

KISC 2020 FAQ's

Scouts Canada is organizing a Contingent to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in July 2020.

1) What is the Kandersteg International Scout Centre? (KISC)

Our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, dreamed of one place, where Scouts can meet, live in peace and learn from each other.

Only 13 years after the first scout camp on Brownsea Island, the first international event took place: the first World Scout Jamboree. At the Jamboree's closing ceremony, B.P. said that he dreams of one place in the world, where this "Jamboree" feeling - feeling of world brotherhood, peace and international friendship - would happen all year long. His Dream came true in 1923 when Kandersteg International Scout Centre was founded in the small village of Kandersteg, Switzerland.

2) What is the purpose of the adventure?

- To participate in an adventure that will foster a better understanding of Scouting in the world.
- To nurture young people in their self-reliance and independence.
- For participants to learn about and appreciate different cultures and languages.
- To appreciate the natural world.

3) Overview:

Scouters from different parts of Canada have come together to plan a trip for an amazing Scouting adventure. The approach is simple...Plan a camping adventure that others can join and be part of...A Canadian Scout experience to a beautiful International Scout Centre.

- The Contingent will be using the KISC meal plan, so Groups will not be purchasing or cooking meals.
- Groups will plan their own program and plan their own adventure while at camp.

4) What are the dates?

Friday, July 10 – Monday, July 20th, 2020

5) Who is eligible to attend?

All members of Scouts Canada are eligible to attend. Groups will decide what works best for them and their youth members.

6) What is the cost?

The Canadian Contingent fee is \$ 875 CAN per person.

7) What does the Canadian Contingent fee include?

The Canadian Contingent fee includes:

Campsite fees for 10 days, 10 nights

Train travel to and from Kandersteg from your Swiss arrival and departure airport

Breakfast each day

Lunch for 5 days

Dinner meal for 5 days

One Contingent Excursion

Contingent Kit

8) What are the registration details?

Registration is open from February 1st – March 15th, 2019.

The Contingent size is set at 250 people, and an initial non-refundable deposit of \$ 125.00 secures your registration.

As there is a maximum number of participants, so registration is on a first come, first served basis.

9) When do I need to pay?

\$ 125 with your Registration

\$ 250 on November 30th, 2019

\$ 500 on March 31st, 2020

10) What does the Contingent Kit include?

The Contingent Kit includes:

Will there be extra things to purchase?

Yes, additional items will be offered.

11) What currency is used?

Switzerland uses the Swiss Franc. (they are not part of the European Union)

The exchange rate from Canadian \$\$ to Swiss Francs is very stable at approx. 1.30

12) What extras will I need to add to my own costs?

For your Group you will need to calculate extra meals, as well as your program fees.

For meals:

Lunch in cafeteria is CHF 13.00 Swiss Francs (approx. \$ 16.90 CAN\$)

Packed lunch is CHF 11.00 Swiss Francs (approx. \$ 14.30 CAN\$)

Dinner is CHF 13 Swiss Francs (approx. \$ 16.90 CAN\$)

Your additional program fees will be determined by your activities and excursions your Group decides to pursue. To view options and to start on your program budget, click the links below:

<https://www.kisc.ch/tips-prepare-programme>

<https://www.kisc.ch/programme-adventure>

When calculating your total adventure costs, you need to also consider these factors:

- Luggage fees especially for tents.
- Additional program costs, including transportation, if planning to tour parts of the country from KISC.
- Meal costs when out of camp.

Switzerland is an expensive country, however, by utilizing the services offered by KISC for program booking, there are ways to save.

13) How big is the camp and what other Scouts will be there?

The campsite is for 1,200 campers and is geared to be in the atmosphere of a mini-Jamboree. As summer is peak season, we can expect Scouts from various European countries to be camping as well. Our Canadian Groups will each camp on different sites, so you will get an opportunity to meet and engage with other Scouts for a truly international experience.

14) How far is KISC from Kandersteg Village?

The Centre is located approximately 1.5km from the village centre and train station. There is also a local bus which runs hourly from the Train Station to the Centre during the day time. It's also a great, short walk!

15) How easy is it to navigate and communicate, I only speak English?

Switzerland like most European countries is easy to navigate and to communicate in English for visitors.

16) How do I book flights?

For flights we will be using Globespan Travel, an official travel supplier to Scouts Canada. They have a pre-arranged, reasonable fee structure. Please contact XXX to enquire about flights for your Group.

17) What if I want to travel on points, book my own, meet my family afterwards etc..

As each Group is responsible for your own travel booking, all manner of travel is left to your own arrangements.

We would like everyone to arrange to arrive at KISC no later than 3 PM on Friday, July 10th, 2020.

18) How will the meals work?

We have purposely only included a set number of mid day and evening meals. This is to coincide with your Group's program plan. You may be out of camp exploring on any number of days, so the meal plan offered will provide the flexibility to build a program plan that suits your needs.

The cafeteria has set hours each day for each specific meal. As we are anticipating a large group, times will be provided per Group.

If you decide to spend all your time in camp, we can adjust your KISC catered meals for each day for an additional cost per person. (see additional fee structure below)

How well can they deal with dietary issues?

While they will do their best to cater to the different requirements, the meals are all prepared the same kitchen, so we can not guarantee that the meals are 100% allergen free. If you have a severe allergy, please let us discuss what is possible.

19) How does the program work?

Except for the one Continent excursion, your Group will plan and book your own program plan. KISC offers several onsite and offsite program opportunities, some are free, and many have a reasonable fees per person. The KISC staff can also book your offsite/commercial excursions, usually at a reduced fee. Day trips to Bern, Thun, Interlagan are just a couple of suggestions.

Program bookings for the summer 2020 opens on March 1, 2020. Our experienced Program Team will offer suggestions and recommendations, so you get the most from your adventure.

See **Question 12** for program links.

20) Are their specific excursions or things we will do as a Contingent?

Yes, as part of the Contingent fee we will be doing a Contingent daytrip via coach to Stresa, Italy.

Stresa is a beautiful old Italian town situated next to the stunning [Lake Maggiore](#) with an unmistakably Mediterranean atmosphere. There are many options available to fill up your day, such as island hopping between the beautiful Borromee Islands, shopping, swimming and of course, an Italian lunch followed by world famous Italian ice cream.

Details to follow.

21) I want to stay longer, is that possible?

Yes, we will just need to verify additional costs and space available.

22) We have members that may want to stay in the chalet or lodge, is that possible?

Yes, for those not wishing to camp, there are several accommodation options available, including the main lodge and chalets.

23) Is there WiFi available?

Free Wi-Fi is available in the Old and New Chalet, Kanderlodge and Sunneblick. The Campsite and the Tower do not have a direct Wi-Fi connection.

24) Is medical insurance provided through Scouts Canada?

No, you will need to arrange your own out of country medical insurance. This is required of every Participant.

For additional help with your participation in KISC2020, send an email to

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