

Annualy report «YMGF» - Young Mountain Guides Foundation

Young Mountain Guides Foundation "YMGF" was founded beginning of June 2019

Our mission is to promote children and young people in mountain and snowsports. As well, we support young candidates on their way to become a guide.

Our program is divided into 3 levels

Level 1: Juniors Academy - Children and young people between 10 – 15 years

Level2: Climbers Academy – Advanced climbers between 15-20 years

Level 3: Guides Academy - Support of Young Mountain guides

Members of the board in 2019

Hermann Biner President

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Patrice Biner Responsible Juniors & Climbers Academy Zermatt

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Activities in summer 2019

01.06.2019 Climbing training in the region "GOMS" – Der Herr der Ringe

It was a training for advanced climbers "Level 2". We've had 7 participants and they were accompanied by one guide: Patrice Biner







08.06.2019 - 10.06.2019

Climbing weekend in the "Berner Oberland" Region Engelhörner

Climbing weekend in the Region "Engelhörner", training for advanced climbers "Level 2". The focus was in rope handling, securing on ridges, belaying. 7 participants accompanied by 2 mountain guides: Patrice Biner and Emanuel Julen







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19.07.2019 – 21.07.2019

Alpine Climbing in the region of Courmayeur

Climbing program for advanced climbers "Level 2" in the region of Courmayeur. 3 days, they climbed Aig. Entréves, Aig. Marbées and Dent du Géant. 5 participants accompanied by one guide: Patrice Biner







10.08.2019 Climbing excursion on the Riffelhorn

Beginners training "Level 1" on the Riffelhorn. As those kids have no experience, we had to engage 3 guides: Patrice Biner; Emanuel Julen; Heiko Hitzer



It was a great first experience for those kids..



12.08.2019 – 13.08.2019

Alpine Climbing in the surroundings of Zermatt

The plan was a 2 day climb on a 4000 meter peak around Zermatt. Due of bad weather, they had to change the program.

Day 1: Half day training in maps and using the compass (5 participants, 1 guide) Day 2: Climbing "Schwarzgrat" Mixed course Level 1 & 2, 10 participants, 1 guide)







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31.08.2019 First 4000 meter peak – Breithorn

Beginners climb "Level 1" to the Breithorn, first 4000 m peak for all of them. 1 Guide Helmut Lerjen, 6 kids.



31.08.2019 Alpine Climb to the Pollux

Mixed group "Level 1 & 2" to the Pollux. The goal was that the climbers Level 2 guide the kids Level 1 . 8 participants, 2 guides: Patrice Biner and Heiko Hitzer.





05.10.2019 Riffelhorn

Another climbing day on the Riffelhorn. Kids "Level 1" guided by Kids "Level 2"



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23.11.2019 Training Dry Tooling in the Region of Kandersteg (Blausee)

Yannick Glatthard is one of the world's best climber (specialized in dry tooling and ice climbing) and a good friend of Patrice Biner. He persuaded him to give the kids a training in Dry tooling (Rock climbing with crampons and ice axes). We had 12 participants accompanied by Patrice Biner and Yannick Glatthard.







14.12.2019 Freeride

Start of our winter program. This day was organized with the Zermatt Ski Club. We've had 29 kids split up in 4 groups. The day started with an avalanche training (Beeper, shovel, probe), then "Freeride" in the Zermatt ski area.

4 guides: Helmut Lerjen, Heiko Hitzer, Fabian Mooser, Emanuel Julen)



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