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INTERNATIONAL
MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE CAMP IN SLOVENIA
~ GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT CAMP ~



BAVŠICA, JULIAN ALPS
27 July – 3 August 2008



REPORT

In nord-west part of Slovenian mountains, in the beautiful valley called Bavšica, is for many years situated our centre of education. There we built also a new house »Planinsko učno središče Bavšica« (Mountaineering education centre Bavšica) and on July of 10th in 1999 we've inaugurated the centre. The entire centre is accommodated to education courses and seminars. The lectures, dining and some other activities are taking place in dining room and in two special rooms. And in bedrooms are all together 40 beds and bunks. The Mountaineering education centre Bavšica is also great starting-point for shorter and longer tours. We are proud that in October 2003 also YC UIAA held its meeting here in our centre in Bavšica, and twice, in 2004 and 2005, also successful International UIAA YC camp "Safe mountain skills".

Youth Commission of the Alpine Association of Slovenia (*Mladinska komisija PZS*) organized in Mountaineering education centre Bavšica the first International UIAA GYS camp "**Mountain Adventure camp**" (from 27th July to 3rd August 2008).

The main Targets and Goals were:

- Come in contact with other young people, other cultures, other opinions,
- Meet friends and find new friends,
- Enjoy together by tours, discussions or at the evening-program,
- Respect of nature,
- Live this days in accordance with nature,
- Get to know with people, history and features of the beautiful area of Trenta,
- Have active, adventurous, sports days in mountains,
- Being creative, adventurous and full of ideas or learn about these,
- Unite of traditional mountaineering value with modern style of life, to search out the resemblance and rightly proportion of both.

Our big family included participants from Great Britain, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Russia; and Slovene leadership team (guides, doctor). Participants were different in sense of knowing the equipment and experiences, some of them were beginners, some very experienced. The program, which we performed, was adjusted to participants, their abilities and weather conditions. So I can say that everybody (participants and leadership of the camp) really enjoyed this camp very much. ☺



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1. The Management of the Camp:

*Uroš Kuzman (Volunteer mountain guide, the Leader of the Camp),
Vanja Kovač (Volunteer mountain guide, the Technical leader of the Camp),
Necj Kosednar (Volunteer mountain guide),
Bojan Blažica (Informatics),
Luka Kuštrin (medical care),
Zdenka Mihelič (Volunteer mountain guide, coordinator of international cooperation).*

2. Participants of the Camp:

11 participants from Great Britain (1), Bosnia and Herzegovina (3), Russia (3) and Italy (4).

Remark: Some of registered participants didn't come to the Camp, they were from Belgium (2), Italy (4) and Nigeria (9). We were disappointed, because no one of them didn't say nothing before of the beginning of the camp (no apology, no e-mails, no messages) – they just didn't show up.

3. The list of tours and activities:

Sunday, 27. 7. 2008

*The first was meant as arrival day and the day to get to **know each other**. We developed some contact with the participants and did a short **introduction of Slovenian Alps**. Later on we began with some welcome **social games**.*

Monday, 28. 7. 2008

*This was the day we took a trip to Mala Mojstrovka of height 2332 m. This **via ferrata** brought us to the peak with one of the broadest views. Later on we visited the **museum** in Trenta = INFO CENTRE OF TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK, where we saw multivision with slideshow and great museum - with history of the Alps, of this park, the people from here, mountaineering, climbing and alpinism in Slovenia, about flora and fauna... and about ecological meaning of the Alps and the nature in general. And in the evening we gathered around the bonfire, sang, played some social games...*

Tuesday, 29. 7. 2008

*This day was the beginning of the adventure race. The race involved **climbing, caving, hiking, orientation and first aid**. It was meant to be of two days duration with bivouacking but because of the bad weather we returned home and had a game of Pictionary.*

Wednesday, 30. 7. 2008



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After two physically exhausting day we had some free time in town **Bovec** before lunch. In the afternoon **Country Exhibition** took part. Each group did one of **traditional dishes**, and we **gathered them in one of the best dinners ever**.

Thursday, 31. 7. 2008

We started again with some extreme sports. First **paintball** and then the second day of the adventure race involving **rope descent, mountain rescuing and swimming**. Afterwards we had a **volleyball** tournament, but the night was reserved for **treasure hunt and sleeping outside- bivouacking**.

Friday, 1. 8. 2008

From all the things we did in Bovec we still haven't done **rafting**. So Friday was the day to do it on the river of Soča precisely where the film 'Narnia: Prince Caspian' took part. After this water activity we had **picnic** in the place nearby.

Saturday, 2. 8. 2008

The last day of the camp we wanted to do a hike to Plešivec via ferrata but we had bad weather again so we took shorter trip to **Kanja** and in the rest of the day we cleaned up our this-week-home. But the evening was again in the **social** manner. We had a closing evening and some of the participants said their regards because most of them left Bavšica at 6.00 in the morning, the others left at 10.00.

Sunday, 3. 8. 2008

That was our last day of our camp and great gathering, new friends, new skills, views, mountains...
We packed our backpacks, drove some participants to the bus in Bovec and saying goodbye to all...

The camp was really successful.

The program, which we performed, was adjusted to participants, their abilities and weather conditions. Everybody in the group really enjoyed in this camp and was satisfied with the program.

With our best mountaineering regards,

Ljubljana, 1 October 2008

Uroš Kuzman, the leader of
the International Mountain Adventure Camp (UIAA GYS camp)

(Photos: Alessandro, Andrej, Damir, Nadia, Vanja and Bojan)