



EUROCAMP RESIDENTIAL REVIEW 2025



' Cheshire Young Carers and Eurocamp have brought so many young carers together for an unforgettable holiday. '



THANK YOU EUROCAMP

Building on the success of previous two years, the 2025 Eurocamp-funded trip to France was another unforgettable experience for our young carers. Travel was by luxury coach, with comfortable lodge accommodation offering the perfect base for relaxation and adventure. The stunning weather made it an ideal time to enjoy the onsite pools, explore open spaces, and soak up everything this incredible opportunity had to offer.

- 42 young carers took part in the trip.
- 7 young adult carers joined to provide support.
- 9 staff members led the journey.
- 6 volunteers helped make it all possible.

For over half of the young carers, this was their first time traveling abroad—and for some, their very first holiday. A standout moment for many was the magical day at Disneyland, where they met beloved characters, rode thrilling roller coasters, dined in Disney restaurants, and ended the evening watching spectacular fireworks.

Family connection remained a priority throughout the trip. From the moment the young carers boarded the coach, parents were kept informed with regular updates, ensuring they could share in the excitement. Once in France, a stream of photographs and videos helped bring the experience to life for families back home.

None of this would have been possible without Eurocamp's incredible generosity in covering all costs, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the trust placed in Cheshire Young Carers by parents. A huge thank you to the Eurocamp team in Northwich for twelve months of meticulous planning, and to their counterparts in France for delivering an unforgettable experience.

A special thanks also goes to our additional funders, whose support enables us to continue running a charity that changes lives. And of course, immense gratitude to our staff and volunteers, who—despite the inevitable lack of sleep—made this a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, sharing countless moments via our private social media channels

Thank you,

Graham Phillips

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PREPARATION FOR PARIS

During February Half Term, we hosted two consecutive sleepovers, giving young carers a fantastic opportunity to bond before the upcoming Paris trip. The first group arrived on Friday evening at Forest Camp Activity Centre, eager to explore their surroundings and discover the bedrooms they'd be sharing. To kick things off, they were divided into their Paris lodge groups before putting their knowledge to the test in a Disney-themed quiz. After dinner—featuring a delicious French-inspired meal—they settled in for a cosy film night, complete with snacks and hot chocolate.

The following morning was packed with creativity and adventure, including crafting activities, a scavenger hunt around the campsite, and plenty of board games. There were team-building challenges—including constructing the tallest Eiffel Tower model out of magnetic construction kits.

The second group arrived, and with everyone now together, it was time to learn more about the trip to France and for a classic campfire experience—complete with toasted marshmallows and plenty of laughter. Before Group One departed, everyone came together for a quick photo call, capturing the spirit of the weekend. As the first group headed home, Group Two settled in to continue their activities, making the most of the time together.

FUNDRAISING

To help contribute towards the trip, young carers were encouraged to raise a small amount of money. This not only allowed them to develop entrepreneurial skills but also sparked meaningful conversations about their experiences, helping to raise awareness within their communities. Creativity was in full swing, with plenty of innovative ideas shared on our private Facebook groups. Together, the group successfully raised an impressive total of £1465 through various activities—including delicious cake sales, handmade crafts, raffles, and even a few park runs!

A massive well done to all the young carers who took part—your dedication and enthusiasm made a real difference!



TEAM 1

ALADDIN

Who needs sleep when adventure awaits? Team Aladdin's overnight journey to France was filled with excitement, and even an unexpected four-hour wait at Dover for the ferry couldn't dampen their spirits.

Once in France, the adventure truly began. Their Eurocamp lodge quickly felt like a home away from home, but there was no time to unwind just yet! The group dove straight into the excitement, spending their first day playing in the park and making a splash in the lagoon, and soaked up the glorious sunshine.

Then came the highly anticipated trip to Disneyland Paris—waving at parade characters, braving Hyperspace Mountain, and battling robots were some of the group's highlights. For many, it was their first visit to Disney, and the excitement was unforgettable. The day ended with the spectacular laser and drone show, leaving everyone in awe.

A favourite activity at Eurocamp was the morning spent in the swimming pool where the young carers enjoyed racing down the slides and challenging each other to see who could make the biggest splash!

