



Des Vacances Intelligentes ...

It is by opening our minds and senses to the world that we may better understand ourselves and those around us. Learning a language provides a pathway to this end but only through experience are we afforded true understanding.

Le Voyage Ouvre l'Esprit

Our goal is to take each child on a voyage of personal discovery and to spark a his/her interest in developing a deeper knowledge of France, its language and culture.

Immersion is the key. Sitting passively in a classroom abroad does not enhance language learning, in fact the opposite occurs. Children tend to group together and speak their native language (English, Spanish...) instead of French.

Our efforts are limited by time, yet our program's intensity offsets its brevity. By emphasizing having fun while speaking French in natural, everyday living situations, we allow each child to progress at his or her own pace without pressure.

Vivre Sans Frontières...

Children and teenagers are adults in formation. All dimensions of their being are in a state of evolution (body, heart, and mind). They are learning to relate to others and the world in everyday life situations.

Physically, emotionally, intellectually and socially, children 6 to 17 years old are constantly growing.

It is for this reason that we want to offer them a fun as well as educational summer program. Through our theme camp programs, children live a true adventure! They are part of a story, a real mission that gives direction to their holiday.

Your child will be the hero of his/her adventure!

Art and culture, sports and adventure, science and nature, horseback riding and discovery, music halls and Medieval shows are all part of this wonderful experience.

Our program helps children master their body, own new places, discover history, express talents and become fluent in a foreign language easily and effortlessly. The activities we offer are fun and stimulate their imagination. Last but not least, they learn to live with others and create friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

We dedicate ourselves to make a difference in their lives.

THE VSF TEAM

Why VSF?

- **A Unique Program**
- **15 Years of Experience**
- **A Team of professionals at your Service**
- **A different Philosophy**

A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER:

VSF is a French-American company and was created in 1996, combining my love for teaching children with my passion for France. It is with great pleasure that I and all the VSF team share this passion with you today.

Over the years, hundreds of children and teenagers from around the world have come to join us and take part in what we consider to be the best summer camp programs in France.

Vivre Sans Frontières has grown and changed over the years and in my opinion just keeps on getting better!

Our commitment to top-quality programming brings us to the top of the list for parents when it comes to choosing a summer program in France for their children.

Why? Years of experience in planning, organizing, and management go into developing each year's program which we constantly strive to improve and refine in order to give children and their families the best experience possible.

Because what we offer is different. There are many companies today that offer programs abroad, most of them offer study or exchange programs, they are certainly not all equal. Some may look similar in terms of places or activities, but they often have a very different approach to their philosophy.

It is important to understand these differences when choosing a summer program for your children in France. Where we go, what we do is important but how and why we do it is, in my opinion, the most important.

Please explore VSF's website to better understand our philosophy and objectives. Our immersion program includes different camp locations in France. This program was designed for foreign children sharing a passion for France, its culture, its history, and of course its language.

VSF maximizes cultural and educational opportunities and provides a unique learning environment in which your children will learn while having fun and while being immersed within a group of French natives during several weeks. Not only will they master new skills, build confidence and improve their French language skills, but through our program they will grow as individuals and gain great insight into themselves and the world around them.

A language is certainly a mean to communicate but also a different way of thinking, of experiencing a different culture, another way of life. Through immersion, your children can truly discover France, and for the length of a summer camp experience truly feel part a French community.

Space is limited to ensure the highest level of immersion and in order to give each participant the best attention possible but also to guarantee the highest level of immersion for all our foreign campers.

Our variety of program activities and locations offers many choices and guarantees something new, exciting and different for our campers to do summer after summer. Many participants come back to discover and explore different regions of France year after year, they stay over the years in contact with their French friends with whom build lifetime friendships!

During the winter, we meet many families and participants as we visit schools and organize presentations for parents and teachers. Our goal is to keep everyone well informed of our program.

Our staff shares the same passion and is dedicated to offer each participant the best summer camp experience. From the moment you enroll your children in VSF's program and until they return home at the end of camp, our team is there to ensure every child's well-being and safety and we ensure communication between the camp staff, parents and directors.

We are proud of VSF's program, its excellent safety record and top-notch staff has made it a real success with a return rate of almost 70% each summer.

I would like to thank our French Partners and Camp Directors for their professionalism, amazing work and personal investment in the program during the last 15 years.

Thank you to all the VSF families for their continuous support and confidence. And thanks to Unicef France who has approved our Program, and has chosen VSF as its Official Partner.

It's time to do something different! With our experience we can certainly help you find the perfect setting to make this French vacation the best trip ever for your child. No experience required except the desire to have Fun and to speak French!

Valérie Levent
Founder and Program Director