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Season's greetings to you and your families.

We've completed a banner year here at GK and we've seen some monumental accomplishments as well. We have successfully integrated the Hungarian contingent to the Component and we have become fully operational for NATO Response Force deployments. NATO civilians and military members are now deployable and, because of all of your efforts, we are integrated into a 20,000-member air, land, and sea force able to sustain deployed operations worldwide. This huge feat was accomplished through your tremendous dedication, teamwork and professionalism.

NATO Midterm has taken off, quite literally, with the first NMT deployments by the test aircraft, N-1, and the arrival of the first production aircraft, N-2, at GK. NMT performed well in the deployment to Konya, a first for NMT, in support of Exercise ANATOLIAN EAGLE. N-1 also flew an impressive eight out of eight sorties at Trial SPARTAN HAMMER in Greece.

With the arrival of the N-2, and in the near future the N-3, we will officially start aircrew conversion training in February 2007. NMT will be an integral part of the NATO Response Force by September and fully operational by the end of 2008.

Your efforts with NMT have been outstanding as well as your ability to provide aerial surveillance coverage at selected major events. This is yet another trademark of our Component -

Men and Women of the E-3A Component,

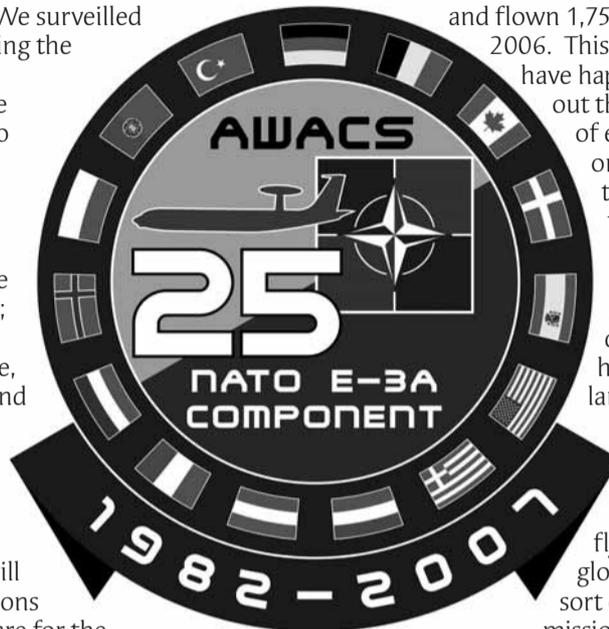
- to support the Supreme Allied Commander Europe wherever and whenever we are called upon. Your performance at these events was impressive. We surveilled the skies during the 2006 Winter Olympics, the Pope's visit to Poland, the 2006 World Cup Championships, and the Riga Summit; protecting heads of state, dignitaries, and hundreds of thousands of spectators.

Not only will these operations help us prepare for the upcoming 2007 TACEVAL, but they are also a hallmark to the rest of the world, demonstrating the Component's

importance in maintaining peace and stability for the Alliance.

In addition to everything else, we have trained 189 new personnel and flown 1,751 sorties in 2006. This could not have happened without the full support of everyone here on base. It is truly amazing that 14 nations can overcome the challenges of different cultures, histories, languages and values and successfully integrate and fly around the globe, on every sort of AEW mission.

While 2006 has been an outstanding year, we look forward to many more challenges and important events in



Supreme Allied Command Europe changes hands

US Army Gen. John Craddock became the 15th Supreme Allied Commander Europe during a ceremony held at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Casteau, Belgium, 7 December. Craddock took over command from US Marine Gen. James L. Jones.

The ceremony was officiated by H.E. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). "As in all walks of life, when one chapter closes, another one opens. It therefore gives me great pleasure to welcome General Craddock, United States Army, to SHAPE as our new Supreme Allied Commander

Europe," said De Hoop Scheffer.

General Craddock comes to SHAPE after commanding the US Southern Command in Miami, Florida since 2004. After joining the US Army, he initially served as an Armour Officer and occupied various staff and command positions, having deployed to Desert Storm and Desert Shield as Commander of the 4th Battalion, 64th Armour of the 24th Infantry Division. He also commanded the 194th Separate Armoured Brigade and eventually the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanised).

