



KANDERSIEG, SWITZERLAND

CAMP ALPINE

2026
PROGRAM GUIDE



WELCOME TO CAMP ALPINE 2026



Dear Scouts and Scouters,

It's that time of year when your troop is gearing up to attend summer camp and we are honored to have you consider Camp Alpine! We've been hard at work preparing to deliver a memorable Scouting experience to you. It's shaping up to be a truly unforgettable summer, so make sure to get your registration started and secure your spot for Camp Alpine 2026!

This guide will be your direct insight into the programs being offered at Camp Alpine. We have a program for every age and rank of Scouts BSA participant. Check out the Program Pamphlets for specifics on each program.

Our Base Camp program is for first-year campers and new Scouts. It focuses on teaching Scouting fundamentals and advancement, while not forgetting about the fun and excitement that your first summer camp can bring.

Ascent participants can try out one of 33 merit badges offered as part of our new rotation program concept.

Older Scouts, including Venturers and Sea Scouts, are welcome to participate in Summit, our High Adventure and Trek Program.

Your next step is to turn the page and start exploring everything you can do at Camp Alpine this year. We're always here to listen and support you, so reach out to us via email, or on any of our social media channels!

Here's to a fantastic summer of celebration and Scouting, whatever the weather!

Yours in Scouting,

KRIS GARST
CAMP DIRECTOR

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Camp Alpine 2026
TRANSATLANTIC COUNCIL - KANDERSTEG, SWITZERLAND

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2026 CAMP OVERVIEW

Camp Alpine is the oldest of three camps operated by the Transatlantic Council (TAC). For over 25 years TAC has been partnering with the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) to provide a traditional Scouting America Summer Camp experience for Scouts and Scouters from around the world.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Camp Alpine is open to all Youth and Adult Leaders registered with a Scouting America Troop or Crew. Unfortunately, Cub Scouts and Family Camping are not allowed
- Although the Camp program is designed for Scouts BSA participants, we also welcome Venturing Crew participants, Sea Scouts, and Explorer Post participants, especially to take part in the Summit (*High Adventure*) Program
- Scouts from outside the Transatlantic Council across Scouting America are also welcome to come and experience Camp Alpine

WHEN IS CAMP ALPINE?

Camp Alpine offers two participant sessions for the 2026 season:

- **WEEK 1: JUNE 28 – JULY 4**
- **WEEK 2: JULY 5 – JULY 11**

WHERE IS CAMP ALPINE?

Camp Alpine is hosted by the [Kandersteg International Scout Centre](#) (KISC) in Kandersteg, Switzerland. Camp Alpine shares the Scout Centre with Scouts and Scouting organizations from all over the world, following KISC's rules as well as Scouting America policies (*YPT, The Guide to Safe Scouting, etc.*). As guests of the Centre, we share the use of their facilities, including toilets, showers, laundry facilities, and recreational areas.

HOW CAN I ATTEND CAMP ALPINE?

- **AS A UNIT:** The best way to attend summer camp is as part of a Unit (Troop). It's the best solution for camping, cooking, program participation, and Youth Protection.
- **AS AN INDIVIDUAL:**
 - Scouts, Leaders, and parents can also register to participate as individuals or small groups as part of our Provisional Unit
 - Camp Alpine will arrange for Adult Leadership for the Provisional Troops and provide some common resources like cooking equipment and dining shelters. Individuals will need to provide their own personal gear (*tents, sleeping bags, etc.*).
 - The goal of the provisional unit is to ensure that Scouts get the best experience and memories from summer camp. Grouping our individual campers helps them be able to participate fully. They'll be able to work as a team to cook meals, maintain their campsite, form patrols, present skits and cheers, and so much more!
 - We are always looking for selfless and energetic Leaders to step up and help the Scoutmaster of the Provisional unit every week. Make sure to get in touch if you'd be interested in helping our Provisional Scouts make the best of their week!

REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL POLICIES

- Registration for the 2026 season at Camp Alpine is open now through **JULY 31, 2026 AT 11:59PM CET** at [HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/802-CAMPALPINE2026](https://scoutingevent.com/802-campalpine2026)
- Registration for Camp Alpine programs for both Scouts and Leaders is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- We recommend that you register your Unit as soon as possible to ensure space in the camp session and programs of your choice
- You must indicate the estimated number of participants, by program type, at the time of the initial camp registration (*this can be changed later in your Black Pug registration portal*)
- Actual Attendee numbers, complete participant information, and course selection must be finalized in your Black Pug registration portal no later than **JUNE 1, 2026 AT 11:59PM CET**

CAMP FEES

PROGRAM	CAMP FEES
YOUTH – Base Camp	\$695.00 (Early bird rate \$645**)
YOUTH – Ascent	\$695.00 (Early bird rate \$645**)
YOUTH – Summit	\$695.00 (Early bird rate \$645**)
ADULT	\$590.00 (Early bird rate \$540**)

OUT OF COUNCIL ATTENDEES will be assessed an additional **\$100** fee

REQUIRED ACTION	AMOUNT DUE	DEADLINE
Reserve a campsite for your Unit and pay the initial deposit	\$50 per Attendee	Upon Camp Registration
Make the 1st payment	\$150 per Attendee	March 15, 2026
Make the final EARLY BIRD camp fee payment for participants	Balance of Total Camp Fees for EARLY BIRD RATES	April 15, 2026
Make the final NON-EARLY BIRD fee payment for participants	Balance of Total Camp Fees for NON-EARLY BIRD RATES	May 10, 2026

* *Some classes require additional fees to cover program material costs/fuel etc.*

** *To qualify for Early Bird discounts, all Early bird Camp fees must be paid by April 15, 2026. Registrants on or after April 15, 2026 will be required to pay the full rate at the time of registration.*

REFUND POLICY FOR TRANSATLANTIC COUNCIL SUMMER CAMPS

Preparing for camp requires the Council to purchase food, supplies, equipment, hire Staff and keep camp facilities in good repair in anticipation of the number of participants registered to attend. We don't automatically give refunds for Scouts or Adults. Below are cases where a refund may be requested:

- **MEDICAL REASONS**
- **SCOUT OR ADULT IS MOVING**
- **SUMMER SCHOOL**
- **CUSTODY ISSUES**
- **DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY**
- **REASONS THAT DON'T INVOLVE CHOICE**

Camp Alpine has a non-refundable/non-transferable fee component. This policy is non-negotiable, as it was established by event Leadership to ensure financial stewardship of the event.

Cancellations due to medical emergencies or other such unseen circumstances will be given the utmost consideration in favor of the registrant for any exceptions to the refund policy.

All participation cancellation notices and refund requests must be submitted in writing.

REFUND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 85% refund will be granted if cancellation is made more than one week in advance of the event
- 50% refund will be granted if cancellation is made one week or less
- No refunds will be provided for a cancellation within 24 hours of the start of the event
- All refunds are subject to a 15% administrative fee to cover the transactional fees assessed by our financial institutions (*this fee will not apply in cases where the event is canceled by the Transatlantic Council*)
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days after the close of the event, with refunded funds deposited into the Unit Account

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Every Scout who wants to attend a long-term summer camp experience should be able to attend and should not be held back due to financial limitations. The Transatlantic Council is committed to this concept, and established the [Eric Cooley Memorial Campership](#) endowment as a perpetual funding source to assist Scout families on a limited basis.

To honor Eric's Life, these campership contributions will be used to support Youth wishing to attend a TAC summer resident camp or TAC NYLT Course. All Scouts attending a Transatlantic Council Summer Camp are eligible to apply for a scholarship if they could not otherwise attend camp without financial assistance. For more information, background and terms and conditions regarding the Eric Cooley Memorial Campership Endowment, please visit:

[HTTPS://TACSCOUTING.ORG/CAMPS/CAMPERSHIP](https://tacscouting.org/camps/campership)

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

It's going to be a great summer at Camp Alpine! Our Camp offers three main program tracks to provide a fun and enriching Camp experience for all Scouts (*click the links below to see the Program Guides for further information on each program*):

BASE CAMP

This first-year camper program is designed to equip Scouts with the majority of basic skills they need to earn the first three main Scout ranks. The program also aims to motivate Scouts to advance towards Eagle and to make the most of all that Scouting has to offer.

