

...**EVERYDAY ADVENTURE**



District Expedition to Kandersteg, Switzerland **28th July – 10th August 2017**

Hopefully you have now heard about our amazing Alpine Adventure to Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland in Summer 2017!

Here is some more detailed information about the expedition and the booking form.

About the expedition

This trip is open to anyone in the district aged 12 or above as at 29th July 2017.

During the two weeks, participants will rotate round a variety of activities – either trying them for the first time or developing skills in activities they've tried before. Activities will include a mixture of climbing, hiking, water-sports, mountain biking (or similar), high ropes, swimming, a celebration of the Swiss national day, campsite service, a campfire with Scouts from other countries and visits to other local attractions/activities. Everyone will spend at least one night on an overnight expedition, staying at a mountain hut in the Swiss Alps.

Additionally there will be an opportunity to explore the traditional local village of Kandersteg and the local cities (Bern and Interlaken).

Participants will have a degree of choice over some of the activities, with the ability to choose more active or gentle options.

In addition, the cost includes a training day, pre-event camp, branded clothing and insurance etc.

Accommodation and catering

Whilst we're away, everyone sleeps under canvas, either your own tent or we can arrange this for you. Each participant will need their own sleeping bag.

Food for up to 100 hungry, active Scouts/Explorers and leaders will be provided by a catering team or eating with others in in the Kandersteg Scout Centre canteen each day. Lunches will often be packed lunches – to be enjoyed alongside the stunning Alpine scenery!

About Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC)

KISC is a World Scout Centre and welcomes over 12,000 Scouts and Guides per year from more than 40 different countries. KISC is run by volunteer Scouts and Guides from all over the world.

Opened in 1923, following a search by Baden-Powell for a site for a 'permanent mini-Jamboree', KISC combines a campsite and indoor accommodation with programme support and an international staff team comprised of volunteers.

KISC is situated at 1,200 metres above sea level approximately 40 miles south of Bern (the capital of Switzerland) and is at the southern end of the small, traditional village of Kandersteg. It is open both to groups and individuals, Scouts and non-Scouts, throughout the year.

Hemel Hempstead District Scouts

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The organising team

The team for this expedition will come from all parts of our district and many of the team will have lots of experience organising trips of all sizes and similar activities in previously.

The team will include a number of scout and explorer leaders from other groups/units in Hemel Hempstead who will be advised by the relevant volunteers and staff at Hertfordshire Scouts, the UK Scout Association and Kandersteg itself. Adults running adventurous activities (climbing, sailing, hillwalking etc) will all have been trained and assessed under the Scout Association's adventurous activities permit scheme. Some activities may be run by an appropriate third party provider in line with the Association's rules.

Expedition costs

The cost of the expedition is £800 per Scout, Explorer, Network member or leader – starting with a £50 deposit to reserve your place by the end of February 2016. There are three ways in which you can pay the balance:

- Monthly installments of £50 starting with a deposit by 29th February and then by the end of each month (excluding December 2016) until June 2017.
- Termly installments of £150 by 31st March 2016, 30th June 2016, 30th November 2016, 31st March 2017 and 30th June 2017 (in addition to the £50 deposit)
- One-off payment of £800

Payments

To assist with the administration of payments, automated or post-dated payments would be preferred (we use GoCardless to securely handle payments by direct debit) or you can provide post-dated cheques which will be cashed each month/term.

Fundraising to help reduce the cost

To with the costs of the expedition we intend to run some fundraising events where the money raised is deducted from the fees of those who support the fundraising event.

Financial Assistance

Help is also available to enable participation (generally in the form of extended payment terms or support with up to 50% of the cost - occasionally more in some circumstances).

For more information contact Russ Dyble in confidence: 07790 296378 or dc@hemel-scouts.co.uk

The pre-expedition experience

As with all Scouting expeditions it is important that our young people and leaders have the opportunity to work together before we go. To ensure there are the opportunities for this we will be some pre-expedition training events (all included within the price):

- A training day where everyone meets each other and has advice on kit etc
- A training camp for everyone to get to know each other
- Session(s) to assess the walking/climbing ability of participants to help with groupings

We will also hold a final briefing for participants and parents just before we depart.

DON'T MISS OUT - SIGN UP BY 29th FEBRUARY!

District Expedition to Kandersteg – July/August 2017

I would like to book a place on the district expedition to Kandersteg as a Scout, Explorer or Network.

Full name as printed on passport _____

Known as name (if different): _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Date of Birth _____

I am a: Scout Explorer Scout Network (please circle)

Scout Troop/Explorer/Network Unit _____

Parent's Email (if under 18) _____

Scout/Explorer/Network's Email: _____

Home phone number: _____

Parent's Mobile 1: _____ Parent's Mobile 2: _____

I would like to pay for this trip: Tick as appropriate

- In full (£800) – cash or cheque _____
- Monthly (16 x £50) – direct debit (you'll be emailed a link) _____
- Monthly (16 x £50) – post-dated cheques (see below) _____
- Termly (5 x £150) – post-dated cheques (see below) _____

Please enclose post-dated cheques (to "HHDS – International") with your application form, either:
Termly installments

£50 deposit plus five cheques of £150, dated 31/3/16, 30/6/16, 30/11/16, 31/3/17 and 30/6/17

Monthly installments

Sixteen cheques of £50, dated:

28/2/16, 28/3/16, 28/4/16, 28/5/16, 28/6/16, 28/7/16, 28/8/16, 28/9/16,
28/10/16, 28/11/16, * 28/1/17, 28/2/17, 28/3/17, 28/4/17, 28/5/17, 28/6/17,

* No payment due in December 2016

I understand that my deposit will become non-refundable as soon as I am notified that I have a place on this expedition and that all further payments become non-refundable once cashed.

Parent's Name _____ Parent's signature _____

Your need to get your Scout/Explorer Scout Leader to approve your application if under 18.

Leader's Name _____ Leader's signature _____

**Please return this form to the Expedition Administrator, Maureen Shelley
C/o 1 Crossfell Rd. Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RB by 29th February 2016**