

COMENIUS-SEARCH FOR PARTNERS

School	Gesamtschule des Saarpfalz-Kreises Gersheim Schulstraße 32 D-66453 Gersheim Germany Tel. 0049-6843-90070
Description of the school	<p>We are a secondary school situated in a rural area in south-western Germany, near the border with France. We have 600 pupils who are between ten and sixteen years old. The pupils can choose English or French as their first foreign language.</p> <p>Important parts of our school policy are language learning (e.g. Comenius, bilingual French-German profile of language learning), the integrative teaching of children with special needs, no-racism programmes, ecology and e-learning programmes.</p> <p>During the last decade we have co-operated with partners from several European countries in Comenius projects. For the time being we have one partner school in France, Collège Nicolas Untersteller in Stiring-Wendel. Our team of two schools is now looking out for new orientation and partners.</p>
Proposed project	Participants in the project: aged 13-16 years
Topic	Young people experiencing healthy lifestyles
Language of communication	English
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Participants become acquainted with each other and make friends while working on the project- During exchange visits they take part in the everyday life of their host families- They understand about the culture of the European neighbours- They improve their knowledge of foreign languages- When making surveys and analysing data they practise and improve their knowledge of ICT- In doing project work, they get more and more self-dependent and self-confident- The teaching staff exchange information on teaching methods, pedagogical approaches and school management

Proposed activities

- pool of possibilities -

Each partner can choose his own activities to set individual priorities

1. Sports and outdoor activities

- Sports: Discover various kinds of non-competitive sports, e.g. mountain-climbing, canoeing, archery, shot put, golf
- Outdoor activities: Walking, Nordic walking, jogging, cycling
- Fitness and wellness
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2. Food and balanced nutrition

- Finding out about organic food, buying health food
- Cooking
- Growing organic food in the school garden
- Common workshop for pupils on balanced nutrition ("Ökologisches Schullandheim Gersheim" – ecological centre of education)
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3. Biosphere

- Discover a world biosphere reserve (e.g. Bliesgau, where Gesamtschule Gersheim is situated)
- Discover wildlife preserve regions
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4. Health

- questionnaire on smoking and drinking habits among youngsters
- No smoking: Smoking prevention programme
- No alcohol: Organizing a party with fancy vitamin drinks
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Results of the project:

Some ideas

1. Survey

- Collect information
- Analyse the data and make diagrams
- Publish the results of the survey in a brochure

2. Documentation of the project work

- Brochures, Videos/DVDs, Posters
- Articles for newspaper and school magazine
- Recipe book in national languages and English

3. Organization of

- Sports festival
- Cooking workshop for young and old
- no smoking campaign
- party: fantasy instead of alcohol

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Gersheim offers to organize a **preparatory visit** to discuss details **end of December 2009 / beginning of January 2010. Welcome at our school!**