ASCENT

Our largest program focuses on those next steps after learning your Scout fundamentals. The Ascent program is primarily composed of Merit Badges arranged into blocks surrounding an area of interest/study. We offer a large range of merit badges, including great opportunities to earn several Eagle-required badges. Ascent will also offer activities working with KISC, more advanced Scoutcraft, and some personal challenges.

SUMMIT

Adventure, action, and activity await Summit participants. You'll be able to take advantage of some amazing outdoor adventure opportunities at KISC and in the surrounding area, either on the hut-to-hut Trek, or the High Adventure water-based, climbing, or hiking trips.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP ALPINE

TIMES	BASE CAMP	ASCENT	SUMMIT
0600-0800	Breakfast with the Troop		
0800-0815	Transition to Flags		
0815-0845	Morning Flags Ceremony		
0845-0900	Transition to Program Areas		Summit High Adventure Activities as Scheduled
0900-1045	Activity Block A		
1045-1100	Transition to Program Areas		
1100-1245	Activity Block B		
1245-1400	Lunch with the Troop		
1400-1545	Activity Block C		
1545-1600	Transition from Program Areas		
1600-1700	Troop Time		
1700-1715	Evening Flags Ceremony		
1715-1930	Dinner with the Troop		
1930-END	Evening Program		
2200	Quiet Hours and Lights Out		

FREE DAY FRIDAY

Wednesday at Camp Alpine is our **FREE DAY!** These are some of the exciting adventures that you can choose from (*additional opportunities may be available on arrival at camp*):

BOARDS OF REVIEW

- We are happy to support Boards of Review, including Eagle Boards of Review, for Youth who have completed all the requirements for a rank and have already had their Scoutmaster Conference. Please get the permission of the Troop Leadership before sending Youth to these Boards of Review! We will be posting an online sign-up prior to the start of camp. Questions can be directed to the Camp Commissioner or Camp Director.

MERIT BADGE COMPLETION TIME

- Staff will be available to until 1200 to help Scouts finish merit badges and assist with rank advancement

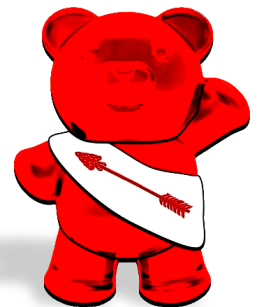
GO ON A TROOP ADVENTURE

Our core programs of Base Camp, Ascent and Summit all finish by Thursday, but that doesn't mean there is nothing to do! Units and small groups can continue their week's adventures in the Swiss Alps, either in camp or on a day trip.

- There are numerous activities available at **KISC** and in the surrounding area
- Please let us know what your troop's plans will be for Free-Day Friday so we know where the Unit is in case of emergency by signing in and out at the Camp Alpine Office

ORDER OF THE ARROW AT CAMP ALPINE

Pack your sashes, because we're planning an **OA DAY** when Arrowmen will have the opportunity to undertake service projects and enjoy an evening of OA fellowship at camp under the fearless Leadership of our Camp OA Chief! Break out our finest OA gear and share in fellowship with our members as we demonstrate our participation in the **ORDER OF THE ARROW**. We may also offer a Brotherhood conversion ceremony for eligible OA members if interest and numbers permit.



SCOUT'S OWN SERVICE

A SCOUT IS REVERENT, so a non-denominational Scout's Own Service will welcome all interested Scouts and Leaders during your week at Camp Alpine (*dates and times TBA*).

We recommend that Troops come and get involved, and Chaplain's Aides are also encouraged to work with our Staff to prepare a good service. Units are also invited to perform their own services if they would like, and are free to invite others.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Throughout the week we will offer a wide variety of evening activities for all to enjoy. From Star Party to tie dyeing to evening campfires, there's something for everyone. Registration sheets for evening activities (*if required*) will be posted in the KanderHall, along with sign-up sheets for additional Adult volunteers when needed.

