

Immenhausen Scout Camp (30/07/2026 – 09/08/2026)

Two former participants of a construction course in Altötting had used a solar cooker in a café on the campsite to heat water during the last national camp in 2022. “It was a real eye-catcher and was photographed a lot. Café guests often asked us about it.” It was them who suggested building the SK14 solar cooker in groups at this year’s national camp in Immenhausen near Kassel – and, of course, using it as well.

Having loaded our trailer with three workbenches, machines for non-electric fabrication, hand tools, some prefabricated materials and much more, I drove the approximately 640 km to Immenhausen on 29 July. Thursday, 30 July, was set aside for pitching our tents and setting up the workshop. Unfortunately, a thunderstorm swept through in the evening and a strong gust of wind flattened about half of the large tents belonging to the more than 6,000 participants.

The first construction course group was scheduled for Friday, but unfortunately this didn’t go ahead as the registered participants were busy repairing and re-erecting their tents.

Over the following four days, we were able to manufacture parts for five SK14 solar cookers from structural steel and assemble the solar cookers. They were put to use straight away at their campsites.

“It was simply marvellous to see the enthusiasm with which the Scouts punched, bent, rolled and screwed away at our anniversary site throughout those days. It became a regular evening ritual: just in time for dinner, the solar cooker in question was finished, so that the craftsmanship always produced results that were well worth seeing.”
(Albrecht Sigler)

A fully assembled solar cooker was ceremonially handed over to the Federal Campsite in Immenhausen at the closing ceremony. It is available for visitor groups to use for cooking. My stay and the SK14 were kindly sponsored by Pfadfinder-Fördererkreis Nordbayern e. V. (PFN).

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