



Issue 6 – July 2023

With less than 6 weeks to go before the advance party sets off for Switzerland, welcome to the latest edition of KIX+. The core team are very busy finalising the plans for what is now confirmed as the biggest expedition ever undertaken by Surrey Scouts.

We'd like to say a huge 'thank-you' to all the staff and leaders who took time out of their weekend for the recent briefing meetings. We hope that we managed to answer all your questions but if there's anything you forgot to ask or need to clarify please don't hesitate to contact the KIX team by emailing KIX@surrey-scouts.org.uk and we will do our best to respond as soon as we can.



Admin



We are having to break the promise we made about no further payment reminders as regrettably there are several groups with missing payments. These are now very overdue so if you are one of these groups, please arrange to finalise your account immediately. We know who you are and don't want to have to send the bailiffs round 😊

In Touch

Please provide details of your group's InTouch contact using the Microsoft Form at forms.office.com/e/a0n9vwefFz

Your contact must not be related to any member of the party (including leaders) and must also be contactable throughout the expedition. More information can be found from the HQ InTouch factsheet available at scouts.org.uk/intouch



Money Matters



Due to the logistics involved with the number of participants at KIX23 we will not be offering an expedition-wide bank. We will however do our best to split large notes for leaders (only if you are planning to operate a camp bank facility to your Scouts).

Please give us as much notice as possible as we will not be holding a lot of cash onsite so may need to arrange to visit the local bank or cash machine. Bear in mind that the largest Swiss banknote (1000CHF) is worth over £870.

We're not setting a limit on the amount of money that Scouts can bring but if you are asked, we would suggest they will need no more than 15CHF per day.

Rules

Although the legal drinking age for wine and beer in Switzerland is 16, all participants in KIX are required to follow the Scout Association's Safety Policy. This means that adults must not consume alcohol whilst they are directly responsible for young people and under-18s must not consume alcohol under any circumstances.

Swiss Army knives are a very popular souvenir. If your Scouts wish to purchase these or any other knives then an adult will need to be present. We strongly recommend that a leader takes custody of such knives and brings them back into the UK in their hold luggage before handing them to the Scout's parents on your return home.

RULES!
1. You **SHALL!**
2. You **WILL!**
3. You **MUST!**

Activities

Leaders will have now received any applicable troop choice day invoices. Please contact Sue and Ant at KIX-activities@surrey-scouts.org.uk if you were expecting an invoice that you have not yet received. Please pay these invoices by bank transfer into the Surrey Scouts CAF Bank account sort code 40-52-40, account number 00023197 using your group name as a reference within the next seven days.



Travel

Scouts must travel to and from Kandersteg in the expedition uniform comprising the red KIX23 T-shirt, KIX international scarf and Navy Scout trousers. There is no need for anyone to take their normal Scout uniform (unless you have something planned where you want your group to be in uniform).



We are continuing to finalise the coach allocations and will let you know which coach you have been assigned (including details of your fellow travellers) a couple of weeks before our departure. At the same time, we will do our utmost to let you know where the coaches might be stopping along the route in order to help you with planning of how many euro and Swiss francs you may need, but please be aware that the route may change on the day due to a number of factors outside of our direct control.

We have received several requests for Scouts to be dropped off at or collected from KISC. This is not a problem whatsoever but (unlike previous years) we now need to provide details of all coach passengers to the coach and ferry companies for customs and immigration purposes, so **you need to provide the details of anyone who is making their own travel arrangements for the outward, return or both journeys.** Please email their details (name, date of birth and troop) to KIX@surrey-scouts.org.uk by **31 July 2023**.

Camp kit

In the participants' handbook you have a kit list, as a reminder, everyone will need normal camp kit including a plate, bowl, mug, cutlery and the all-important tea towel. Don't forget a camping mat as the ground is hard...very hard.

In addition, you will need full waterproofs (jacket and trousers) as well as a sun hat and suncream. We cannot stress enough how unpredictable the Alpine weather can be.

First Aid Kits

It is the responsibility of each Group to administer their own first aid. The expedition team are on hand to offer you support and will liaise with external agencies as required. Each group must bring a troop First Aid Kit. We suggest that it includes the following:

- Green grab bag x 1

Ambulance dressings

- Large x 4 Med x 2 Small x 2

Adhesive Wound Dressings

- Large x 4 Med x 2 Small x 2
- Eye Pad x 2

Crepe Bandages

- Large x 2 Medium x 2

Tuff cut shears x 1

Resusci Face Shield x 1

Adhesive Elastic Strapping x 1

Instant cold pack x 2

Eye wash pods x 4

Foil Blanket x 1

Triangular Badges x 6

Antiseptic wipes x 20

Fabric Plasters x 20

Safety Pins x 6

Disposable gloves 6 pairs

Biohazard bag x 2

Union Flag Uniform Badge



Everyone attending KIX will be entitled to wear the Union Flag Uniform Badge on their Normal Scout uniform from now on (although you won't be wearing this uniform at KIX). This is not provided from the KIX camp fee but can be obtained from your usual badge supplier.

Local day

As you already know, during the local day everyone will be asked to undertake a couple of hours' work to help with the smooth running of KIX23. Whilst some of you might be looking forward to a short lie-in on that day it would be a great idea beforehand to make sure all your Scouts know how to peel a potato or carrot and even more importantly how to butter a slice of bread.



Maybe you could include trying this out as part of your weekly meeting programme at your HQ before finishing for the summer break?

Health forms



These have now been released, so if you haven't already done so, please log into the KIX online booking system and select Manager Forms (Permission and Travel) from left hand menu.

Please enter an email address for everyone in your group. Then select -select outstanding button at the bottom of the screen and then press 'save and send email' which is the middle purple button on the left of the screen. This releases the forms to all to be completed electronically.

You will know when the forms have been completed as the clipboard will change from red to green and will have a tick on it, and the travel document will be a green suitcase and not red.

Please can you encourage everyone to get them completed as soon as possible.

Don't forget we also need a scanned copy of everyone's passport and European/ Global Health Insurance Card (EHIC / GHIC).

That's (nearly) all folks...

We really hope that you have found our pre-expedition KIX+ newsletters interesting. Look out for one more edition just prior to your departure for KISC, before we move onto daily copies during the expedition. These will also be published on the KIX website for parents, carers, family and friends to read back at home.

Don't forget that lots of information is contained in the participants' handbook, this will give you your full kit list, sample daily programmes and lots of other useful information. We strongly encourage everyone to read this handbook - even the parents and/or carers!

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