

"Courage! Do not be afraid, Come!"
(cf. Mt 14, 27-29)



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WELCOME

What a joy, as we write these lines, to think that when you read them, we will be there! It's happening! The 38th International Camp of the Order of Malta has begun, and you are the main players!

Motivated by sincere emotion, we wanted to thank all of you - participants from all around the world, members of the staff from the very beginning or those who joined to strengthen our ranks for this week, providers, sponsors, and donors! Without all of you, we couldn't celebrate together the culmination of these past few years of work. The idea has been growing in our minds since 2016. We would like to express our gratitude to Bernard le Hardy, our Hospitaller who immediately believed in this project.

Our small Kingdom, one of the founding countries of Europe, has so many beautiful things to offer, and the Belgian Association of the Order of Malta is happy to welcome you 25 years after the last camp organised in Belgium.

We met each other during the camp organised in 2010 in Wales. We met each other during the camp organised in 2010 in Wales. Since then we forged an extraordinary friendship filled with countless happy memories!



We sincerely hope that it will be the same for you through the various activities prepared by our team!

Our goal is to allow all our guests to forget their difficulties but above all to erase the boundaries associated with disabilities. During this week, we will all live together, united like the fingers of a hand, like a family. This international camp, for which all of you are contributing to today, is truly an exceptional event. Few words can express everything that emanates from it, but the closest ones would be: laughter, fraternity, respect, tenderness, joy, spirituality, humour, and sharing without limits! We could go on and on.

When we embarked in this project, We couldn't have imagined the positive impact it would have. We didn't anticipate the enthusiasm and the unity that would result from it... and we could never have imagined that one day we would be writing these lines to welcome you to Waterloo. Some thought we were crazy, and we hope that others among you will also have that touch of madness so that the camp can continue for many years!

Wishing each and every one of you a beautiful and happy camp!

Thomas & Charles-Edmond

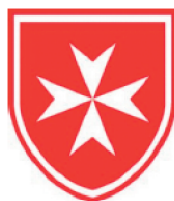
PRAYER OF THE CAMP



Courage, this is I ! Do not be afraid anymore! Look at me, face to face ; listen to me. I am the Child of God, I'm Son of Man. I am your God. I am your Friend. I am your Saviour.

I bring you love and peace.

I offer you salvation and life. Come!



**ORDER OF MALTA
BELGIUM**

INTERNATIONAL CAMP



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Father Tanguy



Here we are! We will all meet not far from Brussels to live together the 38th International Camp of the Order of Malta.

This camp is part of the great tradition of the Order of Malta, which has never strayed from its motto, « Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum – nurturing, witnessing and protecting the faith (tuitio fidei) and serving the poor and the sick (obsequium pauperum).»

This summer, the Order will once again be dedicated to helping us grow in faith. «**Courage! Do not be afraid, Come!**» will be the guiding principle of our camp. Have confidence in God, who constantly walks by your side. He is with you amidst your joys and sorrows. Do not be afraid of Him. «Christ takes nothing away; He gives everything.» The tenderness He has for all of us allows us to walk with a lighter heart on the paths of our lives. His love makes us grow.

Come and follow Him, be an Apostle of His joy and peace. Let's seek it and experience it together this week!

Reverend Father Tanguy Rivière O. Præm

LET SING!



Some days I barely hold on
When life drags me down
I wanna let go
But when my spirit is weak
You come to my aid
And strengthen my soul

» I'm lost without You
I'll never doubt You
Your grace is beyond compare, ooh
And though when it rains, it pours
You know all I have is Yours
You smile when you hear my prayer

You rescued me and I believe
That God is love and He is all I need
From this day forth for all eternity
I'll never wander on my own
For I am Yours until you call me home
I close my eyes and I can hear You say
You're not alone!
You're not alone!

Some days I just can't go on
I stumble and fall
And I hang my head
But You reach out for my hand
And You lift me up
Again and again
Oh, yes, You do

I'm lost without You
I'll never doubt You

YOU'RE NOT ALONE, OWL CITY

Your grace is beyond compare, ooh
And though when it rains, it pours
You know all I have is Yours
You smile when you hear my prayer

You rescued me and I believe
That God is love and He is all I need
From this day forth for all eternity
I'll never wander on my own
For I am Yours until you call me home
I close my eyes and I can hear You say
You're not alone!
You're not alone!

