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international scout centre

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Dear Kandersteg friends,

Would you like to become a member of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Association? Your contribution can help many young people, Scouts from all over the world, enjoy the unique experience of Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

Since 1923, the Association has been working to achieve its aim of 'Better Scouting for more young people'. This means providing excellent facilities so our many international guests will enjoy their camps here in Kandersteg.

The Centre offers a huge programme of activities, based around three main themes of International Friendship, Alpine High Adventure and the Eco Adventure. These themes, which have always been strong within Scouting, bring our guests together and encourage them to experience the spectacular alpine environment.

Every two years, a General Assembly of the Association is held in Kandersteg, to monitor the policy and development of the Centre. The running of the Centre is then overseen by an international Committee, elected at the General Assembly.

As a member of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Association, you can attend the General Assembly, and share in the decisions which are made to preserve and develop

Membership of the Association is open to individuals and groups, as well as recognised National Scout and Guide Associations.

The current membership fees are:

☒ Youth Membership (under 25)	USD. 25.– per annum
☒ Individuals or Groups	USD. 50.– per annum
☒ National Scout and Guide Associations	USD. 200.– per annum
☒ Life Membership	USD. 1,500.– single payment

our unique 'Permanent mini Jamboree'. You will also receive our annual report, a membership newsletter 3 times a year and have access to the special Members section of our website. The Association is a nonpolitical and non-profit organisation. We would be very pleased to welcome you as a new member to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Association.

'Better Scouting for more young people'.

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**do you
want to
help?**





a view back

In 1908, a chalet was built by the river Kander as accommodation for the engineers of the Lötschberg tunnel (North-South rail link Switzerland and Italy).

In 1913 the Lötschberg tunnel was opened and the Chalet stood empty.

In 1920, the 1st World Jamboree took place and it was such a great success that Baden-Powell expressed a wish to have a permanent place where Scouts from all over the world could come together.

1923: Purchase of the Chalet

When Walter von Bonstetten, Chief Scout of Switzerland in 1921, was visiting Kandersteg on holiday, he found the empty Chalet. He felt that it could be the meeting place Baden-Powell had dreamed about. Baden-Powell agreed with him and, on February 12th 1923, the Association of this International Scout Home was founded. On 12 April 1923, the Chalet along with 4'673 m² of land was purchased for SFr. 15'100.-. English and Dutch Scouts were the first guests welcomed to Kandersteg.

1929: More property

In 1929 the Association bought the land which today is called the Rövergelände and the land surrounding the entrance to the Lötschberg tunnel as the main campsite area. These purchases were made possible by a generous donation from the International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America.

As of 1937: building the infrastructure and many international camps

Between 1937 and 1939 over 14,000 trees were planted and many hundreds of metres of water pipes laid. In 1931 the 1st World Rover Moot took place with 2,500 participants from 32 countries. The 5th and 9th World Rover Moots (1953 and 1992) were also held in

Kandersteg. As replacement for the cancelled 1979 World Jamboree the European Scout Region organised the international camp 'Kristall '79' with 1,700 participants from 42 different nations.

1977: Kandersteg International Scout Centre

In 1977 the present name 'Kandersteg International Scout Centre' was chosen. The number of recorded overnights has been steadily rising, from 22,000 in 1950 to over 60,000 a year in 2006. Every year around 10,000 Scouts come to live Baden-Powell's dream.

In 1994, the General Assembly of the Association voted to create the International Scout Centre Foundation, Kandersteg, and to transfer ownership of all property to this body.

The Foundation was responsible for the building of the SFr. 3.5 million chalet extension which was opened in 1996. Now, the Foundation is responsible for the investment and large scale development of the Centre, while the Association is responsible for the operational running of the Centre.



As a member you can ...

- ☒ Stay for 1 free overnight per year at the Centre.
- ☒ Attend and vote at the General Assembly that sets the direction of the Centre every 2 years.
- ☒ Stand for election to the Kandersteg Committee.
- ☒ Meet many other people from around the world who also have a great love of Kandersteg.
- ☒ 'Help young people to grow'.

Did you know ...

- ☒ About 10'000 people from around 40 countries visit the Centre each year, giving a total of around 60,000 overnights.
- ☒ We offer our guests over 60 different activities.
- ☒ There are usually between 20 and 60 staff at the Centre, most aged from 18 to 30 who come from all over the world.
- ☒ In 1996 we built a large Chalet extension, a 3.5 million franc investment in the future.
- ☒ In 2005 the 'Next Generation Chalet' project with a value of 3 million francs was kicked off, again investing in the future.
- ☒ We are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- ☒ During the summer months we have, on average, 1,000 guests per day staying at the Centre.
- ☒ The Centre covers an area of 17 hectares, of which 29,152 m² is woodland.
- ☒ There are more than 600 active members from over 35 countries around the world. As well as individual, association and life members, there are a few honorary members, who have given great service to the Centre over many years.

The future ...

In 2008, the Centre will celebrate its 85th Anniversary. In the new millennium, we are always looking for more people to join and help us continue the work of the Centre so that our young people can benefit. If you are able to help us in any way – through skills or knowledge you have, through contacts you can give us, through financial support, or by persuading others to join – then please get in touch. We will be happy to hear from you and to help you help us.

With my best wishes and my hope that you will join us,

Thijs Stoffer, Chairman
Kandersteg International Scout Centre Association

membership



Membership Application Form

I/We would like to join the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Association and agree to pay the annual membership fee.

Family name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____ Postcode: _____ Town: _____

Date of birth: _____ Profession: _____

E-Mail: _____

Membership Category

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Date: _____ Signature: _____

I/We would like to know more about Kandersteg International Scout Centre. Please send the following information:

- General Information
- KanderActive** Activity Brochure
- Catering
- Volunteer Staff Information
- The Statutes of the Association of Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Please return this form to:

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