

Newsletter No. 1 – May 30th. 2010

With less than four weeks left until Roskilde Festival kicks off ..

We, at the board of Standbyholdet, are getting very excited to meet you all and can hardly wait any longer. We have been busy with the preparations for quite a while now and are still busy getting all the final details sorted out so that we again, hopefully, can provide for a great week for us all..

In this brief, we would like to give you a little glimpse into all the work that is currently being undertaken and how far we've gotten so far with it. We would also like to tell you about our Base-camp and how far we have still got to go with the recruitment. Finally we've compiled a helpful list of items you should bring with you when you leave for the festival..

Deposit

This year, as a new thing, we have introduced a mandatory deposit payment for all new members. This has unfortunately proven to be necessary. After we filled up last year, we rejected quite a few applicants only to realize that we found ourselves short handed at the very last moment when otherwise signed members chose to disregard their obligations towards the team. That's not fair to us and certainly not fair to those we had to reject.

All deposit payments are due June 4th 2010.

We take this deadline very seriously and remind you that we will **reject applications** from those applicants that do not pay in due time.

You can [read more](#) about the deposit on the website.

The work schedule

We have had a few inquiries from you on when we will release the schedule. The short answer is; roughly 2 weeks ahead of the festival, unless we can somehow manage to get everybody to send in their contract of employment in really good time. We understand that you would all like to know your personal shift assignments well ahead of time. Last year we introduced the option to share your shifts with one or more friends which was a great success. This year we offer the same choice as you can simply leave a comment on your application and we will do our utmost to see that your wish is honored. We can

however never guarantee this and the later you send in your contract, the later we can address your wishes.

So, how far are we?

Dorthe is daily looking through the mailbox and the application system to look for new contracts and applicants.. We are fighting a somewhat uphill battle at the moment getting everybody to send in their contract. Not until we have those, can **Zia** properly start working on the schedule.

The Logistics group is working on getting our members some good and interesting food options. After a few complaints last year, we have chosen to replace our caterer. The new caterer has been advised to our standards and will be making daily deliveries of lunch-packages, fruit and hot meals.

Bille is working continuously on making the website more accessible and locatable for those coming in from Google etc. Also, Zia and Dorthe are keeping Bille busy, optimizing and expanding on the application system as well to help out creating the optimal schedule.

The Media Group is in charge of News and articles on the website. Shoot us a mail if you have something interesting to report on medie@standbyholdet.dk.

Niklas & Rasmus are the teams handymen and are in charge of procuring, maintaining and setting up all the hardware and all the supplies we need during the festival. Lately they have been busy repairing and fixing our office shed. You will find both of them, busy a few days before the festival setting up our tents, drawing cables, installing fixtures etc.

Jan is the MC-sheriff and is responsible for the preparation and everything else concerning the MC-camp and the tent where we all check in and out before and after our shifts.

Lotte is not too busy at the moment. She will be in charge of our base-camp during the festival where she will guide and help our members to their tent spot, and make sure we keep the area and our tent in a proper condition. Later, this fall, she is also in charge of planning and executing our Standby-party.

Security Course

The Security Course is valid for 3 years, so if you didn't attend this in either 2008 or 2009, you **MUST** attend before your first shift. This is a mandatory, non negotiable demand from the Festival.

It makes no difference if you were a part of Standbyholdet when you attended, as long as you can provide documentation from your former employer at the festival of your attendance. Otherwise, you **must** attend again.

We will get back to you with more information about where and when, hopefully in our next newsletter. Keep an eye on your mail and the website in the meantime.

Base-camp

Again this year, we have secured ourselves our own Base-camp. This year we are fortunate to have reserved a spot right next to the MC-camp from where most of our activities take place. The base-camp is off limits for outsiders, and offers our members an area from where you can live and stay when you are not on duty or at the Festival site. It is obviously entirely voluntary whether you wish to live at the base-camp or not.

Since both MC-camp and base-camp lies within the Festival area, we no longer have the option to offer free and unlimited parking to our members. We do have a tiny area for that purpose, but this area is limited to our service vehicles. The regular parking lot, run by the festival is however not too far away.

At Base-camp you can set up your tent and live in a relatively quiet environment the air-force base provides being closed off to the public. Here we have our common tent where we eat breakfast and dinner, hang out, party and throw our (in)famous BBQ's.