In the face of my depravity
For God so loved the world He died for me, yeah
My fire burns 'til He returns
And takes me home beyond the galaxy, yeah

You rescued me and I believe
That God is love and He is all I need
From this day forth for all eternity (All eternity)
I'll never wander on my own
For I am Yours until you call me home
I close my eyes and I can hear You say
You're not alone!
You're not alone!
You're not, you're not alone
Never alone



OUR LADY OF PHILERMOS



The story of the icon of the Virgin of Philermos, which is particularly venerated by the Order of Malta, is quite incredible! Discovered in Rhodes by the Hospitallers, it was eagerly prayed to during the Ottoman siege of Rhodes in 1840. The knights put up heroic resistance and many miracles were performed through her intercession. Much later, when the Hospitallers were driven out of Rhodes in 1521, they were able to leave with arms and possessions. They took the «Théotokos Filerimou» (Mother of God) with them. For the duration of the knights' wanderings, the icon hung halfway up the great carrack of Santa Maria. After more than 250 years on the island of Malta, the icon followed the knights on their exile to Russia. It narrowly escaped Communist looting thanks to two imperial grand duchesses who entrusted it to the Russian Orthodox bishops in exile and then to the King of Yugoslavia. Traces of the icon were lost in 1941, but it reappeared in 1993. Today, it can be venerated in Cetinje's Museum of Art and History. An epic adventure that is also our own...

FLASHBACK 1998

THE LAST INTERNATIONAL CAMP OF THE ORDER OF MALTA IN BELGIUM TOOK PLACE 25 YEARS AGO !



CHRISTOPH'S CUP In memoriam

The 4th August this year marked the 29 anniversary of the terrible accident in 1994, which occurred following the International Summer camp in Switzerland. This camp took place from July 27th to August 3rd in the Swiss valley of Melchtal. The way home was to lead the Austrian participants through Innsbruck, where they spent the night, and then on to Vienna via the Westautobahn. Shortly after a change of drivers at the Linz services, however, the Austrian's vehicle was tragically involved in a fatal reared collision near St. Valentin. Five of our friends - Christoph Breisky, Paul Kaltenegger, Markus Knezevic, Thibault de Montjoye and Ingrid Reithofer - were killed.

Only one of the passengers survived. The Christoph Croquet Cup was donated by Christoph's parents. The Christoph Croquet Cup was donated by Christoph's parents in memory of this tragic accident. Since that day, it is a tradition to play croquet during the camp in memory of our friends. We have tried this year to add a Belgian touch to this competition. We keep in our hearts all our friends, guests, helpers, and staff who participated in a camp and are now sitting next to our Father.



BRUXELLES

The Grand Place of Brussels is a famous square located in the heart of the city. It is one of the most beautiful and historic squares in Europe. The Grand Place is surrounded by stunning buildings, including the City Hall, the Maison du Roi (King's House), and various guildhalls. The architecture is predominantly in the Flemish Renaissance style and is adorned with intricate details and ornate facades.

The Grand Place is not only a UNESCO World Heritage site but also serves as a central gathering place for both locals and tourists. It hosts various events and festivals throughout the year, including the famous Flower Carpet, where the square is covered with a magnificent display of flowers. The Grand Place is a vibrant hub with numerous restaurants, cafes, and shops, making it a popular destination for visitors to enjoy the atmosphere and immerse themselves in the rich history and culture of Brussels. Brussels, the capital city of Belgium, boasts a rich historical and cultural heritage that spans centuries.

Situated in the heart of Europe, it has been a significant center of political, economic, and cultural activity. The city's history can be traced back to the Roman era, but it truly began to flourish during the Middle Ages.

In the 15th century, Brussels became the capital of the Burgundian Netherlands and experienced a period of unprecedented growth and prosperity.



LA GRAND'PLACE



The iconic Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was built during this time and remains a testament to the city's medieval splendor.

Brussels has been shaped by various influences over the years. It served as a battleground during the religious conflicts of the 16th century and was occupied by foreign powers during different periods, including the Spanish, French, and Dutch. Each occupation left its mark on the city's architecture and cultural landscape.



