



Issue 5 – June 2023

KIX+ is hot off the press and bringing you all the latest news on our expedition this summer.

The planning team continue to work hard to make KIX2023 a memorable event for everyone. Since our last update more money has been paid to KISC, the advance party transport has been booked and more exciting activities have been confirmed.



Money

A few groups are yet to pay their final balance, if this is you, please make the payment as a matter of urgency as we have bills to pay.

Activities



Sue and Ant from the activities team are in the process of finalising your troop choices and you should have received an email recently to confirm the final details of your day. The work to put the full programme together for each troop is ongoing, with a plan to issue a daily personalised programme to each of you before we go to KIX. There will be a certain amount of flexibility built in, in case of bad weather or unforeseen events.

Catering

So far, we have only received 250 catering questionnaires. Please ensure every member of your party completes one to enable us to manage any special dietary requirements using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/gVupV9KfKT>

KIX Uniform

We've now received most of the uniform that was ordered before 1 April. This will be available at the KIX leaders meeting on 1 July however given the large volumes it would be helpful if some of you can collect from Bentley Copse on 15 or 16 June. Please don't just turn up however; we'll send a separate email with details if relevant.

As a reminder you won't wear your usual Scout uniform to and from KIX, instead you'll wear your expedition uniform (KIX t-shirt, scarf and your usual navy trousers).

Transport

As mentioned in the last edition of KIX+ the coaches are departing from and returning to Cobham Services. Please get to the services by 18.30 on Friday 18 August. This will allow sufficient time to load the coaches and make our way to the ferry at Dover. Don't be late as we won't wait for you!

On Sunday 27 August we'll return via ferry from Calais, aiming to arrive at Cobham for 07.30.

Health forms

We will issue these online in June. You'll need to attach a copy of your passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). We must provide passport details for customs purposes and note any visa requirements.

The core team will also need this information should medical assistance or repatriation be required, or if a passport needs to be replaced due to loss or damage. Access to the online database and information is strictly limited, and the storage of personal data is fully compliant with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). A single hard copy will be given to the coach leads in the event of an emergency during your travel to or from KISC. These will be securely destroyed after the expedition. Online access will be used by the core team in Kandersteg in case of emergencies. We recommend that each troop holds copies of the health forms.

Failure to provide the passport number, expiry date and participant's full name (as it appears in the passport) will result in refusal of permission to attend the expedition. We also reserve the right not to assist with any document replacement process should you not provide us with copies of these documents.

Following several queries about the legal position regarding the collection of passports, EHICs, GHICs and health information this has been clarified with advisers at Gilwell Park (Scout Association Headquarters) who confirm:

'The collection of personal data for the effective running of its membership is lawful and fully compliant with the Data Protection Act. Taking a copy of a passport is suggested best practice in the Scout Association's factsheet and does not in any way conflict with Data Protection. The Foreign and Commonwealth office suggests the same as best practice. A copy of a passport is not sensitive personal data. It is certainly confidential hence the reason why it will be secured while abroad.'

'Failing to submit a copy of a passport for a trip could lead to delays in emergency assistance and, in addition to the personal risk, would reflect badly on Scouting if this were to be the case'

Mobile phones

Now that we have left the EU, many mobile phone providers charge for roaming. Please ensure that everyone in your party has checked their own circumstances as we cannot be held responsible for any unexpected charges.



Insurance



Whilst details of our travel insurance can be found on the KIX website, please note that any claims must be made via the KIX management team.

Leaders' meeting reminder



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