



Issue 1 – September 2022

Hello!

Hoi zäme and a warm welcome to the first full edition of KIX+, your expedition newsletter. We'd like to start by saying a massive 'thank you' for registering for KIX 2023, taking place from Friday 18 to Sunday 27 August 2023.

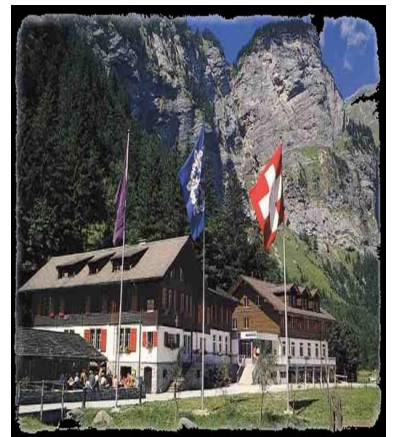


Interest in KIX has been off the chart, and we have over 600 Scouts and leaders supported by 52 volunteer staff from 16 of the 18 districts attending, making this the largest expedition that Surrey Scouts has ever organised.

Location

We'll be staying at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) situated at 1200m above sea level some 65km south of Bern, in the heart of the Bernese Oberland. The centre occupies 17ha of wooded ground at the south end of Kandersteg village and provides an excellent base for excursions and adventurous activities.

KISC offers a unique environment in which people of all nations can join in new challenges, scale new heights and make lifelong memories.



Who can come – a reminder

This is a Scout Section expedition so in line with Scouts Headquarters guidelines, Scouts attending must be over 10 years of age, and still under 14.5 on 18 August.

Adults 18 years and over will need to be members of the Scout Association holding a current Scouts DBS. There are no dedicated activities for Young Leaders, and it is expected that all leaders will accompany their Scouts on the activities unless other arrangements are made with the KIX organisers.

Transport



Travel to and from KISC will be via luxury coach. We will depart from and return to a location in the Guildford area.

All coaches are fitted with seatbelts, DVD players, toilets and air conditioning. Each coach will have 2 drivers, all of whom will stay with us throughout the week.

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Programme



To help you get the most out of the expedition we are organising a programme of activities for the week. This may include high ropes courses, a few trips in a cable car, some hiking, water activities, a bit of sightseeing and a few extras along the way.

One day will be spent on-site where you can participate in some of the activities that KISC has to offer, we'll also need some help with a few small campsite duties.

All the above is included in your camp fee so all you need to plan and fund is one Troop choice day, but don't worry! We'll provide more activities information in the next newsletter.

As if all that wasn't enough there will be an international campfire, the weekly KISC activities, Scouts' Own and our own KISC challenge to keep you busy.

Equipment

To aid with packing the coaches and the fact you will need to carry your equipment to the campsite from the car park, lightweight tents are a must.

We'll provide a personal kit list in future issues of KIX+ but the keyword is **lightweight**.



Everyone will need hiking boots so why not suggest your Scouts get some for their birthday or Christmas presents so that they can start walking them in?

Money

As you know the cost of KIX2023 is £675. This includes transport, campsite fees, insurance, all food whilst at KISC, expedition uniform and most activities.

Payment will be via 4 instalments each of which must be paid as one BACS transfer for the whole group into the CAF Bank Sort Code 40-52-40, account number 00023197 using your group name as the reference.

- Deposit of £75 per person (already paid)
- £150 due now
- £150 by 31 December 2022
- £150 by 31 March 2023
- £150 by 31 May 2023



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All payments are non-refundable; they can however be transferred to other Scouts and/or Troops. Transfers are subject to an insurance name change fee of £25 per transfer.

Not included in the cost are food during the coach journeys, your troop planned day and of course your individual spending money.

We hope that the information you receive from the team and the participant's handbook will help you to budget effectively and have a worthwhile and enjoyable expedition. There's still plenty of time for fundraising to help with the costs.

Other sources of funding may also be available for anyone in financial hardship, please contact the team in confidence at KIX@surrey-scouts.org.uk

Passports, UK GHIC, UK EHIC cards



Passport numbers, issue and expiry dates, and issuing country will be requested via the booking system shortly. Everyone must have a passport valid until at least 19 February 2024. Regardless of expiry date, passports issued on or before 18 August 2013 will not be accepted.

A free UK EHIC (European Health Insurance card) or UK GHIC (Global Health Insurance card) is required for each participant. Apply either online at services.nhs.uk/cra/start or by calling 0300 330 1350.



Please encourage participants without a passport that meets the requirements, and/or a UK EHIC or a UK GHIC to apply as soon as possible as we don't want a panic nearer the time.

Holders of non-UK passports must make their own checks on what (if any) additional documentation is needed to enter France, Germany and Switzerland, complying with all requirements.

Further Information

More information is available on the County Website at surrey-scouts.org.uk/kix

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