



FOREST CAMP

26-28.05.2023

POLAND



Dates : 26th to 28th May 2023, Gubin – Poland

Organizer : Stowarzyszenie Niezależnych Ekspertów Pożarnictwa - SNEP

Co-organizers : European Forest Institute, Pau Costa Foundation

Host of the area: Nadleśnictwo Gubin, Polish State Forests



EFI



PAU
COSTA
FOUNDATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PACKAGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last year, the Association of Independent Firefighting Experts (SNEP) organized the Forest Camp for the first time. Over 100 participants and instructors from 8 countries gathered there. A video from that event is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/snepPL/videos/724280785360926>

See necessarily, a picture is worth more than our words.

Participants will familiarize themselves with the most current knowledge and will be able to apply it in practice under the guidance of experts. There will be plenty of exercises with fire, innovative solutions and interesting surprises. During the course, we anticipate to have around a dozen themed stations, where we will present the necessary knowledge for safely and effectively extinguishing forests in an accessible manner. There will also be an opportunity to get acquainted with product innovations from renowned manufacturers of firefighting equipment.

Basic assumption of wildfire practical maneuvers: A three-day training program focused on practical skills is planned. Approximately 100 participants are expected. Participation is determined by the order of applications and payment. Groups of several (8-12) participants, equipped with a map of the area, are to find control points in the forest where specific tasks will be carried out under the supervision of an instructor. The training will involve all-day, strenuous hikes through the forest, as well as demanding manual labor with handtools. The groups work independently of each other. Participants will be exposed to flames, smoke and heat. It is obligatory to take care of your own individual personal protective equipment. We place maximum emphasis on the practical execution of tasks and team working. There will also be time for fun, bonfire integration and international networking.



**STOWARZYSZENIE
NIEZALEŻNYCH EKSPERTÓW
POŻARNICTWA**

NIP: 784-25-24-227 REGON: 387704215
Os. Przylesie 8, Osiniec, 62-200 Gniezno
tel.: +48 501 554 552, e-mail: info@snepl.pl
www.snepl.pl

LOCATION OF THE CAMP

The ForestCamp is situated by the lake in the pine forest complex in the Gubin Forest District (Regional Directorate of State Forests in Zielona Góra), near the Polish-German border. Access by motorized participants on their own.

Place of accommodation, parking and Base of Operation.

Hosting : „Nad Borkiem”, Kosarzyn 50, 66-620 Kosarzyn, Poland

Location : 52.05860, 14.77248

<https://goo.gl/maps/4LjnphN9JHH6m6Bb9>

Nearest airport – Berlin (BER), possible organization of transport from airport (BER), choose an earliest possible Friday flight! In order to determine the details, please report such a need to the organizers individually.

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Accommodation in camping bungalows is provided for nights: Friday/Saturday and Saturday/Sunday. Groups sleep in multi-person camping bungalow. Basic meals are provided, but you should take care of your own additional dry snacks (extra calories) during the manoeuvres.

TRAINERS & INSTRUCTORS

The training program is designed in cooperation with the **European Forest Institute** and **Pau Costa Foundation**. The group of instructors consists of an international team of acknowledged experts (from three continents: Europe, North America and Africa) with extensive practical experience. The official language of the camp is English

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

Participants must be in good health and physical condition enabling for hard physical work in a forest environment. Participants will be exposed to flames, smoke and heat. Many hours of marches in the forest are expected. The conditions prevailing during the maneuvers are intended to reflect the real situation of a forest fire. Participants are required to have individual personal protective equipment (PPE) adapted to long hours of work in wildland. The organizer provides the equipment (tools) needed to work at individual task stations.

ESSENTIAL PERSONAL PACK

Each participant must have a backpack with him during the maneuvers. Equipment according to individual preferences, below is a list of useful things:

- obligatory: all-day supply of drinking water, personal medication - personal First Aid Kit, dry snacks, extra calories, pen.
- to consider: compass, notebook, sunglasses, flashlight or headlamp, knife or multitool, spare laces, socks to change, others at your discretion - balance the weight of the backpack and the usefulness of the items.

WEATHER

The only thing we have no control over is the weather. Due to the huge organizational commitment and incurred costs, we will not be able to cancel the training due to rain or storm. In the event of unfavorable weather conditions, we will implement an emergency plan in the form of a workshop.



FRAMEWORK DAY PLAN

Day 1 – Friday – 26.05.2023

14:00 - Initial briefing

14:30 – Lunch

15:00 - Team building inside

15:30 - Start of maneuvers - marching out into the forest

Schedule of next hours, covered by the organizers' secret, but we will provide dinner

Day 2 – Saturday – 27.05.2023

07:00 - Team Leaders briefing

07:30 - Breakfast with briefing inside

08:00 - Marching out into the forest

Schedule of next hours, covered by the organizers' secret, but we will provide lunch

Day 3 – Sunday – 28.05.2023

07:00 - Team Leaders briefing

07:30 - Breakfast with briefing inside

Schedule of next hours, covered by the organizers' secret

14:00 – Lunch

15:00 - End of ForestCamp maneuvers

RESERVATION OF PARTICIPATION

Sign up for the training using the form provided below:

<https://forms.gle/2dZDs7oZsDgQaopZ7>

Please fill out all informations accurately. For groups it is possible for one submission of this form, but you have to list information regarding all participants (names, t-shirt sizes, food allergies, transportation needs). Please provide your email address as a copy of your answers will be sent to you.

The form also contains information about payment. After receiving pro-forma invoice you have 14 days to complete the payment and secure your position on the iron list. Otherwise your spot will be given out. If you fail to pay on time, we remove you from the list and release your place for the next people (we accept applications according to the chronology of signup).

The pro forma invoice applies to the number of training participants. It is possible to change the names of participants (head for head), but you cannot change the number of paid participants before the event.

The final (paper) invoice will be available for collection at the event office during Forest Camp.

PAYMENT

The participation fee:

- People registered by March 15th: **420 € per person.**
- From 16th March (if places are still available): **470 € per person.**

We advise you to hurry and not delay the decision. There is great interest in the event.

The above amount covers the costs of participation in a 3-day training, two nights' accommodation, meals (3 lunches, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners), integration party, gadgets, insurance for the duration of the training, transport from/to Berlin airport. Participants will receive an electronic certificate confirming the completion of the training.



CONTACT TO THE ORGANIZER:

If you have any questions, please email both of us directly:

Jan Kaczmarowski, SNEP, jmkaczmarowski@gmail.com , +48 665960206

Bartosz Klich, SNEP, bart.klich@gmail.com , +48 501 554 552

Find us, follow and support us: <https://www.facebook.com/snepPL>

PARTNERS

Partners reported so far. But the list is constantly expanding, because we are still in talks.



STOWARZYSZENIE
NIEZALEŻNYCH EKSPERTÓW
POŻARNICTWA



STOWARZYSZENIE
NIEZALEŻNYCH EKSPERTÓW
POŻARNICTWA

NIP: 784-25-24-227 REGON: 387704215
Os. Przylesie 8, Osiniec, 62-200 Gniezno
tel.: +48 501 554 552, e-mail: info@snep.pl
www.snep.pl