In the 19th century, Brussels underwent rapid urbanization and modernization. The city became an important center of industry, trade, and finance. Notable landmarks, such as the Royal Palace and the Cinquantenaire Park, were constructed during this period.

Today, Brussels stands as the de facto capital of the European Union, hosting the headquarters of major international organizations. Its multicultural character is reflected in its diverse population and vibrant cultural scene. The city is renowned for its art, particularly the works of surrealist painter René Magritte, and its culinary delights, including world-famous Belgian chocolate and beer.

Brussels continues to evolve, blending its rich history with modern developments. It remains a captivating destination, offering visitors a unique blend of historical charm, artistic treasures, and a vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere.





WATERLOO

Waterloo, a small town located in Belgium's Walloon Brabant province, holds immense historical significance as the site of the Battle of Waterloo on June 18, 1815. This pivotal battle marked the end of the Napoleonic era and shaped the political landscape of Europe.

The Battle of Waterloo saw the forces of Napoleon Bonaparte, the French Emperor, pitted against a coalition of British, Prussian, and Dutch-Belgian troops led by the Duke of Wellington. The battle resulted in Napoleon's final defeat, leading to his exile and the restoration of the Bourbon monarchy in France.

Waterloo's historical importance is preserved in its various landmarks and museums. The Lion's Mound, topped with a bronze lion statue, was erected to commemorate the battle and offers panoramic views of the battlefield. The visitor center at the nearby Panorama depicts the battle through a monumental 360-degree painting.

The town of Waterloo embraces its historical legacy and attracts visitors from around the world who come to explore the battlefields and gain

insights into this significant event. The Wellington Museum, housed in a former inn that served as Wellington's headquarters during the battle, provides a comprehensive overview of the conflict.

Beyond its historical significance, Waterloo boasts a charming atmosphere and picturesque surroundings. The town features quaint streets, traditional Belgian architecture, and beautiful parks and gardens. It offers a peaceful and idyllic setting for visitors to immerse themselves in the town's history and enjoy its cultural offerings.

Overall, Waterloo stands as a symbol of the defeat of Napoleon and the subsequent reshaping of Europe. Its historical sites and museums serve as reminders of the dramatic events that unfolded on its fields, while the town itself offers a tranquil retreat for visitors seeking to delve into history and experience the essence of Belgian culture.



ANTWERP

Antwerp, a vibrant city in Belgium's Flemish Region, has a rich historical and cultural heritage that has contributed to its status as a major European center for art, trade, and fashion. With a history dating back to Roman times, Antwerp flourished during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, becoming one of Europe's most prosperous cities.

In the 16th century, Antwerp emerged as a prominent trading hub, serving as the center of the European spice trade and a major port.





Its wealth attracted artists, scholars, and merchants from across the continent, leading to a flourishing cultural scene. The city became renowned for its innovative art, with influential painters such as Peter Paul Rubens and Anthony van Dyck calling Antwerp home. The city managed to recover and regain its position as a center of commerce and art in subsequent centuries



Antwerp's golden age came to an abrupt halt in the late 16th century when it was besieged and plundered by Spanish forces during the Dutch Revolt. However, the city managed to recover and regain its position as a center of commerce and art in subsequent centuries.

Today, Antwerp maintains its cultural prominence. The historic city center features stunning architectural landmarks, including the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady and the City Hall. The city is also known for its fashion industry, hosting the prestigious Antwerp Fashion Academy and serving as a breeding ground for talented designers.

Antwerp's cultural scene extends beyond the visual arts. The city boasts a vibrant theater and music scene, with numerous theaters and concert halls showcasing a diverse range of performances. Additionally, Antwerp is celebrated for its culinary delights, with its restaurants offering a mix of traditional Belgian cuisine and innovative gastronomy.

Antwerp's unique blend of historical significance, artistic heritage, and contemporary cultural offerings make it a captivating destination for visitors. The city's dynamic spirit, fueled by its rich past and thriving present, continues to attract individuals from around the world, ensuring Antwerp's place as a cultural gem in Europe.