LIVING AT CAMP



CAMPING

- **Participants will be based on the Rovergelande (*Africa*) campsites**, where Camp Alpine has exclusive use of the area. Program activities take place throughout the KISC property
- **The Camp Alpine Office, Medical Area and Trading Post** will all be located inside the Kanderlodge, which is located adjacent to the Attendee campsites
- **Once you've made yourself at home, you'll get a tour of the campgrounds** from your Unit Ambassador, who will be available to support you throughout the week
- **Scouts and Units are responsible for providing and bringing their gear**, including personal and camping gear such as tents and mess kits, and patrol/troop gear needed for preparing meals and establishing a unit campsite
- **Some supplies are available to be booked through KISC**, but you'll have to get in contact with their team to reserve them (*NOTE: these equipment and supplies are separate from your Camp Alpine fees and it is the responsibility of the unit to cover all costs*)
- **Space is tight at Camp Alpine**, so we recommend that units maximize the number of Scouts per tent and recommend Leader's personal tents are no bigger than 1 -2 person sized tents
- **We encourage you to take on a pioneering project**, have a small campfire (*in a raised fire pit*), and make it feel like a home away from home
- **Please also be respectful** of other Units camping nearby, and other KISC guests
- **No Youth member may sleep in the same tent as an Adult—there are no exceptions**

BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS

While several of the facilities at KISC are single cubicles and therefore compliant with Scouting America Youth Protection standards, we do have some additional rules we put in place:

- **Toilets and showers will be clearly marked** for separate use by Males or Females
- **Signage at shower house entrances** will note what times the shower facilities are available for Youth or Adults (18+ years old), and schedules will also be in your welcome packets
- **You must use the appropriate facilities and times for your age and gender**
- **A SCOUT IS CLEAN!** Please respect our camp environment by cleaning up all personal trash, using only the water that you need, clearing hair from drains, and checking carefully for all personal items before leaving the facility
- **The bathrooms are not to be used as a charging station**, and **NO PHONES OR CAMERAS** are permitted in toilet and shower facilities
- **KISC Staff maintains and regularly cleans the facilities**, but please notify the Camp Alpine Commissioner Team if they need more regular cleaning or re-supply. If a drain or toilet is clogged, or if you find other damage in the shower building, please let us know so that we can notify the KISC Staff as soon as possible.
- **If further accommodation needs to be made** for you or a member of your unit, please contact your Camp Commissioner or the Camp Director
- **The camp environment is often very conducive to the transmission of illness**, so all Staff and Attendees are encouraged to shower regularly and always wash and sanitize their hands before meals and after handling food or using the facilities
- If any participant is feeling ill, please contact the Camp Health Officer as soon as possible.

COOKING

All meals will be made in a patrol cooking setting, reinforcing Patrol Method

- Each day, the commissary will provide units with the ingredients necessary for the next 24 hours at two daily pick-up times
- Units will be responsible for dividing the ingredients and preparing the meals in their campsites
- All units should bring enough coolers to keep their food chilled from day-to-day, and must provide their own labelled ice packs
- We provide an area to re-freeze your ice packs; bring them along to our commissary and we'll freeze them for you, or use the freezer room located on the Rovergelände Campsite



Dinner menu and ingredient lists, and recipes will be emailed prior to Camp so Units can prepare and pack appropriate kitchen gear for the scheduled meals (*menus will be subject to change*)

- Printed, laminated recipe cards will be provided by the Commissary on check-in day, but we recommend that troops familiarize themselves with the menus before arrival
- Recipes will only be a suggestion, and Patrols should feel free to prepare the issued ingredients in any manner they wish
- Units may bring additional food supplies or purchase additional items in town if desired to either supplement the meal menus or provide preferred snacks, etc.