"Today, to assume command of NATO's military forces is an honour without equal. Today, NATO is more vibrant and relevant than ever. Last week's summit meeting in Riga reaffirmed our conviction that this Alliance is stronger and more vital to our collective well-being and security than it has ever been," Craddock said.

Craddock is the 12th Army General to command all of NATO's military forces. Currently, NATO has approximately 51,000 troops deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan and the Balkans, as well as Operation Active Endeavour and Training Mission Iraq.

"I am humbled to assume command of such a magnificent organization. I look forward to working with all of you in your important duties here at SHAPE. The Alliance has placed great trust in us and we will administer the task set

before us with dedication, perseverance and the utmost skill," Craddock said.

General Jones has served as SACEUR since 17 January 2003 and will be retiring after a 40-year career in the US Marine Corps. "I have always appreciated NATO and have always known what NATO meant and have always understood NATO, now, I love NATO," Jones said.

General Jones has overseen the busiest operational era in NATO's history with missions and operations on three continents.

"On behalf of the North Atlantic Council, I should like to thank General Jones for his superb leadership and for the key role he has played in successfully commanding NATO's operations and missions, as well as driving forward so many aspects of NATO's ongoing transformation," said de Hoop Scheffer. "It has been a pleasure to work with you, and to know you. As a soldier, a gentleman and a friend you never failed either the Alliance or me, living up to the Marine Corps motto *semper fidelis*, always faithful."

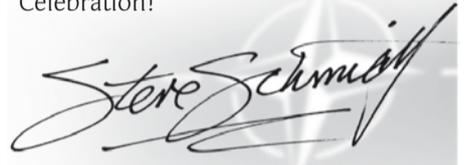
The Supreme Allied Commander Europe has a dual role as Commander of Allied Command Operations and US European Command (USEUCOM). General Craddock accepted command of USEUCOM during a ceremony held at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany on 4 December 2006.

2007. We will demonstrate our NRF capability at the upcoming TACEVAL in May and I have no doubt that we will be up to the task and exceed all standards.

The entire year will mark the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the E-3A Component, highlighted by a special static display and celebration, from 15-17 June. We also look forward to Poland joining us here at the Component in 2007 when we welcome them to NATO's Air Force. As we continue to demonstrate, we are preparing for the future and you, as Component members, are an integral part of Alliance capability and relevancy.

During the Christmas season, Sarah and I wish you a safe and joyous time with family and friends. It has been an honor to serve as your Commander during this past year.

I look forward to working with you in 2007, as we deliver NATO Mid-Term and make it a reality. We have a demanding schedule ahead of us. I know we are up to the task. Keep up your enthusiasm and hard work. It's what makes this Component great. All the best as we enter a New Year of 25th Anniversary Celebration!


BRIG GEN STEPHEN D. SCHMIDT

New countries could be invited to join NATO

At the Riga Summit, NATO Heads of State and Government declared that the Alliance intends to extend further invitations to countries that meet NATO standards to join NATO at the next Summit, in 2008.

They welcomed the efforts of the three countries currently in NATO's Membership Action Plan - Albania, Croatia, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia(1) - to prepare themselves for the responsibilities and obligations of membership.

Open door

"We have sent a clear signal to the countries who have Membership Action Plan," NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said, "That at our next Summit in 2008 those nations that meet NATO standards will receive invitations."

The Alliance also affirmed that NATO remains open to new European members under Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

(1) Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.



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Safety Well Done Award

Crew chiefs determine dangerous situations



Logistics Wing Commander Col. Eugene Mittuch hands out the Safety Well Done Award certificates to Mr. Jose Bernardo Pereira and SSgt. Jason Broad.



Photos MSgt. Mark Boggess

By SMSgt. Johan Hijmenberg

On 24 November a "Safety Well Done Award," presentation took place in hangar 1. Logistics Wing Commander, Col. Eugene Mittuch, awarded the certificates to crew chiefs Mr. Jose Bernardo Pereira and SSgt. Jason Broad.

