



Sunday 23 August 2026



Some activities started before we even reached Kandersteg.



Queueing, for example.

Once here, it was time to get camps set up, find some food and start settling into life at KISC.

Today was the first chance to get properly stuck into the KIX programme, with Scouts heading off for everything from white water rafting and high ropes to walks, tobogganing and plenty more.



We want KIX+ to be about what **you've** been doing, so keep the photos, stories and memorable moments coming. The more you send us, the better each edition will be.

You'll find the KIX+ team at the front of the Sunneblick, or you can email us at

pKIXplus@surrey-scouts.org.uk.

And tomorrow? Plenty more KIX awaits...

Over to the Young Leader Squad



KIX+ should be youth shaped, so we're really pleased to have a Young Leader Squad helping us create content throughout the week. They'll be bringing you their own take on KIX in all sorts of different ways, and you'll be seeing plenty more from them as the week goes on. Here's their first contribution, exactly as they wrote it:

We are challenging you

We would like you to create a troop photo better than ours! There are endless possibilities, use the landscape and any props you wish, surprise us and have fun! Get your leaders to submit photos on the WhatsApp group using **#GeraldsFavPhoto_YourGroup** There will be a prize for the top troop photo!!

Good Luck

Gerald The Duck - YL Squad

Meet Gerald

13.8 billion years ago, there was a big bang and I was created. I travelled the universe, seeing all, yet I felt unfulfilled. Something was missing. My search took me to Switzerland, where I could tell I was getting close to the end of my search. As I travelled through Switzerland, I saw 12 buses driving along, I felt drawn to them. I follow them carefully, flapping and flying, till my wings hurt, until eventually, I reach Kandersteg International Scout Centre. I watched in awe as over 600 scouts dutifully and in unison, unloaded the buses, set up their camps, and started exploring.

This, I could tell, is what I'd been searching for this time. Young people practising good scout values and venturing in the mountains. I've decided to spend a week with the young leader squad observing these values. If you see me around, please come say hi, tell me about your adventures and take pictures of me. Don't forget about my challenge...

See you around,
Gerald.



Meet some of the KIX team...starting with activities

Sue Mitchell heads up the activities team and, together with **Ant Cole**, has spent a lot of time getting all your trips and activities lined up for the week. They're your first port of call for anything activity-related, from tickets to questions about what you've got planned. Before you ask, it's worth checking your activities pack first – there's a good chance the answer is already in there. For non-urgent questions or requests, you can use the online activities form. You'll find the details in the Sunneblick.



Leaders: if you're out on an activity and need to contact the team in an emergency, please call +44 7708 997500.



Catering

Gill Redrup and **Peter Golden** are leading the Kitchen Team, who'll be keeping everyone fed throughout KIX. With the numbers we're catering for, we can't accommodate every individual preference, but we've planned meals that we hope will work well for most people.



Breakfast – continental style, with cereals, yoghurt, bread, cold meats and/or cheese. Porridge is also available on request.

Lunch – made by Scouts at the lunch station after breakfast, with sandwiches or wraps, a choice of fillings, fruit and cereal bars.

Evening meal – a main course with meat, pasta or rice, vegetables and pudding. A vegetarian alternative will also be available; once those who need it have been served, any remaining portions can be offered as a second choice.

Soya milk, goat's milk and cheese, along with gluten-free pasta and bread, are available. If you need any of these, just ask. If you have dietary needs that aren't covered above, come and speak to the Kitchen Team and we'll do our best to help.

And if you really don't like what's on offer, please say something rather than going hungry – we'll see what we can do. And don't forget your necker at mealtimes.

NO NECKER = NO FOOD!!

First Aid

Rob Harlow and **Charlie Brennand** are the Emergency First Aid Team. If you or someone else is injured, speak to your leader first. If your leader isn't available, the KIX team in Sunneblick or KISC staff can help. **Leaders:** please hand the top/original copy of any accident report into Sunneblick reception at breakfast and keep the duplicate for your own records. For anything more serious, Rob and Charlie will work with the rest of the KIX team to support leaders and help arrange any additional assistance that's needed, including a doctor or ambulance.



Lost Property

We're not even 24 hours in and lost property has already started. If you've lost something, let us know using the KIX lost property form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/v9chtZRVQs> or come and see the KIX admin team in Sunneblick.

Birthday Greetings

Today is a very special day for **Amanda Doran** from East Surrey District and **Ann Massey** from the staff team who are celebrating their birthday. Happy birthday from everyone at KIX, we hope you had a brilliant day!



We also had some birthdays during the journey to KIX so a belated Happy Birthday for yesterday to **Ethan Crouch** from 1st Walton Sea Scouts, **Sebastian Cannon** from 5th Reigate, and **Isabella Corbin** and **Sophie Watson** from 3rd Epsom and for Friday to **Derek Currie** from 4th Frimley and **Nicholas Lloyd** from 1st Chertsey.

Messages from home

We've had our first two emails from home...unfortunately for everyone else, they're both for **Oliver** from 1st Weybridge, who is currently absolutely dominating the postbag! I hope you're having the best time! Hope the journey over there wasn't too bad! Sending big hugs Love always Mummy and Freya. I hope you are having a great time and enjoyed your first night on the ferry. Lots of love Grandma and Grandad Ken.

Following KIX from home? Send us a message at KIXplus@surrey-scouts.org.uk – we'd love to hear from you. If you're here with us, keep the photos and stories coming too. Bring them to KIX reception in Sunneblick or email them to the same address. The more you send us, the more we can squeeze into KIX+.

That's all for tonight. Enjoy your evening, get some sleep if you can, and we'll be back tomorrow with more from KIX26!

Tomorrow in Kandersteg...

Night



12°

Morning



14°

Afternoon



21°

Evening



17°