Each unit will receive an initial issue of basic kitchen items such as sugar, salt, pepper, cooking oil, condiments, butter, and spices

- Please use these items responsibly—don't open a container until the last one is gone, and make sure that extra or leftover items are either stored properly or returned to our Commissary Staff if they won't be used during camp

We encourage you to invite your Ambassador or other Camp Staff Members to share a meal and build camaraderie with your Unit (*and it also helps you earn points for Honor Patrol!*)

Units may choose to cook over fires or bring gas stoves

- Fires are permitted in campsites, off of the ground
- Units may bring their own raised fire pit or may obtain fire barrels and firewood from KISC for a nominal fee
- Units should arrive with all needed fuels for stoves and lantern, as fuel will be expensive and may be difficult to find in the small village of Kandersteg
- **DO NOT BRING WOOD TO CAMP** (*we understand this may seem a little strange, but this is required to prevent the spread of possible diseases, pests, or fungi from other parts of the continent*)
- Fire barrels filled with wood are available from KISC for only 10 Swiss Francs (CHF), and that wood lasts for around 4 fires
- Fire starters are still allowed, but natural wood should not be brought—thank you for your understanding and assistance in stopping the spread of environmentally destructive diseases!

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that **ALL** Attendees fully list **ALL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** and **ALL FOOD ALLERGIES** on your booking in Black Pug by **MAY 5, 2026!** Failure to list these important health and safety details by this date may impede our ability to adequately and safely accommodate your Attendees' needs.

CAMP RULES & POLICIES

As Scouts, we follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is each Scout's and Scouter's duty and responsibility to keep these commitments, and our camp also has additional rules in place for your safety. Please review these important rules, policies, and reminders below:

TAC CAMP CODE OF CONDUCT

As a participant and a Scout at TAC Camps, I agree to obey all International and local laws as well as the following:

- I am aware that I am a representative of the Scout movement and will always follow the [SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW](#) during my travel and TAC camp participation.
- I will be respectful, tolerant and considerate of other cultures, including [DRESSING APPROPRIATELY](#) for a multicultural environment.
- I will obey [SAFETY RULES](#), signs, and instructions by Unit Leaders, Adults, and Camp Staff.
- I will follow the camp sleep schedule unless otherwise directed by the camp Leadership, by remaining in my campsite and respecting quiet times.
- I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Medical marijuana is also prohibited.
- I understand that smoking is only permitted in marked or designated areas and not allowed in tents (*legal age is 18 years or older*).
- I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
- I will avoid serious behavior issues including dishonesty fighting and bad language.
- I will respect other participants property and refrain from "trophy hunting".
- I will keep the camp and my site clean and follow recycling policies.
- I will comply with all elements of the Scouting America Youth Protection program to prevent abuse and harassment. Review them at [HTTPS://WWW.Scouting.org/training/youth-protection](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection).
- I will only [TRADE PATCHES AND SOUVENIRS](#) with my peers and will refrain from selling any items.
- I will comply with all access restrictions and will not enter private tents, campsites or cabins unless invited.

Violation of this code of conduct, and any other conduct deemed inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from the camp at the participant's own expense.

YOUTH PROTECTION

SCOUTING MUST ALWAYS BE A SAFE SPACE

- It is everyone's responsibility to look out for one another and prevent harmful actions, behaviors, or words.
- Everyone has the right to say NO to things that make them feel uncomfortable.
- Two registered Adult Leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings.
- There must be a registered female Adult Leader 21 years of age or over in every Unit serving females.
- A registered female Adult Leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female Youth.
- The minimum Leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. All Adults must be registered as Leaders with Scouting America.
- It is mandatory that all Adults attending the TAC camp complete **YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING** on how to keep young people safe.
- If you have any concern, you should feel safe talking to your Unit Leader or another Adult. Additionally, there will be TAC Camp Staff who are trained to help resolve issues. Youth is the most important part of the TAC camp!

ALL YOUTH PROTECTION INCIDENTS, NO MATTER HOW MINOR, SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY

- Adults will refer to their Youth Protection training, while Youth members will go to an Adult for help and support.
- Incidents require documentation to ensure that concerns are addressed and kept track of.
- Leadership will determine whether the corrective action is enough and address any ongoing problem areas.
- Major incidents will be escalated to the proper teams to manage (*including Youth or Adults in possession of controlled substances*), as well as major incidents that may require police or other emergency services.