Beyond the adventure, the best part was making new friends and spending time together. From start to finish, the trip was packed with adventure, laughter, and magical moments—memories to treasure forever.

' This was my first time abroad and it's been amazing! '





TEAM 2

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

Team Beauty and the Beast's trip to Eurocamp and Disneyland Paris was nothing short of spectacular. From the moment they arrived, the excitement was non-stop. Their Eurocamp lodge quickly became a lively hub, but with so much to experience, there was little time to sit still.

Disneyland Paris was a clear highlight, with the Star Wars ride proving to be a firm favourite. The adrenaline rush was so intense that the entire team erupted into applause at the end. One young carer, who had never been to a theme park or ridden a roller coaster before, discovered a new-found love for high-speed thrills.

The trip was filled with heartfelt moments, including a surprise birthday celebration. While young carers slept, staff secretly decorated the breakfast table with banners, gifts, and cards. Later, during the full-group evening meal at the beach hut, everyone joined in to sing Happy Birthday.

A young carer who initially joined the trip just to please their mum ended up calling it the best holiday of their life. All the young carers particularly cherished the time spent with their YAC mentors, creating lifelong friendships and magical memories to cherish forever.

Another favourite moment was an evening of swimming in the outdoor pool, when they stayed in the water until their teeth began to chatter. Afterward, they headed back to the chalet, where warm showers and steaming mugs of hot chocolate provided the perfect cozy ending.





TEAM 3

BRAVE

Team Brave's adventure to Paris was truly unforgettable! From splashing in the pool to racing on rollercoasters, every moment was filled with laughter.

Arriving at lunchtime on the Sunday meant Team Brave had plenty of time to explore the Eurocamp site. The group enjoyed the fantastic play area, racing across the rickety bridge and sliding down the tunnel slide. Once they had worn themselves out, they tucked into a delicious meal at the beach hut, with chicken nuggets being a firm favourite! Dessert was another highlight—ice cream and chocolate crepes were enjoyed by all. The girls then returned to their chalet for a cosy pyjama party, filled with laughter and friendly competition playing board games.

At Disneyland Paris, Team Brave had a blast on the rides and were thrilled to meet Rafiki from The Lion King. They also seized the opportunity to capture amazing photos throughout the park, including the legendary Sword in the Stone, though unfortunately, no one was lucky enough to pull it out this time.

On their final day, the adventure continued at the stunning Château de Pierrefonds. Team Brave explored the eerie crypts, soaked in stunning views from its towering windows, and snapped plenty of beautiful photos.

Perhaps the most treasured part of the trip was the friendships formed along the way, making an already incredible experience truly the "best time ever." Team Brave returned home with hearts full of joy and memories to last a lifetime.



TEAM 4

FROZEN

Team Frozen's trip to Paris was a truly magical adventure, packed with unforgettable moments and lifelong memories.

Their time at Disneyland Paris was nothing short of spectacular. The excitement on the coach that morning was a standout memory, with all the young carers chanting "Disney" as they approached the park gates, setting the tone for an incredible day ahead. Highlights from Disney also included watching the amazing parade, wild rollercoasters and the breathtaking fireworks that lit up the night sky.

Exploring the magnificent Château de Pierrefonds was another special experience. Team Frozen admired historic pictures, marvelled at intricate statues, and took in the stunning views. The château's beauty left a lasting impression, and they eagerly captured photos inside its grand walls to remember the moment.

Beyond these incredible highlights, the trip was filled with laughter, adventure, and newfound friendships. Spending time with friends—both old and new—made the journey even more meaningful. Disneyland remained a firm favourite, with thrilling rides providing non-stop excitement. As one member expressed, "This trip has been life-changing for me!"

Paris was a dream come true for Team Frozen, leaving them with treasured memories to last a lifetime.

' I really enjoyed the whole experience and meeting all these lovely people. '



DISNEYLAND PARIS

Imagine this: 49 young carers from Cheshire, stepping away from their daily caring responsibilities for an extraordinary adventure in France. This trip was more than just a holiday, it was a chance to unwind, make new friends, and experience the magic of Disney, all of which was made possible by the generosity of Eurocamp.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to Disneyland Paris. The anticipation on the coach that morning was electric, with excited chants of “Disney!” filling the air as they neared the park gates. Once inside, the magic unfolded. Sleeping Beauty Castle stood tall, welcoming young carers into a world of wonder. Throughout the day, young carers enjoyed spectacular moments within their groups—from watching the dazzling parade featuring beloved Disney characters to witnessing the breathtaking fireworks and drone show that lit up the night sky.

