



Dear Friends,

As you are preparing for the 2012 Observer Program in Vierumäki, Finland, we would like to supply you with this update to advise you of some important information.

Finland

- Finland uses the Euro for currency. Please be advised that there isn't a Cash Machine (ATM) on the site so participants are advised to change their money before arriving.
- The electrical plug configuration in Finland is:



The weather in in July:

- Finland has a reputation as a land of ice and snow, but summers can be warm and sunny, with daytime temperatures reaching 25-30°C (77-86°F)
- The sun never really sets in July, so bring eye covers if you feel like you'll need them
- Participants can get away with lightweight clothing in the daytime, but bring waterproof clothes in case of rain!

Vierumäki

- Is one of the Finnish Sports institutes 120km north of Helsinki
- It is located on more than 10 000 hectares of forest with 1 university, 2 hockey rinks, 3 golf courses and 3,000 places for accommodation
- For more information below is there website in English:
- http://www.vierumaki.fi/lang/
- During the camp all participants will be given three meals a day and snacks
- The food is western cuisine that is cooked and prepared on-site

Arrival

When you arrive at Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport on the 18th July, you will be met by one of our program leaders. They will make sure you have received all your baggage and then will escort you to the bus that will take you to Vierumäki. The drive from Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport to Vierumäki will take approximately 2 hours.

If you experience any issues during your travel day, such as delayed or cancelled flights, please call the Camp Office at +358 40 3696205.



Accommodation and Meals

The Observer Program participants will be staying in shared rooms at the Vierumäki Country Club, a short walk from all the program activities. All meals will be provided for the group in the Kaskela building.

The Program

As you will see on the Observer Program Schedule (see other link), the program is very full. With forty registered participants from around the world, your experience will include watching all the other programs in operation, a seminar program with some of the best people in women's hockey that are on staff at the camps, and a tremendous opportunity to build relationships with other people responsible for growing female hockey in the world.

It is expected that you will remain with the program throughout the schedule as each session is related to other parts of the program. For information on the Hockey Development Camp, Learn to Play Program, High Performance Camp and Game Officials' programs, please go to those program pages on the website to review all the documents that have been provided for the participants of those programs.