

Transatlantic Council Klondike Derby 2018 “Crossing the Alps!”



Participant's Guide v.3

Jan. 12 - 15, 2018

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Prices: (Youth and Adult)

3 nights: \$220

2 nights: \$185

Saturday Only: \$40

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I. Overview & Registration Information

Dates and Location

12 Jan – 15 Jan, 2018

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Wagetiweg 7 | CH-3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) is the World Scout Centre of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The Centre was founded by Lord Baden-Powell himself in 1923 and is a very special place for Scouts from all over the world. The Centre is staffed by an international team of Scouting volunteers, known as "Pinkies". You can learn more about KISC here: www.kisc.ch.

TAC are guests at KISC for this event, so please remember to cooperate with the Pinkies' requests and operate within the structures of the Centre.

Who Can Attend

All Boy Scouts, Venturers and Scouters registered with the Transatlantic Council.

Cost

\$220 per person for 3 nights

\$185 per person for 2 nights

Note: Units are required to provide their own 2-deep leadership; otherwise, it is up to the camp leadership's discretion to put units together to form 2-deep leadership for each group. Units may coordinate with each other in advance to camp together, as well, but please let camp leadership know.

Pre-Registration Forms – Appendix A

Each unit (Troop, Crew) will be required to turn in a pre-registration form no later than 20 December, 2017. Please send the pre-registration to jannettenabinger@gmail.com.

Preregistration numbers can be modified until 5 Jan 2018. Please note that KISC requires Passport Numbers.

Payment and Deposit

Payment is due during check-in at Klondike, if not previously paid through Kintera:

<http://2018Klondike.kintera.org/>

Payment will be made in the amount of the reservation as of Friday, January 5, 2018. Kintera final payments are due January 5, 2018, unless adding late registrants upon director's approval. Cancellation and/or refunds will be negotiated with the Camp Director and only in the case of health and natural events. Refunds are subject to a 15% fee. Deposits Due by December 20th.

Make checks payable to **TAC-BSA**. Bank transfers are also accepted. Be sure to indicate unit number and Klondike Derby in the notes on all checks, money orders, and bank transfers.

Klondike Derby Reception - Appendix B

Upon arriving at camporee, the Senior Patrol Leader & Primary Adult Unit Leader should report to the Klondike registration area by the KISC main reception. A main office area will be set up in the High Adventure Room for the remainder of the camporee. Make sure that each Scout is registered. If you do not know who is registered in your troop, please contact Rodney Henk, District Executive, for a roster. Youth who are not registered are not considered Scouts and will not be covered under BSA insurance

The Unit Leader should have in their possession the following items during registration:

1. BSA Medical Forms **A and B** for each person (adult & youth) attending Klondike Derby. Though not mandatory, Part C is highly recommended. **Please alert Klondike Derby Medics of any outstanding health requirements, needs and/or concerns.**
2. Camporee Registration Form (Appendix B)
3. Payment (if not paid through Kintera or bank transfer)

Following registration, KISC staff will provide a full accommodation check-in/orientation.

Trading Post

New this year! We will offer a small trading post with T-Shirts, patches, craft kits, a hot beverage bar, and TAC branded items. We will also have event flyers for our upcoming Council events. Families are welcome to browse our store while getting warm!

Volunteers

This program cannot run without volunteer support. Upon initial registration, each Unit with more than 2 adult leaders in attendance will be required to provide volunteers to assist with running program stations. If you already know who your volunteers will be, then please let the staff know so that we can contact them and prepare ahead of time for the position that they will fill.

Klondike Derby Staff

Below is the primary leadership for this Klondike Derby:

Camp Director	Rodney Henk
Program Director	Jannette Nabinger
Assistant Program Director	Matthew May
Camp Commissioner	Edwin Bowyer
Camp Medical Officers	Jessica and Juan Perez
Camp Master of Ceremonies	David van Proosdij and Jacob Holmes

If you would like to help staff the camporee, please email jannettenabinger@gmail.com or Rodney.Henk@scouting.org.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

+49 1726672716 (Rodney Henk)

+49 15156020847 (Jannette Nabinger)

