

Aktioun Bambësch

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What is Aktioun Bambësch?

For 50 years now, the City of Luxembourg has been offering afternoon games in its districts, in the forest, in the children's village and – for the last decade – also at Villa Argila, the clay village in Mühlenbach.

This programme offers children the opportunity to participate and enjoy themselves for up to four weeks, helping to design games, put their manual skills to the test, meet friends, play, or simply enjoy day-to-day life.

The afternoon activities are prepared in keeping with the Creative Learning Centre's (Centre d'animation pédagogique et de loisirs – CAPEL) ideology of learning through play, and fleshed out during the course of the programme thanks to contributions from the children themselves and the youth coordinators.

The basic principles:

- ▶ Spaces and workshops designed to encourage free play and foster a sense of community
- ▶ Involvement in developing different games
- ▶ Responsibility given to all individuals





When does Aktioun Bambësch take place?

During the first four weeks of the summer holidays

and

one week during the Christmas and Easter holidays (no specific dates)

Where does Aktioun Bambësch take place in summer?

Summer holidays: afternoons start at the CAPEL site in Mühlenbach (Rue de l'École), from where the children spread out to various sites (mainly in the Bambësch, municipal parks and meadows).

Cycles 1.2-2.1

Children are spread across four sites in the Bambësch and at Villa Argila (the clay village). There is a wide range of projects aimed at this age range: projects relating to farming, world travel, a dwarf village, the world of Disney, etc.

Cycles 2.2-4.2.

Older children can choose a project that lasts two weeks. These projects take place close to the CAPEL site.

They include:

- 1. Children's village:** a democratic project in which a village is set up and a society forged, having its own trades and structure.
- 2. Villa Argila:** a clay village, where the children build, play and create buildings using clay.
- 3. Bëschduerf:** a variety of games in the forest, where children explore the environment, natural materials and forge a 'village culture'.
- 4. Kuddelmuddel project:** this project offers different workshops every day, with areas for creativity and play.



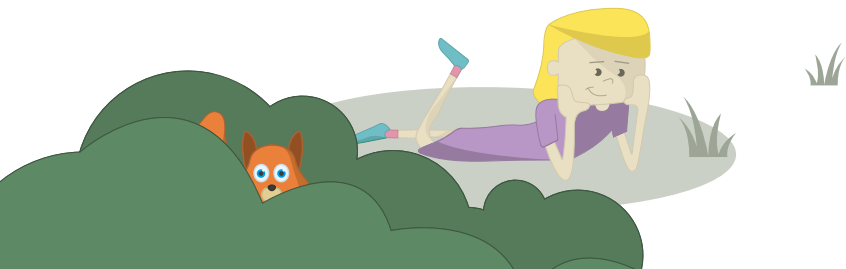


Where should I go this summer if the weather is bad?

In the event of heavy rain and persistent bad weather, Aktioun Bambësch will take place in gymnasiums and cultural centres instead of outside.

How is a typical day organised in the summer?

- ▶ 13:00: children are bussed from their local foyer scolaire (childcare centre) to Aktioun Bambësch
- ▶ 14:00: the buses arrive in Mühlenbach
- ▶ Children gather in the amphitheatre behind the brick building (cycle 2.2 and up) and under the tent in the courtyard of the former nursery school (cycle 1.2-2.1)
- ▶ The children are divided up among the various projects (which may involve another bus journey)
- ▶ Scheduled workshops
- ▶ 16:00: Picnic (bring your own), sometimes tasting of goodies prepared by children learning to cook (e.g. homemade pizza, bread, pancakes, fruit salad, etc.) – **which is why it is crucial that you let us know about any allergies or intolerances your children have, on the registration form.**
- ▶ Open workshops and free play time
- ▶ End of the day: gather at the amphitheatre or in the tent setup in the former nursery school for a short theatrical performance by the youth coordinators. Everyone is encouraged to join in the singing and dancing
- ▶ 18:00: return trip by bus



Where does Aktioun Bambësç take place at Christmas and Easter?

Due to weather conditions during these holidays, Aktioun Bambësç is held in City of Luxembourg cultural centres and other municipal premises (e.g. cultural centres in Merl and Bonnevoie, CAPEL, Itzigerstee, etc.).

Once again, children will be playing outside – for example, in the playgrounds of nearby schools or in the parks. The children remain in the familiar setting of their own districts, and some age groups will be mixed.

Who organises Aktioun Bambësç?

The afternoon activities are organised by the CAPEL, which is part of the City of Luxembourg's Service Foyers scolaires (Childcare Department).