Thrilling rides provided non-stop excitement. Hyperspace Mountain had hearts racing, while the gentle yet enchanting It’s a Small World brought smiles all around.

Meeting Disney characters brought an extra spark of magic. Young carers lit up with excitement as they encountered familiar faces—from Mickey and Minnie to beloved characters from The Lion King and Frozen. Playful interactions made each moment special, and the joy reflected on both the young carers and CYC staff’s faces proving that no matter your age, meeting a Disney character is always a dream come true.

Exploring the various themed gift shops quickly became a highlight of the trip. Young carers eagerly browsed the shelves, selecting special souvenirs to take home—whether it was cuddly plush toys, unique themed accessories, or magical trinkets to remember their adventure.

This trip was more than just an adventure—it was a celebration of friendship and a powerful reminder that these young heroes are never alone. From the moment they arrived, bonds were formed and strengthened. Whether laughing together on rollercoasters, cheering for one another in friendly competitions, or sharing quiet moments of reflection, the trip became a safe space where they could truly be themselves. The experience showed young carers that even as they return to their daily lives, they’ll always have the friendships, support, and cherished memories they created together.

Thank you again to Eurocamp for making this trip possible.





' Cheshire Young Carers is like a second family. I would never be able to go on trips like this because of my brother. As a family, we struggle - even going to a restaurant. I'm so grateful for this opportunity. '

EUROCAMP ACTIVITIES

Young carers swapped their daily responsibilities for sunshine and laughter on their residential trip to Eurocamp La Croix Du Vieux Pont in France. This well deserved getaway allowed young carers the opportunity to relax, bond with friends, and experience a range of exciting activities.

Upon arriving at their cozy wooden chalets, young carers eagerly rushed inside, playfully debating over who had the best room. Excitement buzzed through each groups chalet as they settled in, making their space feel like home for the trip. As an extra surprise, young carers were each gifted a Kinder Egg, a small token to start their adventure with a smile. From that moment on, the fun never stopped.

The swimming complex quickly became a favourite spot. Young carers enjoyed splashing in the various pools and jacuzzies, zooming down thrilling water slides, and soaking up the sun at the outdoor beach pool. One young carer even received a swimming lesson and was very proud of being able to return home to tell his mum that he had made it across the pool without swimming aids.

Beyond the water, the adventure continued at the park, where laughter echoed as young carers raced across climbing frames, balanced on wobbly bridges, and embraced the joy of carefree play.

Mealtimes at Eurocamp were more than just delicious food—they were filled with fun and laughter! One of the most memorable moments was when young carers got to dance with the camp's friendly mascot while enjoying their meals. The lively atmosphere, music, and spontaneous dancing turned mealtimes into a joyful celebration, bringing smiles all around and making every dining experience extra special.

Exploring the onsite shop was a fun and educational experience, as young carers were encouraged to speak French when making their purchases at the till—an exciting opportunity to engage with the local language and culture.

Eurocamp La Croix Du Vieux Pont provided the perfect setting for young carers to unwind, connect, and embrace adventure. This unforgettable trip gave young carers the chance to create cherished memories, build friendships, and enjoy the carefree fun they deserved. Thank you, Eurocamp!



CHATEAU PIERREFONDS

Our young carers embarked on a truly unforgettable adventure to Château de Pierrefonds, a magnificent medieval fortress in France. With its towering walls, intricate spires, and dramatic setting, Château de Pierrefonds transported the young carers to a bygone era. They wandered through grand halls, admired breathtaking architectural details, and posed for photos by the castle's enormous fireplaces—smiling as they imagined themselves as knights and nobles guarding this majestic stronghold.

Their curiosity was sparked by the château's collection of hybrid animal statues—an intriguing mix of lions, griffins, and mythical beasts. These fascinating figures led to excited discussions and playful theories about their history and meaning, adding an extra layer of mystery to their exploration. Venturing down into the château's crypts added to the excitement, as they discovered ancient tombs and eerie passageways, further immersing themselves in the chateau's rich history.

