

BIRMINGHAM SCOUTS & GUIDES KANDERSTEG 2021



October 2019

WINTER ADVENTURE TRIP TO KANDERSTEG 2021

Birmingham Scouts & Guides are organising another fantastic winter trip to Kandersteg in Switzerland during the February Half Term in 2021. The trip is open to all Scouts & Guides and Leaders who will be twelve and over on the 12th February 2021.

Dates – Friday 12th to Sunday 21st February 2021 (including travel to and from the UK).

Programme and Accommodation - There will be a full programme of activities, including 3 days skiing and then 3 more days of sledging, curling, snow shoeing, an epic mountain hike and so much more with awesome daytime and evening activities.

The skiing is perfect for complete beginners and also those who are more experienced. All the equipment will be provided; you will just need to bring your own clothing! We will be staying at the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg village where all meals, bedding and activities are provided. There is a full daytime and evening programme for a fantastic week away and we know from experience that it's an awesome adventure for everybody.

Transport - We will be travelling by coach from Birmingham, leaving on Friday evening (12th Feb) and returning on Sunday morning (21st Feb), giving us a full week in Switzerland.

The Costs - The fully inclusive price for the whole trip is £860 and this covers everything apart from your personal spending money (see 'the small print' below). To help spread the cost of this excellent trip we have tried to get this information to you as early as possible and provide the following payment schedule, which is flexible to meet your needs if required. All participants are welcome to look at any fund-raising opportunities to help offset the costs.

Payment Before	Amount	Note
28 th February 2020	£120	Non-refundable deposit
31 st March 2020	£185	
31 st June 2020	£185	
30 th September 2020	£185	
30 th November 2020	£185	Final payment

If you would like more flexibility in the payment options (for example to pay a smaller amount more frequently than the schedule above) then please arrange this by emailing john.nelson@birminghamscouts.org.uk with details.

► **Option 1 - Pay by ONLINE TRANSFER** (preferred):

To our Lloyds Bank account with Sort Code **30-16-84** and Account Number **1926 3668**. Use the the participants SURNAME and FIRST TWO letters of their FIRST NAME as the reference and also email kandersteg@birminghamscouts.org.uk with the date and amount that you transferred.

► **Option 2 - Pay by CHEQUE** (not preferred):

Made payable to '**County of Birmingham Scouts – Kandersteg**' and posted to **Kandersteg 2021, 1 Wasperton Close, B36 9DZ** with the **participants name** on the reverse.

The Small Print - We will be taking out overseas insurance cover and will send details in due course. Should a claim be made, then the excess will need to be paid by the person involved, on their return home. Trip costings are based on a current exchange rate of 1 GBP to 1.2 CHF (Swiss Francs) with some contingency built into the trip to allow some currency fluctuation. If global markets change the actual exchange rate significantly then the trip cost may be revised up or down to reflect this. We use a currency purchase scheme to buy Swiss Francs in advance of the trip and to lock down the overall cost as soon as possible. There are only 120 available spaces on this trip that are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Find out more - We will be holding an **open night** to promote the event on **Monday 25th November 2019**, from **7.30pm**, at the Girl Guiding Headquarters, **Trefoil House, Brownsea Drive, Blucher Street, B1 1QL**. This meeting is open to all eligible Scouts, Guides and Leaders, for anybody who would like more information about the trip or for people who have been before to catch up with old friends. We'll be showing a presentation and will be able to answer any question. Also there are pictures, videos and testimonials online at our Facebook page [facebook.com/BirminghamKandersteg](https://www.facebook.com/BirminghamKandersteg)

What's Next – Please complete the online application form before Friday 28th February 2020 which can be found by clicking on the following link <http://bit.ly/Kandersteg2021> - you will need your Scout/Guide Leaders name and email address for this process. You will then be sent details on how to pay the non-refundable deposit.

Steve Thomas, **Event Leader**

Kandersteg 2021 – The Scout Association County of Birmingham and Girlguiding Birmingham

Email kandersteg@birminghamscouts.org.uk - **Event Leader** Steve Thomas **Organising Team** Emma White, Carley Porter, John Nelson, Alex Harverson, Simon Cardell

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