

Youth Ballooning Activities in Germany





- The BallonSportJugend (BSJ) is a permanent institution of the German Ballooning Federation (DFSV) tasked with:
- Support of youth activities in local balloon clubs (youthcamps, school projects etc)
- Support with the Youth Balloon D-OBSJ and also with Youthcamp material in cooperation with the NAC Germany.



Annual Summer Youthcamps

- National Ballooning federation youthcamp in cooperation with the National Aero Club
- German-French Youthcamp supported by the DFJW and the OFAJ rotational location in France and Germany

CIA International Youthcamp History

- Bitterfeld, Germany 1996
- Laucha, Germany 1997
- Czech Republic, 1998
- Fulda, Germany 1999
- Kempten, Germany 2000
- Laucha, Germany 2001
- Wiehl, Germany 2002
- Wiehl, Germany 2003
- Wiehl Germany 2004
- Ortenberg, Germany 2006
- Horb, Germany 2008
- Stuttgart, Germany 2012



12th IYC 2012



13th International Youthcamp 2013

- What?
- Who?
- Where?



13th IYC 2013

- **What: The Intentions**
- Establish friendships and connection among young Balloonists on an international level
- Go ballooning and do real outdoor activities as a counterweight do more and more time spent on the internet
- Encourage similar activities in other countries or other sports



13th IYC 2013

- **Who: the Participants**

- 25 Young international balloonists
- Aged 14-24
- Even male-female ratio
- Communication in english



13th IYC 2013



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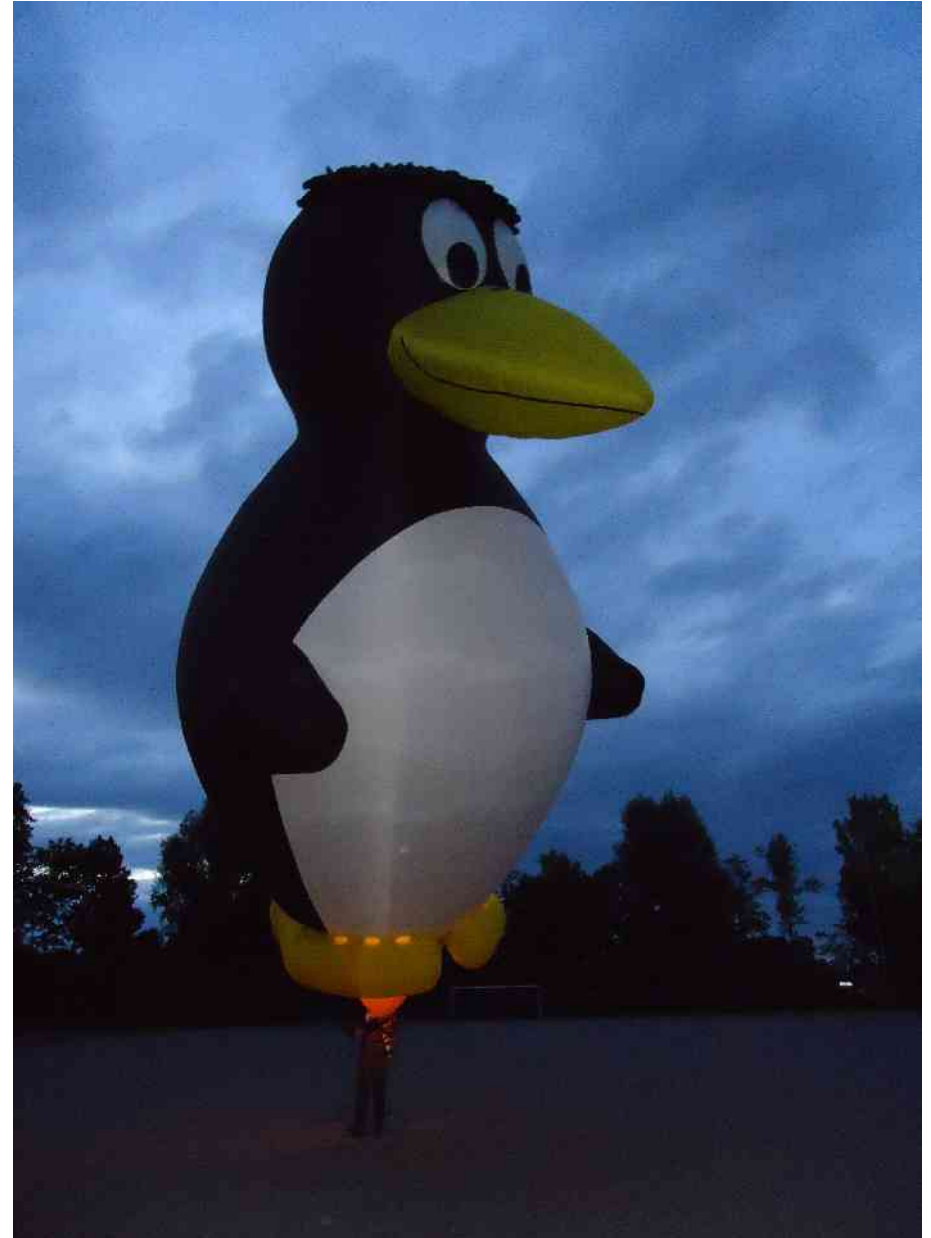
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- Where: Location, Date
- Landshut, Germany
- 06th to 13th of July
- Sportsclub close to Landshut will provide Facilities
- Tent camp
- Football field



Participants Feedback

- Enjoyed ballooning
- Strong feeling of being part of a community
- Had great fun with peers and organizers
- Are looking forward to the next IYC
- Understood that self discipline and concentration is essential during flight and also preparation



Supplementary notes

- In order to keep organizing youthcamps, there is a need for a robust support structure
- The main challenge is to overcome the costs
- With increasing help of the community and the sponsors adapting the condition to the youngsters, it can be more valuable in return
- Youth enthusiasm around ballooning can be fostered by bringing together people from different horizons, country- or airportswise.

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