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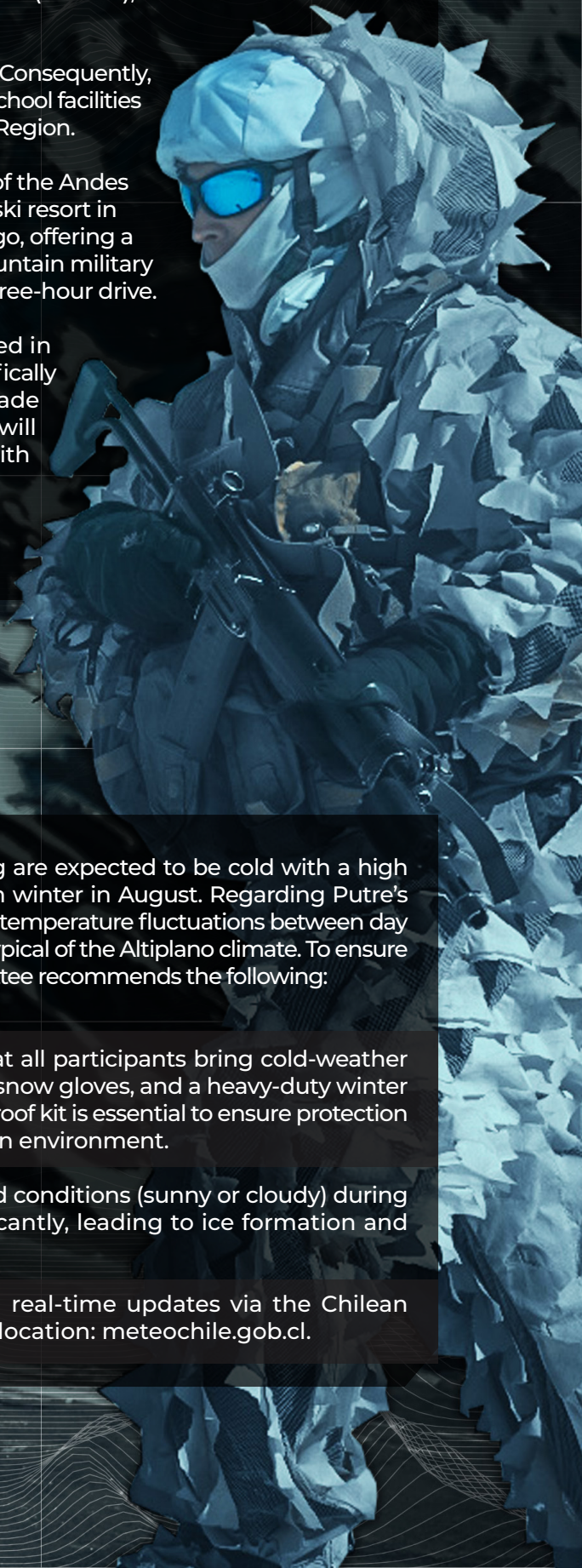
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The Chilean Army Mountain School is honored to host the 58th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Military Mountain Schools (IAMMS), to be held in Chile from August 24th to 29th, 2026.

This year's topic is "High-Altitude Warfare and training." Consequently, the event will be hosted at the Chilean Army Mountain School facilities and Altiplano military units in the Arica and Parinacota Region.

Chilean Army Mountain School is located in the heart of the Andes Mountain Range, situated near the renowned Portillo ski resort in the Valparaíso Region. The site lies northeast of Santiago, offering a premier high-altitude environment for specialized mountain military training. It is 150 km from Santiago, approximately a three-hour drive.

Altiplano operations (high altitude) will be conducted in the Arica and Parinacota Region (Northern Chile), specifically in the town of Putre where the 24th Motorized Brigade "Huamachuco" is located. The Technical Committee will attend activities at this location before integrating with the Commanders' committee for the conclusion of events at the Portillo military training center. Arica is located on a four-hour flight from Santiago and Putre is a three-hour drive from Arica.



The weather conditions in Portillo during the meeting are expected to be cold with a high probability of snowfall, which is typical for the Andean winter in August. Regarding Putre's meteorological conditions it is characterized by extreme temperature fluctuations between day and night, high solar radiation, and low humidity levels typical of the Altiplano climate. To ensure safety and operational efficiency, the organizing Committee recommends the following:

- ▶ **Cold weather gear:** It is highly recommended that all participants bring cold-weather clothing, including high-thermal insulation layers, snow gloves, and a heavy-duty winter jacket. Additionally, a complete rainproof and windproof kit is essential to ensure protection against the unpredictable conditions of the Andean environment.
- ▶ **Surface Conditions:** Expect heavy snow and mixed conditions (sunny or cloudy) during the day. At night, temperatures decrease significantly, leading to ice formation and slippery ground.
- ▶ **Weather Forecast:** We recommend monitoring real-time updates via the Chilean Meteorological Directorate, at Portillo and Putre location: metechile.gob.cl.

1. REGISTRATION

The registration process will remain open until June 5, 2026.

Link: <https://forms.gle/kP65VLj96FCYdtWw8>

2. SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES

Please note that activities will be conducted in various locations throughout Chile, specifically in the Andes Mountains (Portillo) and the Altiplano (Putre, Arica). Technical committee will fly to Arica – Putre (altiplano operations) and Commanders´ Committee will remain at the Portillo training center. Both groups will reconvene at the Portillo for the conclusion of the event.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT

All nations are to arrange for their own travel clearances to enter Chile.

REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT

Registration must be completed through the “Registration” link located at the top of the homepage. The deadline for all registrations is June 5th, 2026, and all participants are required to present valid official identification for attendance verification upon arrival. Please note that any attendees wishing to arrive before August 23rd or stay after August 29th must coordinate these arrangements through their respective Military Attaché and the Organizing Committee; such extended stays will be at the participant’s own expense.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Due to the specific capacity of the Portillo Military Barracks and accommodation in Putre, where the conference will be held, there is an official limitation of one (1) director and three (3) technical representatives per nation.

TRAVEL TO THE EVENT

The Host Nation will provide ground transportation from Arturo Merino Benítez International Airport (SCL) to hotels for both arrival and departure phases. Furthermore, transportation will be ensured for all scheduled activities throughout the duration of the event.

Independent Travel: While delegations may move independently, please be advised that any private vehicles must be appropriately equipped for mountain and snow conditions (e.g., 4x4, tire chains). Recommended Rentals agencies: Hertz Chile , Avis rent a car.

Regarding the Technical Committee deployment to Northern Chile (Arica), the Army Aviation Brigade will assume full responsibility for aerial movements. Furthermore, all ground transportation requirements for the Arica–Putre deployment phase will be ensured by the Host Nation.

ACCOMMODATION

During the Congress (Aug 24–29)

Lodging will be provided at Chilean Army military facilities as follows:

- Portillo Officer Mess (Commanders).
- Portillo and Putre Barracks (Technical committee).

EXTERNAL ACCOMMODATION (ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE)

For dates outside the official program, the Host Nation recommends selecting accommodation within the Vitacura and Las Condes districts due to their high service standards and strategic proximity. These areas have been selected to facilitate centralized transportation and ensure efficient logistical coordination for all delegations.