REMEMBER:

- Stop the behavior/abuse immediately
- Separate the involved parties
- Contact the Camp Director for assistance
- Program areas and all medical facilities are ready to assist you
- TAC Staff is well-trained to respond

IT IS OUR JOB AS ADULT LEADERS TO PROTECT YOUTH AND ADULTS! If you have any concerns regarding Youth Protection violations or procedures, please immediately contact:

- **CAMP DIRECTOR KRIS GARST**: +49 162 954 2975 or +1 984-234-2479
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR RJ SEN**
- **TAC ASSISTANT SCOUT EXECUTIVE JOHN ERSKINE**: +32 472 026 857
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- **SCOUTING AMERICA SCOUTS FIRST HELPLINE**: +1 844-SCOUTS1 (+1 844-726-8871)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

ACCIDENT INSURANCE:

- The Transatlantic Council provides an Accident and Sickness Insurance program that serves as secondary coverage
- This coverage is provided for all registered members and Leaders of the Council
- In most cases, the healthcare provided will need to be paid directly, and subsequently, an insurance claim filed for reimbursement
- Any participant or Leader not registered in TAC must provide proof of coverage
- Each Unit should consider its appropriate insurance needs, such as the purchase of supplemental [Rega insurance](#)/patronage

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

- All emergencies must be reported immediately to the Camp Administration, Health Officer, or the nearest Camp Staff Member
- In the event the camp emergency signal sounds, please return immediately to your campsite and begin accounting for each of your Scouts and Leader
- Staff runners will report to each campsite to collect headcounts and to pass along any pertinent information
- In the case of severe weather during the day, campers may be retained in program areas.
- During the evening, campers may be evacuated to camp buildings at the direction of the Camp Director.
- More information regarding these procedures will be available on campsite bulletin boards, in welcome packets, and during the Leader's Briefing at the start of the week

SCOUTING AMERICA ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS:

- Every individual (*Youth and Adult*) in the camp must have the required [ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD FORM](#) with all parts of Sections **A**, **B1**, **B2**, and **C** that are **signed and completed**
- Forms must be completed by a certified and licensed health-care provider: a physician (*MD or DO*), nurse practitioner or physician's assistant
- Anyone arriving at camp without a medical examination will have to obtain a medical examination before they can check-in (*this may be at their own expense*)
- Annual Health and Medical Records are valid through the end of the 12th month it was administered (*ex. a physical administered on July 1, 2025 is valid until July 31, 2026*), so please be sure that your form is valid through the end of your stay at camp

CAMP MEDICAL SUPPORT:

- Camp Alpine will have a trained Health Officer present and on-call throughout the entire camp. They will be prepared to handle emergencies and provide treatment for most injuries and illnesses associated with camp life
- If local medical assistance is required, participants should be prepared to pay in Swiss Francs for those services rendered
- The village of Kandersteg has two doctors for basic care, and cases requiring further medical attention will be directed to the [Frutigen Hospital](#), located 15 kilometers away (*approximately a 20 minute drive*)

HEALTH AND SAFETY (continued...)

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

- All medications ultimately are the responsibility of the individual and, in some cases, the Unit Leader
- The Camp Medical Officer will screen each individual's medical evaluation during check-in and identify any medications which must be maintained in the medical tent, and which medications Scouts should have on their person at all times (*inhalers, epinephrine pens, nitroglycerin, etc.*)
- All prescription medications must be listed on the individual's medical form
- Camp Alpine will not stock prescription medications, and it is the responsibility of the participant to arrive at camp with the appropriate amount of prescription medications needed for their stay.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, ALLERGIES, & SPECIAL MEDICAL CONCERNS

- Unit Leaders should notify the Camp Medic of any allergies or special medical concerns (*e.g., asthma, behavioral issues, etc.*) before their arrival at camp and during their check-in medical screening
- All Unit Leaders/Parents must ensure that all known allergies, dietary restrictions, and medical needs are included in the individual online registration no later than **MAY 5, 2026** to allow us to develop meal plans for all camp participants
 - If accurate information is not shared in the online registration system, the Camp and KISC may not be able to adjust menu development to accommodate special dietary needs and allergies
- Any questions or concerns about this information should be forwarded to the Camp Administrator, Camp Health Officer, and/or Camp Director