On 29 June 2005, Mr. Pereira's quick and proactive response during an aircraft ground incident on tail #451 averted serious damage and possible injury to the five E-3A flight crew on board.

While preparing the aircraft for the 'Clean Hunter' exercise, the #2 auxiliary hydraulic pump failed, producing a large amount of smoke and sparks followed by a loud bang. He quickly responded with a fire extinguisher and instructed the flight engineer to pull all applicable circuit breakers. He then determined that the cause of the problem was the #2 hydraulic pump wiring had arced to the canon plug and aircraft frame causing a dangerous shorting condition. He ensured all

aircrew were removed from the aircraft and power was shutoff. Applicable maintenance and emergency personnel were notified.

SSgt. Broad also identified a dangerous situation on 5 September this year. His proactive inspection techniques avoided possible disaster during an aircraft post flight on tail #447.

SSgt. Broad went above and beyond by inspecting neighbouring panels, not

normally included in the checklist and discovered a piece of broken metal inside the cover lip door forward of the right inboard flap. Further investigation revealed that the lower flap track attachment and torque tube were sheared off.

"Both quickly determined it was a dangerous situation, to both the aircraft and the personnel on board," said Lt. David Reilly, AMS flight line branch chief. "I'm very proud of both and all of our crew chiefs on the flightline and glad to see them getting some recognition for the great work they do every day."

25 Years of service recognized

The CSA and Brig Gen Stephen Schmidt recognized nine Component members for their 25 years of dedicated service and said goodbye to one retiree on 8 December at the Frisbee Club. Mr. Otto Kok, aircraft maintenance squadron, retired from the Component on 1 November 2006 and will remain in the area.

The following people were recognized for their service: Mr. Joseph Donners, computer systems technician; Mr. Juergen Peters, an assistant for equipment management; Mr. Hans-Willi Dohmen, senior guard, Mr. Thomas Junghans, services squadron; Mr. Leo Mertens, aircraft maintenance squadron; Mr. Fitzroy Thompson, fuselage technician; Mr. Werner Schumm, budget and finance division; Mr. Manfred Senz, flight kitchen. Mr. Manfred Gutow, services squadron.



Photo Mr. Andy Bischoff

Change of Chief at National Support Unit Germany

By A1C Andre Scheibel

On Wednesday, 29 November the members of National Support Unit Germany (NSGE) celebrated the handover of their Chief Master Sergeant; CMSgt. Lambert Peters relinquished command to CMSgt. Jens Saathoff. Commander NSGE Maj. Peter Jonas presided over the ceremony and introduced CMSgt. Lambert Peters and CMSgt. Jens Saathoff providing a short introduction to the guests.

CMSgt. Peters emphasized in his speech that he enormously enjoyed his work in the NSGE and at the NATO Airbase and will bring 'thousands of beautiful memories' into his retirement. That's why it is even more difficult to leave the Component after 15 years. CMSgt. Peters concluded his speech with wishing CMSgt. Saathoff, a good hand."

Maj. Jonas thanked CMSgt. Peters for his excellent work and welcomed CMSgt. Saathoff and handed him the traditional yellow cord, which is the symbol of all German Chief of NCO's. CMSgt. Jens Saathoff clearly expressed his honoured feelings to be chosen for this position.



CMSgt. Jens Saathoff receives the traditional yellow cord from Maj. Peter Jonas.
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Yes, I'm back. Well actually, I haven't been away. Since being torn from the comfortable bosom of NATO in June of last year thanks to a well-timed early retirement scheme, my husband and I have been trying to sell our house in the Netherlands. In the meantime I thought I would keep my writing skills honed and my stomach full by checking out a few restaurants in the area.

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, there are a couple of places which would be great venues for an office holiday party because they offer a fixed-price, all-you-can-eat-and-drink deal.

The first is the Rembrandthuis on St. Gregoriuslaan in Brunssum, where you can spend up to 5.5 hours cooking your

own food on a range of grills. The choice is extensive to say the least – 15 types of meat, four sorts of fish, soups, salads, potato and vegetable dishes, sauces, desserts, and more. You also have a choice of four sorts of beer, three sorts of wine, and 15 varieties of soft drink, plus coffee and tea.