PROGRAM

	Saturday 12/08	Sunday 13/08	Monday 14/08	Tuesday 15/08
7:30	Staff mass	Morning prayer	Staff mass	Morning prayer
8:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30				
9:00	Arrivals	Transport	Excursions/ on site activities	Transport
9:30				
10:00		Guided tour of Brussels		Antwerp harbour cruise + Medieval Fair
10:30				
11:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00	Arrivals	Lunch	Siesta	Lunch
12:30				
13:00		Guided tour of Brussels	Excursions/ on site activities	Free time
13:30				
14:00		Opening Mass Cathedral Brussels		Assumption Mass Cathedral Antwerp
14:30		Transport	Team time	Transport
15:00				
15:30		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
16:00				
16:30		Disco	Opening Ceremony	International Evening I
17:00				
17:30	Disco		Disco	Disco
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PROGRAM

Wednesday 16/08	Thursday 17/08	Friday 18/08	Saturday 19/08
Staff mass	Staff mass	Morning prayer	Staff mass
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
On site sport activities/ Visit Waterloo	Excursions/ on site activities	Christophe's Cup	Departures
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Siesta	Siesta	Siesta	Siesta
On site sports activities/ Visit Waterloo/ Rallye	Excursions/ on site activities	Breughelian Pandemonium/ kermesse	Departures
Team time	Team time	Closing Mass on site	Departures
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Silent Night	International Evening II	Closing Ceremony	Departures
	Disco	Disco	



PARI DAIZA



WALIBI



MUSÉE DU CHOCOLAT





EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

GLIDING



MINI-EUROPE



CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

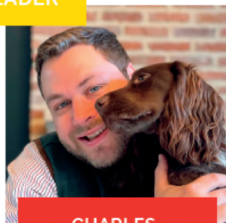


MEET OUR TEAM

CAMP LEADER



THOMAS
VAN DE WERVE
DE SCHILDE



CHARLES-
ÉDOUARD
D'OTREPPE DE
BOUVETTE

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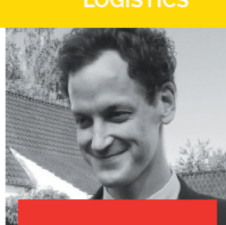


PÈRE TANGUY
RIVIÈRE

LOGISTICS



CHRISTOPHE
DE PIERPONT



GAUTHIER
MOREELS



GEOFFROY
LE HARDY DE
BEAULIEU

FUNDRAISING



MALIX
D'OTREPPE DE
BOUVETTE

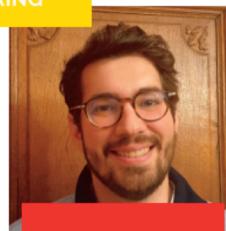


ANNE-MICHÈLE
D'OUTREMONT

CATERING



HENRY
STEVENSON



NICOLAS
BÉBIN



MEDICAL



JEAN-BAPTISTE
WATELET

REGISTRATION



AURÉLIE
VERBEKEN



TIPHAINE DU BUS
DE WARNAFFE

TRANSPORT



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LE FEVERE
DE TEN HOVE

ACTIVITIES



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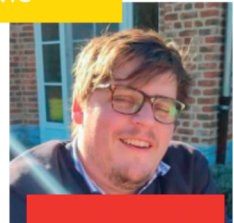


JONATHAN
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EVENTS



GUILBERT
VAN DERTON

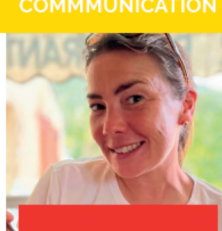


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DE MAERE
D'AERTRIJCKE

COMMUNICATION



CLÉMENCE
VAN DERTON



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GERLINDE
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MEET OUR GUESTS





