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## Kandersteg 2020 - Initial Trip Information

Dear Parents, Carers, Leaders, Explorers and Scouts,

We are pleased to announce that the 150<sup>th</sup> Scout Group and Hillsborough Explorers will be returning to Kandersteg International Scout Camp in Switzerland in 2020. The dates of the trip will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The trip is open to all Scouts and Explorers who will be over 12 and still active members of the group or unit on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. We will be travelling again with Venture Abroad and the cost is expected to be around £750 including travel, accommodation, food, activities and insurance. Please have a look at Venture Abroad's website (or the presentation on our own website) for the type of activities that are likely to be on offer.

For 2020 we are offering 49 places, including leader spaces, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis once the deposit payment has been made. We will also operate a 'reserve list' should either a number of those interested drop out, you don't keep up with payments or if additional transport for leaders can be provided.

### Payment

Payment for the trip is being managed through OSM and you will receive a My.Scout invitation to confirm your attendance. If you would like to attend the trip, please accept the My.Scout invite and pay the non-returnable £50 deposit by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at the latest. To pay the deposit, visit the trip payment schedule on OSM and select the 'pay now' option for the deposit.

After paying the £50 deposit you will need to set up to monthly direct debit payments via OSM beginning on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and finishing on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. You can view the full trip payment schedule after accepting the event invite.

If you do not keep up with your camp and group subs payments, your place will be reallocated to someone on the reserve list and you will be placed at the back of the reserve list.

### Financial Support

Financial hardship should never prevent a young person taking part in the Scouting adventure. Please speak to your section leader about a discretionary fund available to support parents and adult leaders if this is relevant to your situation.

We will be organising a series of fundraising events in order to help reduce the cost of the trip. Like previous years we will operate a 'Stars' system whereby any member that attends a fundraising event will be allocated Stars based on how much time they spend at the event. Funds will be collected in a central pot, some of which will be put towards the cost of activities during the trip, the remainder will be distributed according to how many Stars members have earned.

### Contact information

Regular trip updates will be sent to all attendees via My.SCOUT.

If you have any general questions you can contact the leadership team through your My.SCOUT portal or you can email [kandersteg@150th.org.uk](mailto:kandersteg@150th.org.uk) and we will respond to your query as soon as we can. Please bear in mind that we are all volunteers and have other commitments so may not be able to reply to your email immediately.

In addition, a page on the 150th group website will be created shortly containing further trip information and a frequently asked questions section.

Yours in Scouting,  
Kandersteg 2020 Leadership Team