

ECK Family-gathering on Getterön in Varberg 11-13 June 2010

“Golden Keys to the Mysteries of Life”

Eckankar in Sweden extends a warm welcome to this summer get-together for ECK families and friends, and also to others interested in learning more about their journey through life. A separate program is planned for both children and teenagers, who will also have their own sleeping areas for those who want.

The keys:

This seminar has the theme “Golden Keys to the Mysteries of Life”. All of the activities should help you find the keys you are looking for to open new doors to love and prepare for new experiences.

Physical location:

Getterögården is situated across from the main harbour in Varberg. By car it is only 4 km from the city centre. Less than 200 meter from Getterögården, is a sandy beach, a wooden swimming dock, and romantic rock cliffs leading into the ocean.

Varberg:

Go to www2.varberg.se to find out more about this wonderful place.

Other opportunities:

Instead of taking the car, a boat has been chartered to take us directly from our location into the harbour of Varberg (about 4-5 minutes) and back again in the afternoon (with an extra roundtrip to the archipelago). Please confirm your participation which will cost 80 SEK.

There will also be arranged a guided tour to the old Fort at standard tourist prices.

How to find:

From the motorway E6, exit at Statoil gas station to “riksväg” 41 toward Varberg. Then in a roundabout at another Statoil, you turn right and follow signs. Directly after an airplane field, you take left. There is a good map on www.getterogarden.se.

Facilities:

The place is of normal camping place or youth hostel standard with 3 or 4 beds per room, and a special building for toilets and showers. Cooking facilities with sufficient capacity for more than 100 guests. In addition there are parking spaces for caravans with electricity, and also for tents. Special arrangements have been made for the children and young people to live together upstairs in a huge loft divided in two. For the distribution of the rooms, we say first registered first served, so register early! If you choose so, you may sleep at a hotel in town. Please call the tourist office (+46 340-86800).

Meals:

Very simple: Everybody is responsible for their own food and cooking. The facilities offer three kitchens with everything you need. There is also a restaurant about 200 m away, serving a complete lunch for about 100 SEK (www.stinas.nu). If we can put together a group of at least 10 persons, they will also be very happy to serve breakfast for us.

On Sunday before we depart, there will be a Harji Dinner in this restaurant, which must be booked in advance.

During the weekend, we provide free coffee, tea, and charcoal for grilling. Bring your own barbeque food for Friday if you want. For the Beach Party on Saturday, we decide at the place.

Prices:

The donation of 500 SEK includes a place to stay and seminar program. If you choose to sleep elsewhere, in town or in a caravan or tent, the same donation will be accepted. Children and youths up to the age of 17 are free. People between 18 and 24 get the special half-price entry of 250 SEK.

Registration:

Register as soon as possible to ensure you a place to sleep as there are only about 85-90 available beds inside the house. Telephone, e-mail, or write to Lilibeth Björnånger, Diabasvägen 2, SE-46173 Trollhättan, using the form on the Swedish Eckankar homepage. If you live outside of Sweden, you may pay at your arrival. Otherwise send the donation to PlusGiro 126127-0 using the keyword "Varberg" and listing the names of all people on your registration form.

Capsule schedule:

Friday: 18 arrival, 19 lighting the charcoal grill, 20 evening program begins. **Saturday:** 07 HU-chant, 08 dream group, 09-12 seminar program, 12-17 individual program, 15 introductory talks, 17 meetings, beach party, HU chant, dreamgroup. **Sunday:** HU-chant, dream group, workshops, ECK Worship Service, cleaning, 13 Harji Dinner.

Themes for study activities:

Friday fasting, IRO, personal words (these three are taken from the book *Karma Busters*). Other subjects may include: ECK people in relationships, ECK on the job, raising children in ECK environments, relationships when your partner is not an Eckist, Vahana ideas, Arahata experiences, the history of Eckankar in the light of philosophy and religions, what has Eckankar meant to me (for new ones), still crazy after all these years (for old ones), painting or writing spiritually.

Languages:

The main language will be Swedish, but there will be groups in English, Finnish, and Persian. Translation to other languages will be available if possible.

Responsibility:

Eckankar is not responsible for any damages, injury, loss, or accidents of any kind that may occur throughout this weekend or your travel to and from the seminar. All adults are responsible for the underage people they bring with them. Parents are requested to sign a form about this as soon as they arrive at the seminar facilities.

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