

Dear Trackers!

Me, Cecilia Eriksson of the Vasa family, and my brother Erik think it will be a lot of fun at the camp this summer! When we heard that you will be staying at Stensö outside Kalmar we were really excited! Since you will stay so close to us, we would like to invite you to our amazing castle to play games and challenge yourselves and each other. Our dad Gustav is a bit strict, so you will have to play tricks on the castle guards to be able to visit us. Erik says there are loads of robbers, bandits and other terrible creatures outside guarding the castle walls. Therefore, you have to be very clever to avoid ending up in the castle dungeons or the robbers lair.

Since I'm a princess, I love to arrange huge parties and for that a lot of food is needed to feed all my guests. Therefore, on the way here you must go looking for food. And to cook all that food I need a lot of salt to make the food taste good. To be able to buy salt I need lots of money. Maybe you all can help me gather as many coins as you can, while you are in the neighbourhood? Why don't you scouts try and find out what you can do with salt, how to use it and for what? I also need you to help me find out which animals can be hunted in the wild, and which animals are forbidden? Me and Erik have heard that our dad is throwing people who have been hunting in the dungeons of the castle. And the dungeons here at the castle of Kalmar are deep and dark.

We're looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Cecilia and Erik

Dear Explorers!

Welcome to Vasalägret 2020 at Stensö outside Kalmar! The camp will be a great opportunity to do what you Explorers has got your name from: to explore new adventures. You will explore the exciting period in history when Gustav Vasa disembarked Stensö in the year of 1520 through learning about how people, both rich and poor, lived at that time.

During the week we will offer assignments, challenges, and opportunities to meet new friends and enjoy the scouting community. As a group you will experience a whole week together and discover teamwork at its best.

The programme team suggests that you repeat your knowledge regarding using trianga stove and how to build fires. These two areas will be useful for you this summer.

During the Middle Ages, people mainly used food that was locally produced, for example grains, fish, meat, dairy, root crops, and vegetables. The most important staple for import was salt from Lubeck in Germany. The traders where many and one of the most important ones were the bakers. They were not allowed to decide the prices themselves, it was decided by the city council a few times per year. Other important traders were the butchers, the spice traders, the fishermen, syltekonorna and the brewers.

Think about and explore these traders during the spring. Try different types of food that were common during the Middle Ages, for example root crops with vegetable broth and a tasty compotte with berries och fruits for dessert.

Kind regards,

The programme team

Greetings Adventurers.

This summer we'll gather at the Vasa camp at Stensö outside Kalmar and our craftsmen, knights, hunters and monks are looking forward meeting you. The society of the Middle Ages is usually described as a class society. This feudal society was built like a pyramid where everything was run by a system of giving and taking. As an Adventurer at the camp you will have the opportunity to meet citizens from different groups in society and learn how they lived and how they survived.

We would like to decorate our town with a huge amount of flags during the camp and we need your help. We wish that every group of scouts that participate in the camp makes their own ensign before leaving for the camp. Once the camp start, bring it with you!

What is an ensign, you might wonder.

An ensign is a small, square banner of 50 x 50 cm. We want you to create an ensign including your favourite colors and symbols that shows your groups best features, experiences and knowledges. In short, make an ensign that represents you. The only limit is the size, 50 x 50 cm.

Time for some unique challenges for the Challengers.

During the camp this summer, you have the opportunity to be both a participant and a volunteer. When you're not working as a volunteer you have lots of activities to choose from, for example building, hiking tour and exercising. There will also be a hub where you can spend your free time. Some evening activities will also be offered.