Food

Meals are provided by KISC Staff (the Pinkies); therefore, we must have food sensitivity information by December 20, 2017 so that we have time to order. Those who drop after December 20, 2017 will be considered a Late Drop and will be charged late drop fees to include the price of food ordered unless a last minute additional person can be found to replace the late drop. We understand last minute emergency medical and military situations – those usually do not get charged a late drop fee. Please email food sensitivity/allergy information to jannettenabinger@gmail.com. **KISC cooks according to this information, so everyone is required to eat as per the food sensitivity/allergy information they provide.**

Driving Directions to KISC

Drive south to Basel and then head direction of Zurich, after a time you must head in the direction to Bern and then the direction of Interlaken until you come to the Spiez exit. Kandersteg is about a 30-minute drive south of the city of Spiez, on the Thunersee. Spiez is near the southern end of Autobahn N6 that goes south from Bern. After the Autobahn ends, follow the signs to Kandersteg.

If you are using GPS to find KISC, our street address and postcode is:
Wagetiweg 7, 3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland

Or you can use the following GPS coordinates:
46° 28.981 N 07 °39.858 E

NOTE: Do not load your vehicle on a train in Kandersteg — If you find yourself at a train loading dock, you have taken a wrong turn.

Parking

Parking is limited so troops are encouraged to carpool. If you are traveling in a private vehicle, snow shovels are a good idea to clear parking spaces. Please look at the weather conditions for your entire trip and anticipate snow and ice type conditions. Plan accordingly. Chalet parking area is reserved for staff. Pinkies will also help with the parking – please be courteous and follow their direction. The parking lot is not very large. You will be fined and/or towed if vehicle is parked in unauthorized areas or illegally. Remember, our goal is your safety!!!

IMPORTANT: Please notify via e-mail or phone the TAC Klondike Staff if you are delayed.

Rules & Expectations

Uniform

The Boy Scout Field Uniform (Class A) is required for Meals. Please wear warm clothes when participating in outdoor activities; we encourage the use of neckerchiefs over snow gear during Program Sessions to encourage patrol/team unity.

Alcohol and Smoking

Alcohol is sold at locations in the village. Remember that we prohibit the consumption of any type of alcoholic beverages at any BSA sponsored event. KISC also prohibits alcohol on their premises. Therefore, alcohol will not be allowed in any of the Klondike Facilities. Smoking only at outside designated areas—adults only.

Railroad Tracks and River

The railroad tracks pass very close to the Scout Center. It is sometimes a temptation to take a short cut across the tracks. This is very dangerous and is strictly forbidden. The Swiss railroad police strictly enforce this rule and all violations are reported. Heavy fines are possible. Please instruct all youth and scouters accordingly. Likewise keep an eye on Scouts. They should not play in or too close to the river that runs through the camp.

Quiet time

Local village law requires everyone to be quiet, with no loud music or noises between the hours of 22:30 and 07:30 daily.

Youth Accountability

Each troop is responsible for maintaining accountability of their youth at all times. At no time will youth be left without adult supervision to include while in the billets. The Klondike Staff is not responsible for supervising your youth. Likewise, while out on the slopes, maintain a communication link with all participants in your care. Youth should have your cell numbers in their pockets.

The Scoutmaster/Unit Leader is responsible for knowing the whereabouts of all his/her youth during the entire weekend.

II. PROGRAM

Overview

This year's Klondike Derby will consist of ten stations that will be visited in a "Round Robin" layout.

Klondike Patrols

Each patrol will have a minimum of four but no more than eight scouts. Ideally, each patrol will be made up of scouts from all different ranks. Every scout will have an opportunity to participate in every station. Each patrol will have a patrol name and yell.

Equipment*

Please note: If your Troop has booked extra program with KISC for Sunday, you may be required to bring extra equipment. Please see Appendix D.

In addition to the Scouting Basic Essentials, each **Scout** must bring:

- Water Bottle
- A cup
- Scout Handbook
- Notepad/Pen or Pencil
- Field Uniform
- Pocketknife with Totin' Chip
- Pajamas/Sleeping Clothes
- Toiletries
- Towel(s)
- Flashlight
- Sun Protection
- Snow Gear: Snow Pants, Jacket, Gloves, Warm Long Johns under snow gear, Snow Boots, Snow Head Gear/Hats, etc.
- Personal First Aid Kit
- House shoes/slippers (Boots are not to be worn indoors!)
- Warm clothes for indoors
- Extra underclothes and socks (nobody likes wet socks – bring lots!!!!)

