



Issue 4 – April 2023

Paris KISC in the Spring...

Welcome to the fourth edition of KIX+, containing information about insurance, activities, money, travel, catering and the important leaders meeting.

Insurance



As a reminder, we purchased travel insurance on 10 January 2023 using the details held in the booking system. Regrettably many errors have subsequently been identified, including names and dates of birth not matching passports. Please log into the booking system by 30 April and ensure that all details are correct. Any error may invalidate the travel insurance meaning your group could be held liable for significant costs. We are attempting to work with Unity to make these corrections at no charge but if this isn't possible, as previously advised we will have to pass these costs on to the groups who made the errors. The booking system has now been locked so any changes must come via email to kix@surrey-scouts.org.uk

Money

We are continuing to prioritise keeping costs down and operating within budget, please help us by making your payments of £150 by 31 May.



Activities



Thanks for returning your troop choice forms. Our activities team are busy processing these and will reach out if there are any issues. We have begun to book our external activities with KISC. As you can imagine, the programme is like a big jigsaw with over 100 attendees every day just on high ropes and rafting activities. We expect all Scouts, Young Leaders and Leaders to participate in all activities but if you have anyone in your party that doesn't want to go rafting or on the high ropes, please let us know within the next fortnight so that we can offer the places to staff.



Uniform

All orders received by 24 March have been sent to the supplier for printing and collation and will be available for collection in due course. Any further orders will incur an additional charge due to increased supplier costs.

Passports / EHIC / GHIC

Please ensure that all your group have the correct documents.

Details will need to be entered into the booking system shortly and it's important that these are correct as they will be provided to the coach company as well as border control for each country we enter.

All participants must have their own passport with at least three months' validity remaining. Following Brexit, remember, that UK passports are only valid within the EU for a maximum of ten years from date of issue.



Travel

Given the large number of coaches, this year's expedition will depart from and return to Cobham Services between junctions 9 and 10 of the M25 and not the Guildford area as previously advised. This will allow for a quick toilet break before we depart as well as providing facilities for parents in the event of a late arrival back to the UK. Please consider sharing transport where possible so that we don't inundate the services with 600 cars. Parking is free for up to 3 hours, after which charges apply.

Due to ferry company restrictions, we aren't all travelling on the same ferry which should also hopefully help minimise border control delays both at Dover and on the continent, as 600+ travellers arriving at the same time could pose a challenge. We'll confirm the exact drop-off time in our next newsletter, but everyone must arrive in Cobham at the same time regardless of what ferry you are on, the coaches will not wait for you!

Portable devices

Please be aware that there are no charging facilities on the coaches. We will have a very limited number of charging points available at KIX, please remember to bring your own power cables and plugs. These will be available at the KIX+ Newsdesk inside our admin area. Priority will be given to leaders.

Catering

You'll find a special catering edition of KIX+ attached to this newsletter. **Please forward this to every member of your party** as we need to start working on special dietary requirements.

Leaders' meeting



A leaders' meeting will take place from **10:00-11:30** on **Saturday 1st July** at:

1st/4th Addlestone (St. Paul's) HQ
36 Spinney Hill
Addlestone
KT15 1AD

Please put the date in your diary. It's vital that at least one leader from every group attends as this is the only chance to meet the core team in advance of the expedition and ask any questions. KIX uniforms will be distributed at the meeting.

There'll be a separate staff briefing from **13:00-16:00**; details to follow.

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