Troop 17 Kandersteg International Trip July 2010



A Permanent Mini Jamboree



International Friendship



Scouts from over 40 different countries visit Kandersteg every year. They have a chance to meet other Scouts and Guides, learn about other cultures and make new friends.

Alpine Adventure



A chance to experience the Alps! Scale a peak or try some rock-climbing.

Maybe even stay in an Alpine Mountain Hut?

Kandersteg, Switzerland



Campsite





Campsite accommodation is available for 1500 guests; mainly in summer. All sites have running water nearby, as well as access to shower blocks and toilets.

Activities



Other Activities

- International BBQ
- International Disco Night
- Campfire
- Kandersteg Village
- and Others





Weather

- Variable mountain weather
- Clear with highs in the low 70s
- Misty, light rain with highs in the upper 50's
- BE PREPARED



Gear

- Typical autumn camping gear
- Will be camping in our own tents
- Extra neckerchiefs
- Hiking shoes
- Water bottles
- Raingear

Itinerary

- July 3: Depart DFW 1600, transfer ORD
- July 3-4: Depart ORD and fly to FRA
- July 4: Arrive FRA 1110
- July 5 : Arrive KISC
- July 5-12 : KISC
- July 12 : Depart KISC
- July 13: Depart FRA 1425, transfer ORD
- July 13: Arrive DFW 2050



Travel

- Travel as a Troop
- Likely travel in full Class A with Troop t-shirt underneath
- Check backpack and personal gear in duffel bag
- Carry-on change of clothes, toiletries, and personal items in day pack
- Ground transportation by train or bus





Costs

- Airfare
- Camping fees
- Activities
- Meals (catered dining hall style @ KISC)
- T-shirt and/or fleece
- Patch
- Contingencies
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$ 2,600





Payment Plan

Oct 1, 2009	\$250 Non-Refundable Deposit
Nov 3, 2009	\$300
Dec 1, 2009	\$300
Jan 5, 2010	\$300
Feb 2, 2010	\$300
Mar 2, 2010	\$300
Apr 6, 2010	\$300
May 4, 2010	\$300*
Jun 1, 2010	\$250*

Payment Plan

- * Final payments will be adjusted based on actual airfare costs and total fundraising
- Trip cost DOES NOT include passport (up to \$125 + photo costs)
- Total trip cost will not exceed \$2,600
- NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1, 2010

Fundraising Update

- Ranger concessions end Sep 27, 2009
- Sep 30, 2009 : Cotton Bowl Soccer Concession
- Sep-Oct, 2009 : Bulb Sales
- Oct 17, 2009: Texas-OU Concession
- Dec 2009 : One Day Chocolate Sale
- Feb-Mar 2010 : Blue & Gold Banquets
- Spring 2010 : Ranger Concessions?
- Ongoing: Aluminum Can Competition
- OTHER IDEAS?

Other Fundraising Ideas

- Cookbook sale
- Hike-a-Thon
- Online popcorn sales
- Spring garage sale
- Guitar hero competition

Airfare Considerations

- Airfare purchased as a group
- Airfare is based on 50 participants
- Names due 35 days prior to departure
- No miles may be used to offset costs
- AAdvantage members may accrue mileage on tickets

Other Airfare Considerations

- If allowed, not returning with group will forfeit \$100 airfare deposit
- If allowed, airfare changes will incur \$150 airline change fee
- Airfare changes are subject to difference in airfare
- Conditions on airfare subject to change pending clarification by AA

Other Travel Considerations

- Troop 17 will arrange for Passport Agency to meet at Scout lodge
- No Visa is required for Switzerland
- Passports must be valid for 3 months past return date
- Permission slips will be issued Spring 2010
- More scout and parent information meetings will be held as the trip approaches