Each **Patrol** will bring:

- Basic First Aid Kit as described in the BSA handbook
- One personal backpacking stove and fuel (if your patrol cannot bring this, please email jannettenabinger@gmail.com so we can make arrangements for your group).
- Sled and pulling rope already attached (for pulling scouts and gear)
- Blankets or tarps

Skiing and outdoor equipment must be stored in the appropriate Ski Room. Double check before you go that all Scouts have their boots and gear before leaving!

If your unit is assigned to the Tower or Bunkhouse, each person will be required to bring sleeping bags. Your unit will be notified ahead of time.

Leader Participation

Unit leaders who have not been “volunteered” to work a station will be free to accompany his/her patrols around the stations. They will be forbidden to offer advice, coaching, or assistance during the event. Leaders who are found to be interfering will be asked to leave the program area.

Program Notes

This year’s theme is “Crossing the Alps!” Our station and Derby will be playing off this theme. Scouts will spend much of the day participating in event stations. They will not be allowed to leave the event area to retrieve forgotten items. They should be dressed and prepared for the weather, which can be cold and wet. All stations will be running both sessions, so patrols will complete them round robin style with a lunch break in the middle.

Stations:

1. **Sled Relay:** Patrols will Relay with Scouts on their Sleds
2. **Sled Pulley:** Patrols will design a way to get their sled over a bar hurdle using pioneering poles
3. **Boiling Water and Hot Chocolate:** Patrols will be given hot chocolate mix, but they must boil their own water
4. **Animal Detection Game:** Patrols will play a game to find animals that blend in with the snow while they enjoy their Hot Chocolate
5. **Shelter Safety:** Patrols will design and build a Cold Weather Shelter
6. **Cold Weather First Aid:** Patrols will demonstrate first aid in cold weather situations such as hypothermia, frost bite, etc.
7. **Trail Sign Proficiency:** Patrols will follow trail signs on a short winter hike – each location will have a unique stamp that scouts must collect
8. **Avalanche!:** Patrols will be given geocaching coordinates – they must log their Patrol at each Geocache; some geocaches will have a nice surprise!
9. **Mammoth Trap:** Patrols will have a small course that they must navigate through in order to free their Mammoth
10. **Mammoth Quest:** Patrols will be given clues at each successfully completed station that will help them find the lost Mammoth.

Scoring: All Patrols will be given a grid of 50 Mammoths that represent their team as they Cross the Alps. Patrols must minimize the loss of as few Mammoths as possible as they Cross the Alps (progress through the stations); therefore, teams will need to pay special attention to teamwork, safety, skill, and completion. Each station is worth 5 Mammoths, and Station Leaders will sign the grid representing the Patrols’ participation and completion of the station.

Boy Scout Anticipated Rank Requirements to Meet:

- Tenderfoot 5b, 5c
- Second Class 2d; Part of 6a
- Leave No Trace principles will be in effect during the weekend. Debris and garbage will be the responsibility of each person, and any teams found littering or not following LNT will lose points from their overall scores.

All Scouts will participate, regardless of skill level. Volunteers, please look over the events to have an idea on where you might be most helpful.

FRIDAY

- **1700-1830: Light Dinner Menu**
Dining Hall or Eco Room will have light refreshments available.
- **2000: Chaplain/Chaplain's Aid Meeting**
Each unit will send an adult and youth (beyond the SM and SPL) to serve as a Troop Chaplain and Chaplain's Aide. Meeting location: Eco Room.
- **2030: Volunteer Staff Meeting**
There will be a volunteer meeting for all volunteers on Friday night in the staff area. This is for scouters or /parents who would like to help or have already volunteered to assist. Meeting location: Eco Room.
- **2100: SPL/Scoutmaster Meeting 2100**
There will be a mandatory Camporee SPL meeting on Friday night at 9:00 PM; the SPL & Scoutmaster (or substitute leader) are required to attend. Meeting location: Eco Room.
- **2300: Lights Out**