The price for this eating and drinking extravaganza is a mere €25 for adults with reduced prices for children – I think even Ebenezer Scrooge would find that a great value for your money. Opening hours are 1800-2330 on Friday and Saturday, 1630-2330 on Sunday. They will also open on other evenings for a minimum group of 30 persons. Further details can be found on the website: www.themahuis.nl and click on Rembrandthuis.

Alternatively, if you prefer your food to be cooked for you, check out the local Chinese-Indonesian restaurant, the Lotus, located on Kamperstraat in Landgraaf. We've been eating here for years and have always enjoyed the food, but they've recently opened up an all-you-can-eat wok and grill buffet.

There are several of these around and I've tried many of them, but what gives Lotus the edge is the quality of their ingredients, particularly the meat. You won't find any dried-up bits of shoe leather masquerading as beef here. The price also represents outstanding value for money, at only €14.50 per person Mon-Thurs and €16.50 per person Friday-Sunday, with reduced prices for children.

For groups of 10 persons or more, you can also add an all-you-can-drink option; the total price for unlimited food and drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee or tea) is €25 per person. However, if you do exercise this option, you have a time limit of 2.5 hours to stuff yourself with as much food as possible.

So here's how it works. First, there's a starter buffet with a choice of two soups, plus mini spring rolls, wantons and crispy roast pork. For the main course you can either go for the Mongolian BBQ option, where you help yourself to the ingredients and they are then stir-fried for you in one of eight different sauces, or you can try the Teppan grill. This involves larger cuts of meat or fish, which are grilled with spices (specify if you like your meat rare). Help yourself to rice or noodles

from the buffet and away you go. For dessert, there is a fresh fruit and ice cream bar. The restaurant is open from 1200 to 2300 every day but the wok buffet is normally only available from 1700 onwards. However, for a group of 20 persons or more, they will provide a wok buffet at lunchtime too. Call +31-45-5312116 to make a reservation.

Finally, if you prefer something a little more intimate for your holiday celebration, I have two restaurants that should work. The first is called Smaak and sits on the square in Kerkrade, The Netherlands. On 25 December, they offer a four- or five-course menu for €42.50 and €47.50 per person respectively, with accompanying wine arrangements at €27.50 and €32.50.

The same four- and five-course menus are also on offer on 26 December, but for those who feel as stuffed as the turkey they ate the day before, the proprietors have thoughtfully added a three-course option at €35 per person with an accompanying wine arrangement for €22.50. A special children's Christmas menu is available on both days. Full details can be found on the web at: www.smaakzaken.nl.

Last but not least, is the Café de Paris on the Pancratiusplein in Heerlen. On 25 and 26 December, they offer a four-course lunch at 1300 at a cost of €29.50 per person or a five-course dinner at 1900 for €39.50 per person. A special children's menu is also available on both days and they are happy to cater for vegetarians by prior arrangement. The Christmas menu is posted to their website: www.hotelparis.nl

Volkshochschule Language Courses

The winter-spring session of Volkshochschule language courses is starting the week of 15 January. Classes are held in Bldg 141. Basic price for intensive courses: €90 for 30 mornings/evenings. Registration in class; further information at ext. 4954. The following courses are offered:

German (room 118):

A1 - beginners – intensive courses, Berliner Platz 1, lesson 1, Mon & Thu 0830 – 1000, instructor Tanja Rzeppa; Mon & Wed 1900 – 2030, instructor Christine Mertens.

A1 - advanced – intensive courses, Berliner Platz 1, Mon & Wed 0830 – 1000, instructor Marita Brinker, starting with Lesson 5, on Mondays classes are

held in Room 109; Tue & Thu 1900 – 2030, instructor Christine Mertens, starting with Lesson 6; Mon & Wed, 1000 – 1130, instructor Marita Brinker, starting with Lesson 10.

A2 - intensive course, Berliner Platz 2, Lesson 19, Tue & Thu 1730 – 1900, instructor Christine Mertens.

