgol lakes, sport games, Horse riding, Social Activities, Obstacles Course, "Wonders of Ganja" – city tour and many other activities.

Applications for Wonderland 2016:

Please send the applications with the International Commissioneer's approval to **wonderland2016@scout.az** Deadline for international applications: 6 June 2016

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