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Dear Governor,

On behalf of Rotary Norway and the Norwegian Rotary Forum (NORFO), we have the pleasure of announcing the international event Handicamp 2016, which will take place 24<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Haraldvangen campsite, 80 kilometers (50 miles) North of Oslo, the capital of Norway.

Handicamp Norway is an activity camp for physically disabled people with the vision "*Make the impossible possible*". It is organized every second year and last took place in 2014, when it gathered about 100 participants from 14 countries world-wide. Organized for the first time in 1976, it has a very high standing among the participants.

We kindly ask all Governors to inform their district Rotary Clubs about this opportunity, and request your assistance in identifying suitable candidates and bringing forward applications for participation in Handicamp 2016. The target group is physically disabled young people 18-28 years of age. It also includes, if needed, one or several personal able-bodied assistants of the same age.

The main goals to be fulfilled during the camp are:

- \* To integrate physically disabled and able-bodied youths through sports and other activities
- \* To foster international friendship and understanding between the participants
- \* To give the participants an opportunity to acquaint themselves with Norwegian culture

Further information about Handicamp Norway can be found on the website:  
[www.handicamp.rotary.no](http://www.handicamp.rotary.no)

The stay at the camp is free of charge for the participants. The event is mainly financed by a contribution from members of Rotary Norway.

The participants and their assistants are expected to provide their own pocket money and to cover their own travel expenses to and from Norway. Experience from previous Handicamps, however, shows that the travel expenses and some pocket money is often sponsored, fully or in part, by local Rotary clubs at the home place of the participants.

The camp language is English, and the participants should therefore have a reasonable command of English.

From links on the Handicamp website, we wish to draw your special attention to the following documents:

- \* Procedure for application
- \* Application form
- \* Medical form

Please be aware that any assistants to the disabled appliers are also required to submit an application, indicating in the proper box whom they accompany. Previous experience has shown the importance of the disabled and the assistant(s) knowing each other well and of familiarity with the needs for assistance.

The application form together with the Medical form should be received by the *Handicamp coordinator* **by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.**

Selection of participants to be invited to the camp will take place during the month of February 2016. All applicants will be informed of the outcome **by the end of February 2016.** Please note that first time participants will be preferred.

Any questions regarding Handicamp Norway 2016 should be addressed to the Participant Coordinator, E-mail: [handicamp@rotary.no](mailto:handicamp@rotary.no)

*We look forward to receiving applications to Handicamp Norway 2016 from the whole Rotary world*

With the best regards  
Handicamp Norway 2016



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