



kandersteg

international scout centre

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General

Welcome to Kandersteg International Scout Centre, the only truly international Scout Centre in the world. Founded in 1923, the World Scout Centre was the dream of Lord Baden-Powell and is open to groups and individuals throughout the whole year.

Situated at 1,200 metres above sea level, some 65 km south of Bern, Kandersteg is easily reached by road and rail.

It provides an excellent base for exploring the foothills of the Swiss Alps, for sightseeing excursions and for meeting lots of other people from all over the world. The Centre occupies 17 hectares of wooded ground at the southern end of the village. Facilities include accommodation for 250 persons in two buildings and space for approximately 1,200 campers. Catering, provided by the

Centre, is available to all guests. The Centre offers a very wide programme of different activities throughout the year, based on the three main themes of International Friendship, Alpine High Adventure and Eco Adventure. These are designed to allow our guests to experience new activities with people from other countries in the beautiful Swiss Alps. Around 10,000 young people visit the Centre each year from over 35 different countries, ensuring a unique international atmosphere.

why don't you

... come and take part in the Magic that is Kandersteg, the Permanent Mini Jamboree.



general information

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accommodation



The Chalet

The Chalet provides accommodation for 202 people in 32 rooms with between 2 and 22 beds in each. Most rooms are equipped with tables and chairs, providing a living area. Five fully equipped electric kitchens allow several groups to live together while also having their own space. The Chalet is run along much the same lines as most Youth Hostels, with an emphasis on community life and living together with other groups, all of who help to look after and clean the building.

The Chalet provides several common rooms, central heating, modern sanitary facilities with constant hot water, souvenir shop, meeting facilities, postal service, public telephones, coffee bar, and a laundry.

The Tower

The Tower has accommodation for 57 persons, comprising 4 rooms with 12 beds and 1 room with 9 beds, and provides ideal privacy for one group at a time. In addition to showers and toilet facilities for both boys and girls, there is also a large, picturesque recreation room with an open fireplace and balcony, as well as a fully equipped electric kitchen. This facility is also ideal for a weekend celebration or special event.

The Campsite

The Campsite can accommodate up to 1,200 persons on more than 50 different sites. While close to other groups, each group can be sure of their own pleasant campsite with an adequate supply of wood for cooking; other campsite equipment is also available.

All sites have running water nearby and there are toilets and showers with hot water close at hand, which all groups help to look after during their stay.

The Ueschinen hut

The Centre also has an Alpine hut in the nearby Ueschinen Valley. During the summer, the hut is the base for our climbing programme, but it may be used by guests throughout the rest of the year.



Activities

Summer

The Summer Programme of activities is based on the Centre's main themes of International Friendship, Alpine High Adventure and the Eco Adventure. Within these themes, we offer a fixed weekly in-camp programme including an International Campfire, Games evening, a Scouts Own and a Barbecue, as well as a wide range of daily activities such as Trails, Orienteering, Nature Workshops, Hiking, Rock Climbing, Crafts, Mountain Biking, Paragliding, River Rafting and trips to various parts of Switzerland.

By participating in our programme our guests can work towards the Centre's International Friendship, High Adventure and Eco Adventure Awards. These awards are designed to bring together guests of all ages, nationalities and cultures, whilst encouraging them to experience, learn about and appreciate the alpine environment.

Winter

Winter is also an exciting time here in Kandersteg. The Winter Programme offers a range of alpine snow activities such as downhill or cross-country skiing and snowboarding. There are also a variety of other activities in and around Kandersteg, like sledging, curling, skating, snow shoeing and caving. At different times of the season, several special events and activities are organised.

Our Ski and winter activity weeks run from late December to early March and offer the chance to take advantage of a full holiday package. This includes accommodation, food, ski passes, and transport to local and nearby ski resorts as well as guided skiing.

'For activity details see KanderActive!'

Catering

All groups staying at the Centre have the option to be catered for by the Centre staff while staying here. Either by using the full board option, or to book individual meals or by ordering ingredients (limited variety).

For groups staying at the Centre there are Guest Kitchens available on a sharing basis.

Year Round

Throughout the year, we are happy to offer many programme activities for your group. The exact possibilities will depend on when you visit and options vary with each season, so contact us for more information.

For more information on what is available for your group, see our activity brochure, KanderActive, which is available year round with a new edition released every year.



Staff

A full time Director, assisted by an international team of volunteer staff staying from three months to several years, is responsible for the Centre throughout the year. Volunteer staff are recruited in various numbers according to the time of year to assist with the running of the Centre's facilities and the programme offered. If you are interested in joining the staff team and having a fantastic time, please contact the Centre for more information.

Travelling to Kandersteg

Kandersteg can easily be reached by car or train and international Airports are within a few hours. The centre offers different ways of organising transfers, whether coming by train or plane. Please contact us for more information.



Booking and Conditions

Actual prices for accommodation, catering and programme, can be found on our website www.kisc.ch or in our brochure 'KanderActive'. After receiving your request for accommodation, we shall make a provisional booking and send you a booking form. Please complete this form and return it to us immediately. You will be asked to pay a booking fee by a specified date in order to confirm your booking. This booking fee will be deducted from the final bill in full. In case of cancellation or arriving with fewer participants a part of the booking fee will be kept. Once you have paid your booking fee, you will receive further information about how to reserve catering and programme activities for your group.

Scouts & Guides



Scouts and Guides will be given priority during high season, which runs from December 15th to January 10th, the month of February, 7 days before and 7 days after Easter Sunday, and from July 1st to August 20th. Non-Scout groups of more than 20 people will receive the special lower Scout price in the chalet or on the campsite.

'Hope to see you soon in Kandersteg!'