Beyond the historical wonders, the trip was all about fun, friendship, and new experiences. Young carers shared laughter and stories while roaming the castle grounds, bonding over games and making memories to last a lifetime. After their exploration, they enjoyed a well-earned break by the lake, indulging in refreshing ice creams and lolly ices—a perfect way to cool off under the French sun.

A visit to the château's gift shop added another highlight to the day, as young carers eagerly picked out souvenirs to remember their adventure—miniature suits of armour, postcards, and keepsakes that would serve as reminders of the magic they experienced.

The trip to Château de Pierrefonds perfectly captured the heart of Cheshire Young Carers' mission. By providing young carers with opportunities for respite, connection, and a touch of historical wonder, this journey was more than just an escape—it was a chance for them to feel supported, celebrated, and inspired.

' Thank you for this incredible opportunity!
I've had a great time with everyone,
making new friends. It's been the best! '



TEAM 5

INSIDE OUT

Team Inside Out's adventure to France was filled with excitement, new friendships, and moments that will be remembered forever.

The journey began with mixed emotions—some young carers felt a little anxious about leaving home, while others were sad to say goodbye. But as soon as the trip was underway, joy and anticipation took over, and the group quickly bonded over the excitement ahead.

Disneyland Paris was pure magic. From watching dazzling fireworks to tackling thrilling rollercoasters, every moment was packed with joy. Some young carers faced their fears, trying rides for the first time, while others found endless amusement in unexpected moments—like the look of utter disbelief when a side salad was served with their Mickey Mouse pizzas. Who goes on holiday to eat healthy, after all? Laughter, fun, and new friendships made the day truly unforgettable, and smiles never faded—especially during the breathtaking fireworks display.

The adventure continued at Château de Pierrefonds, where the group explored grand halls, admired statues, and ventured through a charming French village. A trip to the local shop added an extra challenge—trying to remember school French lessons to buy ice lollies became a moment of light-hearted embarrassment, but also a fun learning experience.

Looking back, Team Inside Out's trip was more than just an escape—it was an opportunity to grow, laugh, and create magical memories together. Their families at home couldn't wait to hear all their stories. As one volunteer quoted the words from Disneyland Paris "Find your magic, embrace it, and pass it on." Here's hoping the magic of Disney isn't just a one-time experience for this incredible group of young carers!





TEAM 6

MOANA

Team Moana's adventure to Eurocamp and Disneyland Paris was packed with non-stop fun, endless giggles, and just the right amount of chaos!

From the moment they arrived, the group were bursting with energy. Playful debates over room selections set the tone for the trip, while nights in their chalet were filled with games and giggles.

Disneyland Paris was a whirlwind of excitement. Rollercoasters delivered exhilarating thrills—some thought they wouldn't make it through but emerged victorious—while the breathtaking fireworks and drone show left everyone in awe. Exploring the many gift shops became an essential part of Team Moana's adventure, with souvenirs eagerly picked out at every turn to remember the unforgettable trip.

The fun didn't stop at the theme park! Water guns turned the pool into an all-out splash battle, the adventure playground became the perfect setting for endless mischievousness, and hilarious photo pose challenges made exploring the chateau even better. Then came the grape incident, the tree incident, the unicorn incident, and the hot chocolate incident — all just part of the chaos that made the trip unforgettable.

Beyond the cheeky moments and non-stop laughter, new friendships were formed, and memories were made that will hopefully be cherished for years to come. Whether facing fears on rollercoasters, splashing in the pool, or cracking jokes, Team Moana embraced every second of their adventure with pure joy.





TEAM 7

RATATOUILLE

Team Ratatouille's adventure to Eurocamp and Disneyland Paris was packed with hilarious moments, boundless energy, and plenty of unexpected surprises!

From the very start, this lively group bonded over playful antics, proving they might just be the clumsiest bunch yet. Mischief followed them wherever they went—whether it was someone getting locked in the bathroom or the mystery sleepwalker causing confusion in the night.

Eurocamp's swimming complex became a firm favourite, with water slides and splash battles keeping the excitement going. Disneyland Paris was everything they dreamed of—rollercoasters delivered heart-racing thrills, the parade and fireworks left them awestruck, and the gift shop was an essential stop for souvenirs.

