

Camp Arka 2017

This year, we've been blessed once again with an amazing Camp Arka in Poland. We had beautiful weather, great teams of native speakers, and loads of fun with the campers. There were plenty of opportunities to sail and kayak on the lake, just a stone's throw away from camp, along with campfires and thrilling games of capture the flag in the forest.



Some of the brilliant native speaker team on week 3

This year was my second year of Camp Arka as a native speaker on weeks 2 and 3. Both years have been incredible experiences. Week 2 was great fun for the team and kids alike, with games of water balloon volleyball and a talent show featuring an excellent young violinist. We also had a night of British culture, during which we exhausted the kids by teaching them how to dance a traditional Scottish ceilidh. The stakes were raised in week 3 with a closely contested staff versus camper volleyball match.

The daily English lessons were a great opportunity to improve the English skills of the campers, while having fun and getting to know them personally. Lessons on both weeks were exhilarating. We played games, acted out bible stories and even solved a few murder mysteries! One evening in week 3 we led all the campers in a supersize English lesson, with competitive and chaotic games of pictionary, "Chinese whispers" and races.

The absolute highlight of the camp both years has been the opportunity to serve God through relationship building, and to act as a role model to the children in following Jesus. Some moving testimonies were shared by natives in both weeks that have hopefully sown seeds in the campers' hearts. Camp Arka is a fantastic environment to grow personally in your relationship with Jesus; both years' camps have had humbling and transformative effects on my life, and I can't wait for next year! We're already signing up native speakers for next summer's camp on a first come first served basis. So, if this sounds like something you'd love to be involved in, get in touch with me at chris.mitchell.94@gmail.com before we run out of places!



Exploring beautiful Wrocław at the end of the camp

Chris Mitchell 😊