

KREW Camp Report

9 -15 July, 2026

Veron, France



Overview

From 9 to 15 July 2026, EKPF held a new edition of the Kidney Recreation and Educational Week (KREW Camp), this year in Vernon, France, at CRJS Vernon.

KREW Camp is much more than a summer camp. It gives young people living with kidney disease the opportunity to meet others who share similar experiences, gain independence away from their families, learn about health and wellbeing, discover other cultures and, above all, enjoy a week in which kidney disease does not have to define them.

The 2026 edition brought together 28 young people from six European countries. As in previous editions, each national group travelled with accompanying adults, ensuring a safe and supportive environment throughout the week.

In total, the teenagers were accompanied by 13 adults: one nephrologist, six nurses and six representatives from national kidney patient organisations. This combination of medical and organisational support allowed participants to enjoy the camp with the necessary level of care while encouraging independence and a normal summer camp experience.

Countries participating:



Greece



Portugal



The Netherlands



Serbia



Poland



Spain

Daily activities

Day 1



Arrivals & Welcome

Participants arrived in Paris from six different countries and travelled together to Vernon. After settling into the venue, we had dinner and some time to meet each other and relax after the journey.

Team Building & Swimming

The first morning was all about getting to know each other! Icebreakers, international team games and a photo challenge around Vernon helped break the ice. In the afternoon, we headed to the swimming pool, followed by Dutch Night.

Day 2



Day 3



Paris!

Full-day excursion to Paris! We explored the city and some of its most famous landmarks before heading back to Vernon. After dinner, we celebrated Portuguese and Spanish Night.

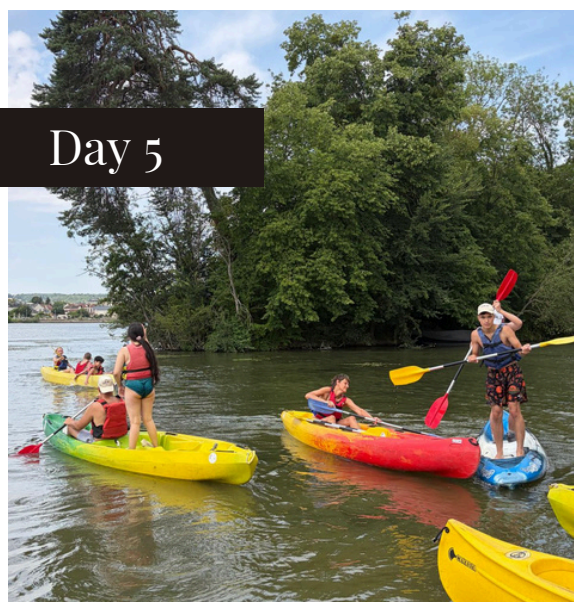
Day 4



Healthy Habits & Swimming

The morning combined an interactive healthy lifestyle workshop with some physical activity. After lunch, we went back to the swimming pool and finished the day with Serbian Night.

Day 5



Kayaking & Bowling

An active day starting with kayaking on the Seine, followed by bowling in the afternoon. In the evening, we celebrated Polish and French Night and enjoyed the fireworks in Vernon.

Day 6



Games & Final Disco

Our last full day started with laser tag, followed by an escape game at the venue. And, of course, there was only one way to finish KREW Camp: final disco night!

Day 7

See You Next Year!

Evaluation

Group dynamics

The group connected very quickly, with participants mixing naturally across countries. International rooms, team activities and national evenings helped create a strong group atmosphere and new friendships.

Activities

The programme combined sports, education, culture and fun. Paris, kayaking, swimming, laser tag and the escape game were some of the highlights of a very active week.



Conclusions

The 2026 KREW Camp was a great success. Having six nurses and one nephrologist, together with an amazing team of accompanying representatives, provided excellent support throughout the week. The programme was packed with activities while still allowing enough time to rest, relax and enjoy the pool.

Participating countries were highly engaged, and we were especially happy to welcome new countries to the KREW community. Most importantly, the camp ran smoothly, with no health-related incidents during the week.



Acknowledgements

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the national kidney patient organisations that participated in KREW Camp 2026 and trusted EKPF with this very special project.

A very special thank you goes to France Rein, for organising this edition together with EKPF and for their invaluable support before and throughout the camp, as well as to the CRJS Vernon team and local activity providers for making us feel so welcome.

A huge thank you also to all the accompanying adults and healthcare professionals, whose commitment and energy created a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Most importantly, thank you to our young participants for their enthusiasm, openness and for making KREW Camp what it is.

Finally, thank you to all the companies, partners and collaborators whose continued support makes this experience possible year after year.