ADDITIONAL RISKS:

- Activity that may have associated risk will be risk assessed and guidelines will be implemented under the discretion of the Camp Director and followed at all times by participants, Staff, and anyone under the care of the Transatlantic Council during their stay at camp

PETS AT CAMP:

- Pets are not allowed at Camp Alpine (*exceptions can/will be made for service animals upon notification*)
- Registered visitors and families attending separately may not bring pets onto KISC property unless they are service animals



WEAPONS, KNIVES, FIREWORKS, FIREARMS, AND AMMUNITION

- Non-folding sheath knives, throwing stars or martial arts weapons are not permitted
- Fireworks of any kind are also prohibited
- All personal firearms and bows are prohibited at camp, to include ammunition and any crank or air-powered weapons
- Only camp-supplied arrows, ammunition, and equipment can be used when a Shooting Sports Range is available on camp property

HEALTH AND SAFETY (continued...)

FIRES, OPEN FLAMES, LIQUID FUELS, AND STOVES

- **NO OPEN FLAMES ARE PERMITTED IN TENTS**, to include matches, candles, kerosene, propane or liquid lanterns, and heaters
- It is acceptable to use a propane lantern under a dining fly
- Campsites must be marked with tags stating, “**NO OPEN FLAMES IN TENTS**” (*this will be an inspection item during Commissioner visits and follows the Scouting America [UNIT FIREGUARD PLAN](#)*)
- Scouting America permits the use of liquid fuels only under the direct supervision of a knowledgeable Adult
- Bring all the fuel you will need to camp (*KISC has propane available for purchase, but the bottles may not be compatible for non-EU stove systems*)
- Liquid fuel may never be used as a fire starter!

PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION:

For the safety of all, Attendees are prohibited from bringing personal recreational vehicles to camp, including bicycles, unicycles, skateboards and longboards, boats, scooters, hoverboards, Segways, rollerblades/skates and similar items used for recreational mobility

SHOPPING AND SPENDING MONEY

CAMP ALPINE TRADING POST:

- Camp Alpine will host a Trading Post with many TAC and Scouting America items
- The Trading Post will only accept U.S. Dollars and Euros, and change may often only be given in US dollars (*the Trading Post uses a \$1 = 1€ exchange rate*)
- Major credit cards are also accepted in the Camp Alpine Trading Post
- Online pre-orders will be made available in the Black Pug registration portal through **MAY 10, 2026 at 11:59PM CET** to pre-purchase Camp Alpine merchandise
 - This will be the only way to guarantee Camp Alpine branded merchandise, as stock may not last the entire duration of camp
 - Pre-orders will be delivered to Units upon arrival and Check-In at camp
- The Trading Post will not stock drinks or food items

OTHER ON-SITE SHOPPING OPTIONS:

KISC operates a Scout Shop fully stocked with a selection of snack items as well as distinctive KISC apparel and souvenirs

- They only accept Swiss Francs for cash sales
- Major credit cards such as MasterCard and Visa are also accepted at KISC

The Swiss currency is preferred for transactions in the town of Kandersteg. ATM and Swiss Banking Services are available in the local village

COMING AND GOING DURING CAMP

- A sign-in/sign-out log will be located in the Camp Alpine Admin Office
- Any Scout or Adult leaving camp, other than for a pre-planned camp activity, must sign out and back in at the Camp Alpine Admin office
- Under no circumstances will Youth be permitted to leave the camp without two-deep Adult Leadership
- All visitors must sign in and out of camp with ID at the Camp Alpine Admin Office

TWO-WEEK ATTENDEES

If you and/or your Scout will be attending camp for both Week 1 and Week 2 and plan to stay in camp through the weekend, please note the following:

- There is an additional charge of \$ for each Attendee staying through the weekend on site
- Attendees who stay on site will receive instructions regarding meals and weekend tenting arrangements from the Camp Commissioner on Friday evening
- Adult supervision will be provided for Youth Attendees, and we will also arrange a hike or activity for Scouts staying over on Saturday afternoon