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A2 – intensive course, The New Cambridge English Course 1, Lesson 14, Tue & Thu 1000 – 1130, instructor Aileen Porter.

A2 - intermediate conversation class, Mon 1000 – 1130, instructor Aileen Porter, increase your fluency by discussing current topics and interesting texts. The basic price for this course is €45 for 15 mornings.

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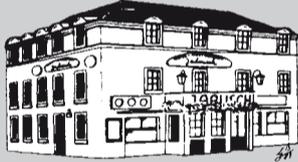



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 01 Jan CLOSED
 02 Jan Normal operation

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 31 Dec Open for New Year's Eve Party (Tickets required).
 01 Jan CLOSED
 02 Jan Normal operation

SENTRY CLUB:

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 06 Jan Normal Operation

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24 Dec-01 Jan CLOSED
 02 Jan Normal operation

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21-22 Dec IYA Special Day Program 0800-1730 hrs
 23 Dec-1 Jan CLOSED
 02 Jan-05 Jan IYA New Year's Break Program 0800-1730 hrs
 08 Jan Normal Operation

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By Mary Hoffman, Geilenkirchen Elementary School

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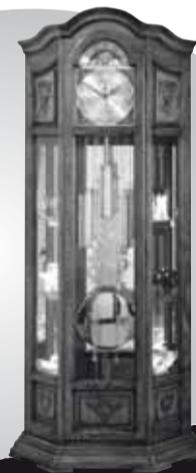


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IDH, Officers', Frisbee and Sentry Clubs now on the BASS LAN System. Menu information under Public Folders/Base Support Wing/Services Squadron/Clubs or IDH. Also, check out the Services Squadron web page for programme information and upcoming events.

E-3A Component Clubs

Sunday brunch will alternate between Officers'/Frisbee Clubs. Members from both clubs are eligible to attend. Regular prices brunch: Members €9.20, guests €11.50, lunch: Members €6.10, guests €7.65; children 4-12 years half price. Reservations should be made NLT 1200 on the Friday before.

Club cards are required. For additional information, please contact the Officers' Club, ext. 4990, or the Frisbee Club, ext. 4994.

- 7 Officers' Club family brunch, Frisbee Club closed.
- 14 Brunch at the Frisbee Club. Canadian Levee in Officers' Club.
- 21 Officers' Club Austrian brunch, Frisbee Club closed.
- 28 Frisbee Club lunch, Officers' Club closed.

Officers' Club (SWPO/4990)

Operating hour bar Monday-Friday 1100-2300; restaurant Monday-Friday 1130-1330; Sunday 1100-1400 (alternating with the Frisbee Club). Reservations are required for Sunday brunch by 1200 on the Friday before. Club cards required when using the Frisbee Club (ext. 4994).

Lunch at the Officers' Club Monday through Thursday, A la Carte menu served; Monday and Wednesday a vegetarian special also available; Friday Buffet Style lunch.

Throughout the month membership appreciation. One time each month for each Officer's Club member, buy one drink of your choice and get an equivalent drink of your choice free of charge. Club cards required. *Tuesdays 1700-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available; Fridays 1600-1800 Happy Hour, free snacks available.*

Special notes: The Officers' Club has rooms available for your conferences, meetings, presentations, lunches or Commanders' Call, make your reservations now.

MWA INFORMATION January

For members living on base – if you like to watch TV and/or have a drink during the weekends while the club is closed – collect the key for the Officers' Club Casual Bar at the Pass/Visitors' Office, Main Gate.

Officers' Club participation in Frisbee Club events: During Frisbee Club opening hours, Officers' Club members are eligible to utilise the Frisbee Club for breakfast, dinner and Sunday brunch (on an alternating basis between the Frisbee and Officers' Clubs). Club cards required when Officers' Club members are using the Frisbee Club. *Cancellations for Officers' Club events will be accepted up to two days prior to the event on ext. 4990. After this time, a cancellation fee of €5 per person must be charged for non-excused absences.*

Visit the Officers' Club Web Page on the Component Information Portal, through Base Support Wing, Services Squadron, Clubs, for the latest information.

