



**SUMMER CAMP IN TAMPERE and VIRRAT, FINLAND 2024**

**District 1390**

- NAME:** The Future Camp for Youth 9.1.2024  
**WHERE:** TAMPERE host family week and VIRRAT Youth Center Marttinen  
(300 km north from Helsinki)  
**WHEN:** Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
Camp Period Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - Aug 10<sup>th</sup>  
Family Period Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - Aug 17<sup>th</sup>  
**ARRIVAL:** Helsinki Airport, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>  
**DEPARTURE:** Helsinki Airport, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>
- PARTICIPANTS:** 20 participants, interested in innovating the future.  
**AGE:** 15 - 17 years  
**PROGRAMME:** The camp consists of two parts. The participants will first spend a week together in Virrat area in [Youth Center Marttinen](#). During the second part of the camp the participants will stay with the host families to get an idea of the Finnish way of life. During the camp period we will identify future phenomena that we will consider together with [Mr. Perttu Pölönen](#), a known Finnish futurist. The camp period is supervised by Rotarians and local guides.  
**LANGUAGE:** The language of the camp is English. The participant must have sufficient English language skills to participate in the camp workshops.  
**ORGANIZER:** Rotary Satellite Club of Tampere-Lielahdi Health and Environment, Finland  
**EQUIPMENT:** Your personal medication and suitable clothing for outdoor activities and hiking. The daytime temperature is typically between 15 – 25 °C. Water temperature is around 20 °C. Take your swimming suit with you.
- CAMP FEE:** 250 euros.  
**OTHER COSTS:** Participants pay their own costs to and from Helsinki and shall have their own pocket money. Organizing Rotarians will meet the student in the airport and will take care of all ground transportations in Finland.  
**INSURANCE:** Participants must have a valid insurance policy in case of sickness and injury. We urge the student to purchase the insurance from [CISI Bolduc](#) which is approved by Rotary. Select "Plan B" from the offered options.  
**APPLICATIONS:** The applicant must use the official Rotary Youth Exchange – Short-Term Exchange Program Camp Application Form when applying to the camp. The deadline for the applications is 31st March, 2024. On the next page there are questions that we ask the applicant to work with and to return the answers either the same time as the Application Form or soon thereafter.  
**ACCEPTANCE:** Application Form and the answers are mandatory requirements for the acceptance. We confirm the place in the camp only after we have had the chance to review both.

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## THE FUTURE CAMP FOR YOUTH

You are warmly welcome to the Rotary International Summer Camp in Finland. The theme of the camp is the Future. At our camp you will get to know young people from different countries, make new friends and enjoy Finnish nature.

In addition to the official application, please answer briefly (language: English) the following questions informally.

1. How do you see the future? What kind of ideas you have for the better future?
2. How do you see the future for the next 20 years?

**Please write your answers in your own words or make a short video about your thoughts. Send it to Torsti Poutanen by email: [torsti.poutanen@kolumbus.fi](mailto:torsti.poutanen@kolumbus.fi)**

Note that answering the questions is a mandatory requirement for the acceptance to the camp.

Our mentor at the camp will be futurist Perttu Pölönen. He will discuss and innovate with us and make us think about the future in different ways. Examples: What will future look like in twenty years . . . in fifty? Which skills should we cultivate in an age of ceaseless technological progress?

We will send Perttu's book "Future Skills" in advance to the accepted participants. The book allows you to get familiar with the theme.

Perttu Pölönen is a futurist, inventor and author. He has studied future technologies at Singularity University, based at NASA Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, co-founded an edtech company in Myanmar, written two books and won EU's biggest science competition for youth. In 2018 MIT Tech Review honored him among the 35 Innovators under the age of 35 in Europe. More about Perttu's thoughts can be found here: [\(5\) Perttu Pölönen | LinkedIn](#).



**Welcome to Finland and to the Future Camp for the Youth.**

