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CISV Vancouver Chapter

Step Up Delegate Application Cover Sheet

Applicant Name: _____

The following CISV Step Up Camp is being offered:

15 year old Step Up in Amager, Denmark where you must be 15, for at least one day, between June 1st and August 31st, 2018.

Step Up Age Group	Destination	Dates
15 year old	Amager, Denmark	July 6, 2018 to July 28, 2018

Selection Requirements

Paid Membership for 2018

Mini Camp Attendance Required

- Applicants must have attended at least one local MiniCamp in the last 12 months before applying for a travel delegate position.

Application

A complete application must be received by the application deadline to be considered. A complete application consists of:

- Completion of the online Karelo application form and payment of the \$35 application fee.
- The applicant questionnaire, with both applicant and parent sections completed and signed.
- A recent photo of the applicant
- A copy of the applicant's birth certificate.
- Two reference forms, completed by your references and submitted in sealed envelopes. Please have each reference sign across the seal of the envelope. References should not be family members and should be able to comment on the applicant in a setting of his/her peers. Coaches and teachers are ideal.

Time Commitment:

- If you are selected as a delegate, there is a significant time commitment required leading up to the departure for the program. Delegates and parents need to make themselves available for pre-camp preparation meetings and other related tasks. This means making CISV a priority so as to enable your child and the whole delegation to have a successful experience. After completion of your program, delegates will be expected to share their skills by participating in local CISV activities and Junior Branch functions.
- CISV Vancouver is a volunteer-run organization and adults from all member families are expected to contribute volunteer service throughout the year. Specific volunteer tasks and roles will be advertised on our website or via the group email list. Please ensure that you are signed up for the email distribution list on our website so that you stay informed of activities and announcements relating to CISV Vancouver.

Costs:

1. **Program fees are \$1170.00.** This covers the fees charged by all levels of CISV (local, national and international), as well as comprehensive insurance coverage and official CISV travel outfit. All program fees must be paid in full before departure or your child may not be permitted to travel with his/her delegation. Please be aware that once your child is confirmed, program fees will be payable as we are obligated to pay the other levels of CISV (National and International,) even if your child does not travel.
2. Other costs include:
 - Air fare and other travel costs for delegate
 - ¼ of the leader's airfare and other travel costs
 - Passport and visa fees, if required
 - Vaccinations, if required (depending on the host country)
 - Spending money (amount to be determined by the delegation and the host country)
 - Gifts for host families and camp staff
 - Supplies for National Night and "traders"

Bursary Applications

We are unable to provide any bursaries at this time. We hope to be able to offer bursaries in the future.

Application Deadline

Application deadline for all applicants with previous CISV experience is Friday, December 22nd, 2017

if the applicant is attending his/her first Mini-Camp the weekend of Jan. 19-21, 2018, the application deadline is extended to Saturday, February 3, 2018. However, please email ahead with an expression of interest, so we know this before the Mini-Camp.

*NOTE: 2 submitted references are a required by the deadline for the application to be considered. Please ensure references are aware of the deadline date for submission.

Please mail applications to:

**CISV Step Up Application
CISV Vancouver Programming
c/o Karen Dupuis
1451 Avonlynn Cres., North Vancouver B.C.
V7J 2V2**

Or submit electronically to programming@cisvvancouver.ca

For more information please contact:

Heidi or Karen at programming@cisvvancouver.ca



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Written Response (to be completed by child applicant)

Please list any travel and/or camps you have attended without your parents. How long were you away?

Please list any other organizations you belong to (Scouts, Guides, Soccer, etc.):

Have you traveled outside of British Columbia? If so, to where?

What languages do you speak or are learning to speak?

If you met someone who doesn't speak english, how might you communicate with them?

What is your history with CISV Programs, CISV Vancouver and it's junior branch and why did you apply for a Step Up?

What are your interests and hobbies?

The theme for CISV's programs in 2018 is Diversity. Tell us about two issues relating to Diversity that you would be eager to discuss or learn more about.

In a Step-Up program the delegates are encouraged to help lead and plan the activities. Tell us about any leadership experience you have had or demonstrated either at school, amongst your friends or in your community.

What are some ideas you have about:

A) representing your country?

B) encouraging everyone to participate in a group project?

C) being yourself?

*CISV programs are very busy. Are you able to decide when you need downtime or time alone?
How do you like to spend it?*

Delegates are expected to participate in all of the activities at camp. How do you handle doing jobs you don't enjoy or participate in activities when you are tired or not interested?

CISV requires a lot of work with groups. What do you think is the most important thing about working in groups?

A CISV program is an unplugged experience. This allows participants to fully immerse themselves in the program. Will you have any difficulties not having access to electronics or email communication with your family during your time away from home?

Are you worried about anything related to the Step up program?

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Adult Section

Both legal parents consent this application? Yes _____ No _____

Do you see any complication in obtaining a passport for your child? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please explain _____

Please indicate any health concerns such as allergies, behavioural considerations and medications required for your child. **Health disclosure: parents must disclose any potential physical or emotional health concerns with regards to the child. Health concerns will not preclude a child from participation but knowledge of health concerns allows CISV and its leaders to understand and support participants in the best possible way. Failure to disclose may result in your child being sent home from the program at your expense.**

Please indicate any diet restrictions (vegetarian, no pork, etc.)

I hereby acknowledge that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge,

Parent's Signature: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Written Response (to be completed by Parent)

Why did you allow your child to apply for a CISV Step Up?

How would your child benefit as a result of their Step Up experience? What qualities does your child have that make them a good candidate to be a Step Up delegate?

CISV programs are an unplugged experience. This allows the participants and leaders to fully immerse themselves in the program. Do you foresee any challenges for your child not having access to electronics during their time away?

Are you comfortable putting trust in the leaders that your child is well during those days of silence? Will you be ok not being able to electronically communicate directly with your child during the program?

Do you have any concerns about sending your child to a Step Up?

As should have been explained to you, preparation for a Step Up experience requires time and parental involvement – with the entire delegation (including the leader) and parents of other delegates. Do you have any commitments that might conflict with this preparation? Are you willing to make CISV the top priority in the time leading up to the Step Up?

What expectations do you have of the adult leader who will be accompanying your child to the Step Up?

CISV is entirely volunteer-driven. Parents of child delegates are asked to participate in the local CISV chapter, following the return of the delegation to ensure our viability. Given family and work pressures, what kind of realistic commitment are you able to make?

Completed by: _____ date: _____