- 15-18 Winter specialties during lunchtime.
- 26 Robert Burns Night! Watch out for flyer! Tickets on sale in Manager's Office.

Frisbee Club (SWPN/4994)

Make a reservation today at the Frisbee Grill and enjoy the cosy atmosphere and good food! *Remember - the Frisbee Club is open for breakfast and dinner to all Frisbee and Officers' Club members (club cards required).* Every Monday night Country Line Dance, at 1930. *Every Monday-Thursday Happy Hour from 1700 to 1800; every Friday Happy Hour from 1700 until 1900, including snacks.* Every Monday and Friday Steak Night (normal restaurant times), steak dinner only, normal steak €6, large steak €8 (reservations required).

- 1 Closed.
- 9 Bingo, 1900-2230.
- 9 Skat, 1800-2330.
- 18 International Women's Club (USA Night).
- 23 Bingo, 1900-2230.

Sentry Club (SWPJ/4997)

Lindt 'Fioretto' and Christmas Pralinee Mixtures on sale for €5.50 per pack at the Sentry Club Souvenir Shop or at the Cashier's Cage!

Main Bar is closed at 2000, Monday through Friday; last call will be 1930.

In addition to the daily special, the Sentry Club will also offer a weekend special which will include a soup or dessert as well as the main course. The weekend special will be advertised in the Sentry Club and also on the Component information web page.

A variety of new pizzas are available now, i.e. Pizza 'Gyros', Pizza 'Calzone' and Pizza 'Spinach'. We also will add some new toppings. As soon as the preparations are finished, the details will be advertised on our Component information web page. We will also offer little rolls made from pizza dough with herb butter or garlic mayonnaise. Last Pizza order at 1930, Monday - Friday.

Take advantage of our new Salad Bar; various types of freshly prepared salads available at a reasonable price.

Do you need support for conferences or meetings? The Sentry Club can assist with coffee, soft drinks, half rolls or freshly prepared muffins. For more information, please contact the Sentry Club management.

Need supplies for a party? The Sentry Club is your stop for Warsteiner Beer in 30 ltr and 50 ltr containers, various soft drinks in 1 ltr bottles and tables, benches and other items to help in organising your party. Please be sure to order in advance as certain items (e.g. tables, benches, beer wagons, etc.) must be ordered from the supplier.

Visit the Souvenir Shop – a variety of nice new items have arrived! Additional information on any of the above can be obtained from the Sentry Club Manager, ext. 4996.

Sports Department (SWPT/4946)

- 9 Indoor soccer coaches' meeting, 1500, Sentry Club - Q&Q Room.
- 13 International men's handball

invitational tournament with teams from off-Base tournament.

- 17 Indoor soccer league, deadline registration.
- 22 Indoor soccer league, first game start of season.
- 24 Indoor soccer league, 1715, New Gym.
- 29 Indoor soccer league, 1715, New Gym.
- 31 Indoor soccer league, 1715, New Gym.

International Pre-School (SWPS/4957)

- 8 Welcome 'Back to School' to all our students!

There are still spaces available in our afternoon program for children ages 3 and 4. We will not take any more registrations for the morning waiting list. For more information, please call the school at ext. 4957.

Thrift Shop (SWPG/4919)

Tuesdays + Thursdays operating hours 1000-1400.

- 9 Opening day of the New Year.

International Youth Activities (SWPY/4954/5)

Further information and registration at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, ext. 4955, office hours Monday-Friday, 0815-1300.

New Year's break program

From 2 to 5 January the IYA is organizing a four-day session for children aged 6 and older with activities from 0930 to 1630. The children can be dropped off at 0800, and picked up no later than 1730. The program offers fun games, arts & crafts, sports, free play, special projects and movies. Cost is €50 for one child, €100 for two children, and €125 for three or more children, including field trip to Kinderstad Indoor Playpark on Thursday and lunch on Friday.

Trip to Kinderstad Indoor Playpark

On Thursday, 4 January, the IYA is offering a trip for ages 6 and older to Kinderstad Indoor Playpark in Heerlen, NL. The bus departs at 0900, and gets back at about 1730. Cost is €20 per child, chaperones go free.

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