



Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in scouting!

The Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan is pleased to invite you to take a part in the International Camp – “Wonderland Azerbaijan 2015” to be held in Gabala district of the Republic of Azerbaijan on **1-9 July 2017.**

Short info:

Wonderland 2017

First Wonderland camp was organized in 2013 in Sheki, Azerbaijan with the financial support of the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan and became traditional annual international scout camp organized by the Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan. Already in 2014 we organized a tent camp in the South of Azerbaijan with more than 200 people and representatives of all six scout regions of WOSM. In 2015 we pitched our tents in the West part of Azerbaijan – in Gadabay. Gadabay is another beautiful region of Azerbaijan. Last year the Wonderland was organized in Ganja in the European Youth Capital 2016. This year we decided to organize camp in Gabala.

The distance between Baku (capital city) and Gabala is 220 km. Gabala is considered a popular tourist destination due to the combination of a very good spring climate, woods along the mountains and excellent fauna was exploited by the construction of large numbers of hotels and apartments in city. Gabala is located in North-West part of Azerbaijan. Gabala is one of the most beautiful parts of Azerbaijan with a rich and ancient history. Some time in the past (for 600 years) this city (Kabala) was the capital of Caucasian Albania. Up to the present time there are the ruins of the ancient city and the main gate of Caucasian Albania. Ongoing excavations near the village Chukhur confirm that Gabala from IV – III centuries BC and up to the XVIII century was one of the major cities with developed trade and crafts. In Gabala at the area of 16 hectares is located the largest amusement park under the open sky in Azerbaijan – Gabaland.

The town also hosts an annual international music festival of classical music, jazz and mugham, which is attended by bands and artists from around the world And every two years within its limits is held a contest of piano art. Not surprisingly that exactly in Gabala is located a factory on piano manufacturing under the famous Dutch brand Beltman.

Dates:

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The camp will consist of three parts:

- * 16 – 3 June – Arrival of STAFF and Building of the camp site
- * 1 – 9 July – Tent camp in Gabala district
- * 10 - 12 July – Camp down and cleaning of the campsite

Age:

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Participants : 14 – 17 years old.

STAFF Volunteers: 18+

Accommodation:

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The Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan will provide tents during the camp and hiking. (If you want to bring your tent, please let us know in advance)

Home Hospitality:

Available upon request **after and before** the event (sightseeing in Baku, swimming in the Caspian Sea and introduction to delicious Azerbaijani cuisine)

Fees:

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50 euros (includes internal transportation, t-shirts, badge, meals during the event)

Visa:

You will not need to apply to the embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan. We need copies of your passports in advance for arranging the issue of entry **VISAS AT THE AIRPORT**. (for those who need a visa to Azerbaijan)

Port of Entry for Wonderland 2016

- Baku
 - Haydar Aliyev International airport
 - Baku Central Train station
 - Baku International Bus station
- Gabala
 - Gabala International airport
 - Gabala Intercity Bus station

Activities for Wonderland 2017:

Pioneering, orienteering, Archery, hiking & trekking, sport games, Horse riding, Social Activities, Obstacles Course, “Wonders of Gabala” – city tour and many other activities.

Applications for Wonderland 2016:

Please send the applications with the International Commissioner’s approval to wonderland2017@scout.az

Deadline for international applications: 1 June 2017

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