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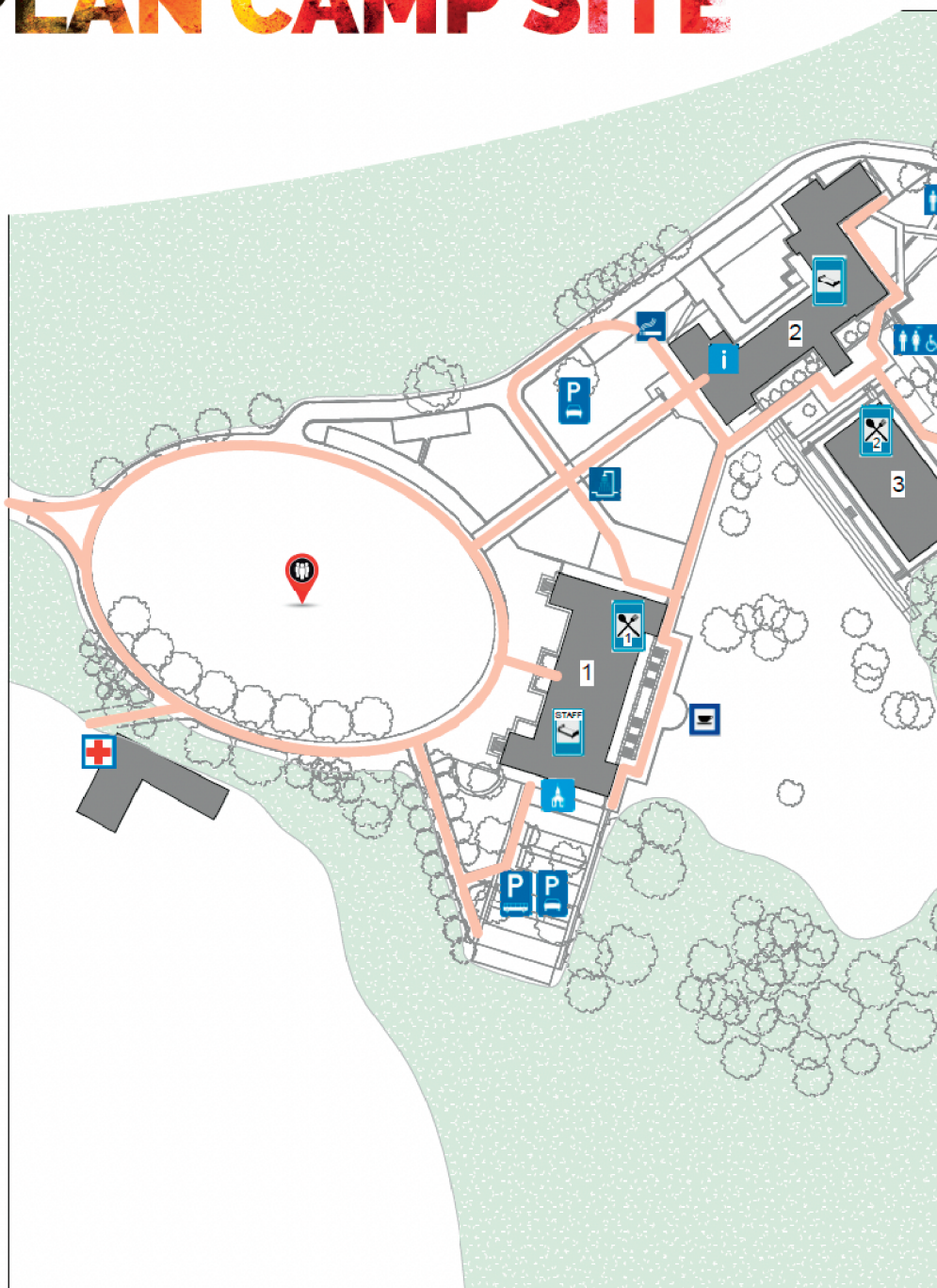
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LES SCHTROUMPFS















PLAN CAMP SITE




Legend

1. Castle
2. School
3. Tent
4. Sport hall

-  First aid
-  Info desk
-  Meeting point
-  Toilets
-  Showers
-  Dormitories
-  Parking bus / cars
-  Canteen
-  Chill out zone
-  Disco
-  Chapel
-  Smoking area

0m 50m 100m 150m 200m 250m



CAMP RULES

Dear Friends, as we didn't know how and what to write we asked ChatGPT to write down for us some camp rules! ... we kindly ask you to follow those simple rules for your own comfort and the one of the others during this week :

1

Alrighty, fellow adventurers, hear me out! The rulebook says, «**No flying solo outside the campsite!**» So, you better believe it - we're like a pack of quirky penguins waddling together, no one's sliding off on their own iceberg! But hey, when it's time for those planned excursions, it's a whole different story. We'll be strutting like flamingos on a fabulous vacation – organized, stylish, and ready to flamingle with the world! So let's keep it snazzy within the site's borders and unleash our inner party animals on those epic excursions!