SATURDAY

- **0700-0845: Breakfast**
At New Chalet Dining Hall
- **0900 – 0915: Opening Ceremony**
Outside in front of Chalet Stairs
- **0930-1145: Morning Program Sessions**
- **1200-1330: Lunch**
Outside the Chalet
- **1330-1700: Afternoon Program Sessions**
- **1530-1700: Adults rent ski equipment**
- **1700-1830: Dinner**
At New Chalet Dining Hall
- **2000-2100: Campfire/Awards Program**
Saturday evening, OA will host a traditional campfire program. Patrols are encouraged to perform a skit or song during the campfire. Song or skit proposals will be accepted from check-in thru opening ceremonies by the Master of Ceremonies. (See Appendix) Questions/clarification will be addressed with units during lunch. Please keep all songs/skits appropriate; no toilet jokes, foul language, sexual innuendo, death skits, or drug or alcohol innuendo, and no water may be used. Campfire will last approximately 1 hour. Since it is outdoors, please ensure everyone dresses accordingly.
- **2130: OA Cracker Barrel**
There will be a Cracker Barrel fellowship for all OA members. Meeting location: Main Hall unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY

- **0700-0830: Breakfast**
At Dining Hall
- **0830: Scouts' Own Interfaith Service, Eco Room**
- **0915-1000: Sunday Check-Out**
- **0900-1700: Winter Sports Day**
(Arrangements should be made separately through KISC – emails will go out to each unit after successful registration for Klondike Derby; additional fees will be charged by KISC to each unit separate to Klondike Derby fees. Winter Sports include sledding, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, etc. and are not covered by Klondike Derby Staff. Some units choose to bring their own gear and others choose to rent through KISC).
- **1700-1730: Units must Check-In with Camp Leadership**
- **1700-1830: Dinner**
At New Chalet Dining Hall
- **2100: SPL/Unit Leader Check-Out Procedure Meeting, Eco Room**

MONDAY

- **0700-0830: Breakfast**
- **0945: Check Out must be completed by units**
All units must help clean the common areas (toilets, showers, dining room, and hallways). The House Director will have a schedule to ensure that everyone does his/her part in keeping these areas clean. Before departure, each unit will be responsible for cleaning their rooms as well as the common areas. A KISC Pinkie will check out units and may charge units a cleaning fee if their rules were broken (i.e. USE YOUR MATTRESS PROTECTORS!!!!)

Units will bring Sign-Out Sheets with Pinkie initials to Klondike Derby Staff to receive check-out packets.

DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT GETTING PATCHES AND CHECKING FOR BOOTS IN BOOT ROOM!!!!!!!!!!

See Appendix for Check Out Form

**Appendix B
Campfire Skit/Song Proposal**

Unit Number	
Patrol Name	
Patrol Leader Name	

Description of Song or Skit to be presented at the Campfire

Patrol Skit/Song proposals will be accepted from check in thru opening ceremonies on Saturday morning. Please give this form to the Masters of Ceremonies, David Van Proosdij or Jacob Holmes.

Appendix C

Klondike Derby Check Out Form

- Clean room and restroom
(Following the instruction sheet located in your room.)
- Check the Boot Room for boots
- Clean any common areas
- When you are finished, locate a Pinkie to check you out of your room.
Please have the Pinkie initial this page

Pinkie Initials _____

Take this sheet to Camp Administration to receive your check out packet

Appendix D

Klondike Derby Sunday Winter Sports Day Information

See below for information regarding Sunday Activities during Klondike Derby 2018. Please feel free to contact programme@kisc.ch with any questions regarding KISC activities or booking procedures.

Activity Information

All activities offered through KISC can be found on our [website](#), or in our [KanderActive](#). Activities are available on a 1st come, 1st served basis, and needs to be reserved in advanced with the Programme team at KISC. In order to request activities, please fill in our [programme order form](#) and send it to programme@kisc.ch. **Programme Activity Bookings will open on 20th December, 10:00 AM CET (Swiss time). Programme Order Forms received before this time will not be taken into consideration.** More information regarding our activity booking procedures can be found on our [website](#).

KISC Guided Activities

During Klondike Derby 2018, the following [KISC guided activities](#) will be offered on Sunday 14th January.