They are prepared by CAPEL staff, carried out with youth coordinators, and supported by personnel from the *foyers scolaires*.

Who are the youth coordinators?

The youth coordinators are students aged 18 to 27, trained by the CAPEL as cat. B youth coordinators. They are responsible for organising activities.

How can I sign my child up?

Enrolment in Aktioun Bambësç is **independent** of enrolment in a foyer scolaire. Parents must sign their children up for an Aktioun Bambësç programme directly with the CAPEL.

The registration form is available at



Important information on the bus service provided:

- ▶ Parents are asked to be at the bus stop on time. If another person is authorised to pick up your child, please inform us by e-mail (aktioun.bambesch@vdl.lu), providing the person's name and a copy of their identity card.
- ▶ Children under the age of 8, and those who are not allowed to go home unsupervised, will be taken to the City of Luxembourg's Service Autobus (Bus department) if there is no authorised person waiting at the bus stop to pick them up. In such cases, the youth coordinators will contact the children's parents to let them know.

Address: 63, Rue du Bouillon L-1248 Luxembourg (Hollerich)

- ▶ Please note that during the Easter and Christmas programmes, buses will not call at some bus stops.

What is "Kanner in the City"?

The "Kanner in the City" games festival marks the halfway point of Aktioun Bambësch. On this day, children bring their flood of vivacity and wealth of ideas to the urban space – a space where, on a day-to-day basis, they tend largely to be invisible. The city centre (*Place d'Armes, Place Guillaume II, Puits Rouge, Théâtre des Capucins*, etc.) is transformed into a joyful space where people of all ages can come together and play. Games and workshops are run by the youth coordinators, and also by professionals brought in from outside.

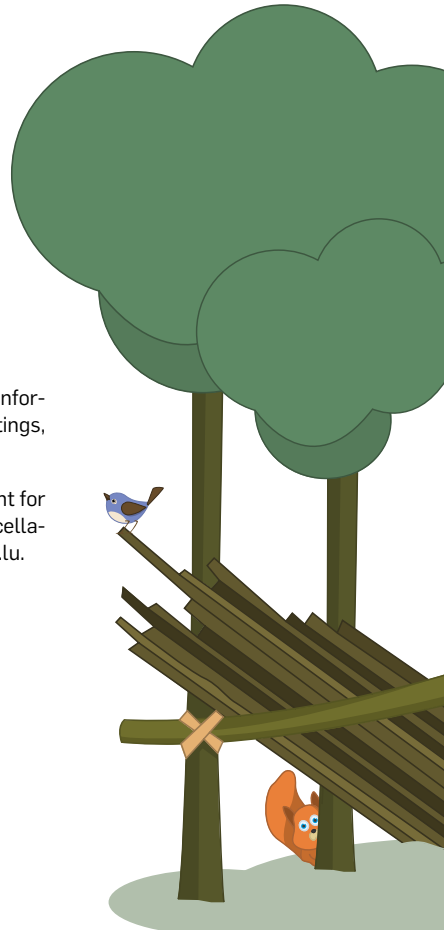
During "Kanner in the City", the children are accompanied around the city by the youth coordinators, and are free to join in the various games and workshops on offer, either on their own or with their friends.

Children are given a bracelet bearing the CAPEL office's telephone number.



Points to remember

- ▶ Give coupon 2 (part of the registration confirmation) to your child on the first day
- ▶ On the first day, children will be given a lanyard with their "passport". Please make sure your child wears it every day, as it is required to gain access to Aktioun Bambèsch
- ▶ Your children's clothes may get dirty or stained. Please dress them accordingly.
- ▶ In case of rain or cold weather, children must be dressed appropriately. Outdoor play is part of Aktioun Bambèsch, even when it is raining or snowing.
- ▶ Remember to give your child sun protection.
- ▶ Children must have a backpack with drinks and snacks.
- ▶ Please do not give them sugary drinks. Sugary foods should be eaten in moderation (not only do they risk attracting wasps, but they also boost children's energy levels artificially).
- ▶ Please mention any allergies or special needs your child may have on the registration form.
- ▶ If we need to provide your child with a change of clothes, please wash them before returning them to us.
- ▶ For certain special activities, your child will receive information letters and consent forms (swimming pool outings, games in town, Kanner in the City, etc.).
- ▶ Please deregister your child if they are going to be absent for several days. Single days must not be cancelled. Cancellations must be sent via email, to aktioun.bambesch@vdl.lu.





For further information, see



On that web page, you'll also find a video to watch with your child.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CAPEL
by telephone: **4796-2442 / 4796-2967**
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