2

Hey there, badge buddy! Let's play a little game called «Operation Unforgettable Access.» Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to **wear your** super-duper, ultra-awesome **badge at all times**. Why, you ask? Well, it's not just a fashion statement—it's your secret pass to unlock the mystical realm of entry and exit points, where wonders and giggles await! Plus, it'll prevent any accidental cases of mistaken identity. So, gear up, my friend, and let the badge parade begin! Together, we shall conquer forgetfulness and embark on the epic adventure of proper identification. Game on!

3

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to the spectacular show of punctuality! Today, we have a special request, delivered with a sprinkle of humor and a pinch of politeness. Please, oh please, join the «League of Respectful Timekeepers» and **be on time!** Think of it as a grand performance where you dazzle everyone with your promptness and leave no room for tardiness drama. By arriving on time, you'll earn a standing ovation from the punctuality gods and a round of applause from your fellow human beings who appreciate the magic of schedules. So, let's synchronize our watches, tap into our inner time travelers, and dance our way to being fashionably punctual. Remember, the early bird gets the worm, but the timely one gets all the respect and a big slice of the «Respectful Timekeeper» cake! Bon voyage to the land of timely arrivals.

4

We know how funny you are when you are drunk! but no thank you! **Please drink responsibly... You booze, you lose.**

5

Drugs are not allowed in Belgium! So, leave your party pills, magical powders, and funky substances at the door, and let's embark on an epic journey of natural highs, fuelled by music, laughter, and the sheer joy of being in each other's company.

6

Keep your smoke in the zone, and let designated areas feel the smoky love!

7

Hey, social media aficionados! Let's take a moment to talk about the fabulous world of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). When you're sharing your thoughts and adventures on those oh-so-enticing social networks, don't forget to sprinkle a dash of GDPR magic. It's like adding a virtual privacy shield to your online escapades! So, my dear digital divas and dudes, before hitting that post button, channel your inner privacy guru and ensure you're **safeguarding personal data** like a true superhero. Let's keep our online escapades stylish, entertaining, and most importantly, GDPR-friendly. Remember, privacy is the trendiest accessory in the digital realm!

8

Silent nights, peaceful dreams. **Respectful sleep**, it truly gleams.

9

Attention, everyone! A friendly reminder: let's **keep the flames outside the building**, where they belong. Fire and buildings make quite the explosive combo, so let's avoid any unintended fireworks. Embrace the magic of fire safety, and remember, no sparks, no sizzles, and definitely no fiery shenanigans within these walls. Together, we'll create a blazingly safe environment where the only things igniting are laughter and good times. Safety first, my fiery friends!

10

Hey there, car cruisin' champ! If you rolled in with **your fancy wheels, let those babies rest during the week!** Our transport pros got your back, ready to shop like wild roadrunners for anything you might've left behind in the dust! No worries, we've got the speediest shopper-mobiles in town.

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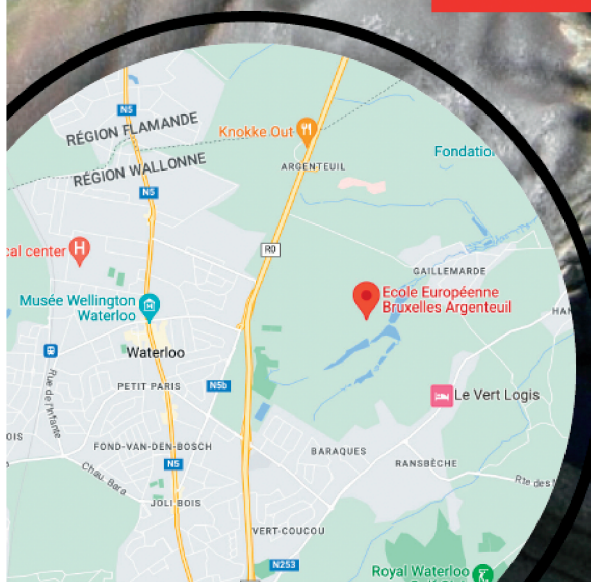
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