The adventure didn't end at Disney! At Château de Pierrefonds, the group admired towering statues before striking some rather creative poses of their own. Exploring the crypt added a thrilling twist to their castle experience, making the historical journey even more fascinating.

On the final night, Team Ratatouille ended their trip with a joyful dance-off and singalong, celebrating their unforgettable time together. The laughter, friendships, and cheeky antics made this an adventure they'll treasure for years to come!



TEAM 8

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

During the planning stages, we decided to include a group of young adult carers (YACs) as additional helpers for each team—a choice that made a huge impact from start to finish. The YACs joined us a day early at the pre-trip sleepover where they started our young leader training scheme, completing workshops on safeguarding and risk management. They will continue their young leader training over the next 12 months completing workshops which will help them to support and run group activities and trip and volunteering at events.

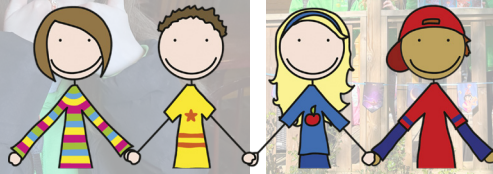
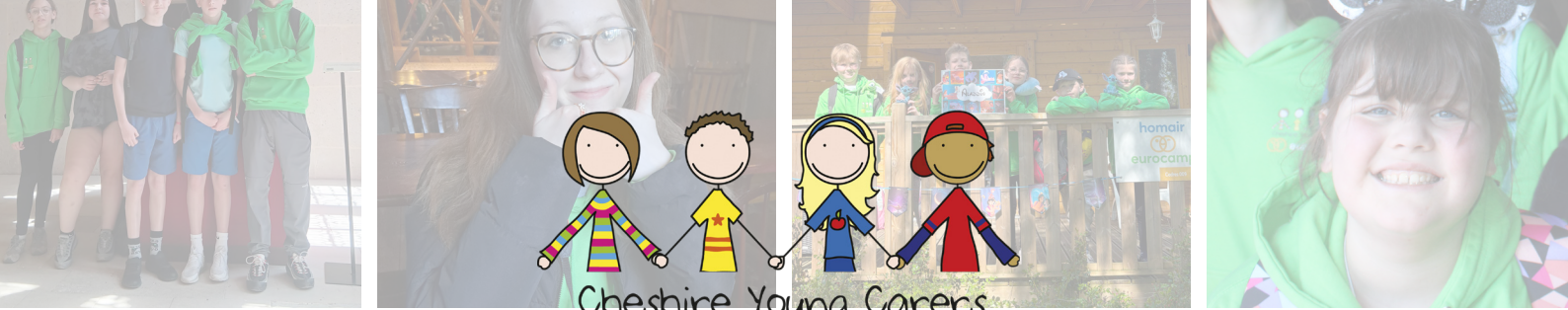
During the sleepover the YACs were a great help, not only helping staff with the supervision and catering but also running some of the games and craft activities all of which they had tried out for themselves.

In France, the YACs had their own lodge as Team Pirates of the Caribbean, where they could reflect on their experiences, share stories, and enjoy some well-earned downtime together. Throughout the trip, they joined different groups, quickly forming connections with the younger carers and proving to be fantastic role models. At Disneyland Paris, they played an especially important role, encouraging young carers to face their fears and brave the rollercoasters they had been nervous to try.

One YAC had previously participated in our Paris 2024 adventure and returned this year as a volunteer. 'Thank you for a brilliant trip to Paris and Disney! I'm forever grateful for being able to experience such a great time with such amazing people! My time as a young carer, YAC and now adult helper have been incredible and I have learnt so much during these years.'

The YACs involvement made a lasting impact, showing just how important it is to provide young adult carers with opportunities to grow, lead, and inspire the next generation.





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‘ Thank you Eurocamp and Cheshire Young Carers for organising this trip. I have made memories and friends for life! ’

‘ I feel so proud helping the young carers, even though I have a responsibility as a YAC for my group, seeing everyone having so much fun is just great! ’

‘ Thank you for taking me on this trip, I’ve had so much fun and loved every part. I’ll never forget it! ’

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