AM:	Oeschinen Sledding Group 1	Oeschinen Sledding Group 2	Valley Snowshoeing	Curling	Snow Adventure Day	Cross Country Skiing
PM:	Oeschinen Sledding Group 1	Oeschinen Sledding Group 2	Curling	Valley Snowshoeing		

Detailed information regarding each individual activity, such as timetable or price, can be found on our [website](#).

All activity reservations follow the Centre's Programme cancellation policy, which can be found on the [website](#).

Guided Activity Safety Information

On our guided activities, we have a few essential rules to ensure the safety of the activity. For further information, please see [our website](#).

- The minimum ages and group sizes for activities listed on the website must be followed - with no exceptions.
- **A leader over the age of 18 years old must be present on all guided activities, and is counted as part of the total group number.**
- For all guided winter activities, participants must bring all items from our [Winter Equipment list](#). **No equipment, no activity! Note that Oeschinen Sledding and Snow Adventure Day requires each participant to wear a helmet, which is not included in the total price for the activity.**
- Before our guided activities our staff will ask their group if they have any physical conditions or medication which they should be aware of before starting. The group leader (i.e. Scout leader) should know of any issues and be able to help our staff during the activity check-in.
- Participants must have adequate insurance for any activities that they are taking part in.

KISC Unguided Activities

Information regarding unguided activities can be found in our [KanderActive](#) or on our [website](#), including information regarding [ski equipment rental and ski passes](#). We can also organize ski lessons with the local ski school of Kandersteg, which we recommend to every beginner. **Ski lesson availability is limited, and needs to be requested by 1st January the latest.** All participants taking part in ski lessons needs personal or hired equipment, and a ski pass for the full day.

Ski Passes

All activities at Oeschinensee need a lift pass (sledding, snow sports) You can collect your ski lift passes immediately after the Ski & Snowboard Safety meeting on Saturday evening. Each Ski Pass has a SFr. 5.- deposit. This can be refunded at the gondola station in cash or at the KISC Reception, again in cash or deducted from your bill.

Equipment Rental

- If you have, or would like to book equipment, you need to see the Programme Team to organise the rental and vouchers
- Equipment is collected from the rental stores in the village between 14.00 and 17.00 on **Saturday afternoon**
- If you are doing skiing, snowboarding or sledding; helmets are strongly advised. For any guided activities (skiing/boarding, sledding, or Snow Adventure Day, helmets are required)
- All equipment **must** be returned to the correct shop by 17:00 on Sunday
- Any lost or damaged equipment must be paid for by you
- Remember you will need shoes to change into when you return your equipment.

Ski Safety Guidelines

In past years we have had many reports of youth skiing beyond their capabilities and/or skiing out of control. As in previous years youth may lose their lift passes for the rest of the day with no return of money if they are found to be skiing in a reckless or dangerous manner. The Ski Patrol members and medics as well as Klondike Pinky staff has the authority to enforce safe-skiing procedures. We will be asking tough questions at check-in on skiing ability. We will send out separate correspondence to Scoutmasters on this subject. Please take heed and fully inform your youth and keep them under control!! Also remember that Klondike rules are in effect from the time you leave your unit area on Friday until you get home on Monday.

Skiers Safety Code

1. Be considerate to other people: All skiers must ensure that they do not cause danger or injury to other people.
2. Be able to ski and stop at any time in a controlled manner: Every skier must ski in a safe, controlled way that is appropriate to their ability and the conditions of the ski area, including weather.
3. Choice of route: The skier who is behind others must choose their route so that they do not cause danger to those in front of them.
4. Overtaking: Skiers overtaking must ensure that there is a big gap between them and the skier in front so that they can keep skiing safely.
5. Obligations for those crossing slopes or below others: Every skier joining or crossing a slope must first look in all directions to ensure that this can be done without danger to themselves or others. The same applies if you have stopped on a slope.
6. Standing on slopes: Every skier should try to avoid standing on narrow slopes or in places where visibility is bad. Fallen skiers must get to the edge of the slope as quickly as possible.
7. Walking uphill: Skiers walking uphill must do so only at the edge of the slope.
This is forbidden in bad weather. The same applies for walking down.
8. Take note of all signs: Every skier must take note of all signs and guidelines on the slopes.
9. If an accident occurs: Whenever an accident takes place, all skiers must stop to help if required. All those who see or are involved with an accident must give their name and address to the ski patrol.