

CAI Mountain Festival 2009

In the following programme you can read about some of the events which already have been planned.

MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL 2009

PROGRAMME:

JANUARY 4th: seventh edition of the living crib in the Valianara cave

JANUARY 20th: “Summit for Peace” Project – realisation of the 4th phase of South America.

FEBRUARY 15th: snow-shoeing in the Gran Sasso.

MARCH 22nd: Water World Day – CAI Summit for Peace Africa “Drinking water for Usokami and Tosamaganga – Tanzania”, introduction of the results.

APRIL 25th / 26th: II National Congress for Naturalistic Guides.

APRIL 19th: Train hiking to discover the “Coast of Trabocchi”.

MAY 16th: CAI schools (Mountaineering, Sky-mountaineering, Hiking, Speleology...) and the territory – Meeting with the citizens, demonstration of the activities etc...

MAY 17th: Regional Congress of Mountaineering and Sky-mountaineering Guides.

MAY 24th: Day of Solstice.

MAY 31st: National Day of Trails – Project “A trail as friend”.

JUNE 6th: International Meeting “Mountains of the Mediterranean, compared realities.

JUNE 7th: Excursion in the National Park of Abruzzi, Lazio and Molise.

JUNE 13th/14th: Meeting of the Central Council of CAI in the Abruzzi.

JUNE 20th: 9th National Congress of Hiking Guides.

JUNE 21st: 11th National Meeting of the Trails.

JUNE 22nd-27th: 12th National Week of Hiking.

JUNE 26th -27th : National Meeting of Cycle-Hiking.

JUNE 28th: Day of Solidarity “CAI and the mountain for everyone”.

JULY 4th-5th: Trail of “Beato P.G. Frassati”

JULY 5th-11th: International UIAA (International Union Mountaineering Associations) Week of Young Mountaineering.

JULY 12th: Young Mountaineering – from Olimpo Mount to the picks of Abruzzi.

The Abruzzi section of CAI will in 2009 organise the Mountain Festival together with its local sections, national and regional technical bodies and its 7000 members. The festival will take place from the mountains to the coast. The events will dominate the periods before and after the Mediterranean Games "Pescara 2009" through a strategic plan to integrate sport and tourism with the cultural and environmental work in Abruzzi. The Appennino, the long "mountain backbone" which links Europe and the Mediterranean will, for the first time, be part of a trail which aims to connect all the Mediterranean mountains. This will be an opportunity to meet the people who live there, to discover rare places, in a promotion of peace among people who live in agreement with nature. The nature encompasses mountain environments, high peaks and wonderful landscapes, a collection of biodiversity, cultures and human heritage.

The CAI plan intends to be relevant for the future of mountains in the Abruzzi and Appennino, ambitious but possible, through the sharing of tendencies and actions with local, national and international boards. CAI invites everyone to participate in a cultural, naturalistic and sports offer accompanied by the traditional hospitality of people of Abruzzi.

Among the purposes of this event is to increase the tourist interest in the area, so that the strain on other, popular tourist places can be reduced. Environment means a territorial whole, succeeding of ecosystems which can stretch from the sea to the mountains, with places where it can be possible to offer quality tourism on the basis of places and local resources. A territory which preserves the "signs" of ethnographical-cultural witnesses, tracing the strong and age-old couple man – Nature.

Protection, tourism, solidarity, sharing, exploitation and planning of the territory become any of the key-words for mountain. The CAI action is not only local and regional, but even national, so strongly re-launching the value of this long mountain range which sees the Abruzzi as hinge reality.

This idea of CAI Abruzzi began its "steps" already in 2007 with the event called "Appennino, our backbone Door of the Mediterranean", organized on the occasion of the signing of the Agreement of Appennino by our General President.

CAI, signing the Agreement, has put at disposal the great heritage represented by its association's history to make it easier to create a common way of favouring the capacity of the system of Appennino, territory which its historic-cultural wealth represents a unique environment and a natural link to the Mediterranean area.

The first edition of the event will be supported by a communication campaign among all the Alpine Associations, sports leagues and groups and will promote different hiking of several days in the Mediterranean area, creating tourist package deals, organised with different proposals on visiting and staying in the parks territory of our region.

In particular it is expected to put into action the following services and enterprises to promote a suitable information and diffusion of the event:

- organisation of an opening press conference;
- production of supports co-ordinated to the guided image;
- web communication (realisation of a web site and the acquisition of advertising banners);
- educational lessons or journalists of the sector;
- demonstration of the presentation of the events;
- linking demonstration among the different events.