Again this year, we offer our members, for a reasonable price, to buy a seat the the table for a daily hot meal. There will also be access to a refrigerator that you are welcome to use, as long as you make sure to box and label your stuff. We reserve the right to discard containtes left unlabeled. You leave your food in the the refrigerator entirely at your own risk.

Opposed to previous years, we no longer offer a breakfast option.

A specific set of "Rules of Conduct" exists for our use of the area which you must familiarize yourself with

when you arrive. They will be posted in the common tent for all to read.

At Base-camp you have access to toilet facilities. We are working on procuring bathing facilites as well. These may carry a smaller charge to use. This luxury however comes with a responsibility. We must underline the necessity that all who use these facilities take extra care to leave them in good and proper order. We almost succeeded at this last year. This year we will be even better !!

Lotte and her helpers will show you to a tent-spot once you arrive and will answer any general questions you may have. Make sure to check in with her before you unpack and start raising your tent. Having to take everything down again to move to another spot gets old really fast.

We ask that everybody respects the rules of conduct as stated on the Rule of Conduct and the guidelines set forth by the camp officials. Otherwise, the regular camping areas of the festival may become the only option left.

Merchandise and our Webshop

Our webshop has been live on the wesite since december last year with our two main articles. We are currently working to expand our collection with more items, so keep an eye on the shop during the next few weeks.

Finally..

As of writing this, we still have a few available seats left on the team. We expect to fill up all seats this year and are already well underway towards that goal. Don't miss out because you hesitated long sending in your application & contract.

This being the 40th Roskilde Festival we are expecting to fully "sell out" before we get to the Festival.

We have quite a few visitors on the website these days and the ones that apply from there will fill us up easily, but we would rather see if you could bring a good, capable friend with you. It would be more fun for you since we could probably arrange for you to have duty together and more fun for the rest of us as we would be able to release the work schedule even faster.

Feel free to hand this news-brief around and direct anyone you think would have interest to our website

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for more detailed information about us, the festival and the job at hand.

In the next issue

We expect to release the next issue of our newsletter approximately two weeks before the festival begins, in connection with the release of the work schedule.

At this point in time we will hopefully be able to provide you with the remaining details concerning the security course and we will be focusing the letter towards the hands-on details of the job.

See you soon

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What you should bring.

Camping equipment :

- **A Tent.**
Remember spare plugs and duct-tape!
- **Undercover** and/or **Air-mattress.**
If you are using an air-mattress we recommend that you also bring an undercover for insulation against cold from the ground.
- **A Sleeping-bag.**

Footwear :

- A good pair of **Boots** for when you are on duty.

During the week you will find that proper footwear is vital, even when it's warm. The camping area is littered with sharp and less pleasant objects that you do not want to run into in a light pair of summer shoes!

Flat-soled shoes for when you are not on duty

Clothing:

- **Pants & Sweaters** for evening and night shifts. They get cold!
- **Shorts** if the weather gets warm..
- **T-shirts, Socks & Underwear.**
- **Swimming Clothes** if you feel like using the swimming lake.

Personal Hygiene :

- **Toilet bag w/contents & Shampoo.**
- **1-2 Towels.**
- 220V Sockets for blow-dryer / shaver is available at Base-camp.

Service :

- **Plate, Cup and Cutlery**

We recommend plastic or metal.
Don't bring glass or ceramics !

Other :

- A small **Bag pack** to carry a soda and other personal stuff around when you are on duty.
- **Cellular Phone**
 - Please bring your own charger.
 - 220V Sockets for chargers will be available at both Base- and MC-camp.
 - It is your responsibility that we can get a hold of you during the festival. Make sure your cell-number is current and updated on your sentry-card on the website.

Common Sense ..

- **Do NOT** bring expensive or fragile stuff with you, you can't afford to loose.
- Each Agora on the camping area has **security boxes** you can use, free of charge!
- The shift leader can typically keep an eye on smaller items of value for you while you are on duty, but you leave items there **at your own responsibility.** The shift leader has other an more important things to attend to every now and then and may not always be able to stay in the tent to keep an eye out for your stuff.
- Standbyholdet accepts absolutely **NO responsibility** for broken or lost items!