KISC FACILITIES AND ADVENTURES

As a guest of KISC, you are free to use the communal facilities available to all guests, and also interact with other Scouting groups at KISC, many from different countries

- KISC offers their own daily programs that units can enjoy alongside Alpine's offerings
- Please be aware that this means that other KISC guests are allowed to use public facilities too—we cannot express ownership over a communal area, so please be good neighbors, and make sure you're not blocking people or vehicles with your activities
- You can see a map of the KISC facilities on the next page, and read more about KISC's [Rental](#) offerings and [Programme & Adventure](#) offerings on their website

PRE-CAMP INFORMATION MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION

In the months leading up to camp, we will have a variety of information channels available to Unit Leadership, Parents, and Attendees:

- We will host a **PRE-CAMP PARENTS AND LEADERS MEETING** on Zoom, date TBA
- Shortly before camp we will open **PARENT AND LEADER WHATSAPP CHATS** for each week, as well as **PROVISIONAL UNIT WHATSAPP CHATS** for each week
- Your Unit Leadership will receive a **PRE-CAMP EMAIL** from the Camp Commissioner with a recap of things to plan for and other important Camp Alpine info that you need to know

PATCH AND SOUVENIR TRADING

Many people bring things to summer camps to trade and swap. If you would like to sit down and trade with others:

- Please make sure you're not blocking people or vehicles
- Find a safe location, maybe in the shade
- Be fair and honest, and trade items with the same value
- Remember that friendship is more important than any object you can hold in your hands
- Adult and Youth participants are not allowed to trade with each other (*this is a Youth Protection rule to ensure that no Youth is put in a situation where they owe something or feel indebted to an Adult*)
- Selling or buying any items outside of the camp trading post is not allowed

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONICS AT CAMP

- Youth are allowed to bring mobile phones and other electronics to camp but they are not to be used during instruction time
- We also encourage Unit Leaders to limit device use as much as possible
- No phones or other recording devices are permitted in bathrooms, and bathroom buildings should not be used as a charging station for devices
- Camp Alpine Staff reserves the right to confiscate a device if it is disrupting instruction or is used improperly, returning it to the Unit Leader at a later time

CAMP TELEPHONE AND MAIL

- For emergency use, the phone number for the reception desk at KISC is **+41 336 758 282**
- Contact info for Camp Alpine and TAC Leadership is available on **page 11**, and more will be provided to Unit Leaders in their check-in packets
- Please do not send mail to the camp or to individual Attendees

DAILY CAMPSITE INSPECTIONS

- Every day our Camp Commissioner will do a tour of the camp and make sure you're all set up safely and your stay is going well
- The inspection and scoring of your campsite will count towards the Honor Patrol Award (*we especially like to see pioneering projects, clean campsites, tidy tents, and proper safety and recycling procedures, so be sure to make a good impression with your setup*)
- Attendees will receive a copy of the Daily Inspection form in the weeks prior to camp

FAMILY CAMPING

Camp Alpine is a Scouts BSA camp and does not support family camping

- If a family wishes to spend time in Kandersteg apart from Camp Alpine, there are many lodging facilities available in the village
- All participants at Camp Alpine must be registered members of a Scouting America Troop, Crew or Ship

UNIFORMS AND OTHER ATTIRE AT CAMP

UNIFORMS:

- As a Scouting America summer camp, Scouts and Scouters are expected to be in a Scouting America uniform at Camp Alpine
- Scouts should wear the Field Uniform during morning and afternoon flags, Campfire Program, Scout's Own, and other appropriate events unless told otherwise
- For all other activities, an Activity Uniform (*Scout t-shirt, sweatshirt, or polo shirt, with Scout shorts or pants*) is appropriate to wear unless specifically required clothing is more appropriate for the class or activity
- The village of Kandersteg, KISC, and Camp Alpine request that Scouts always wear a Scouting neckerchief (camp or unit), both in town and in camp (*and wearing a neckerchief also allows Scouts to ride the buses in town for free!*)
- Sunscreen and a water bottle should also be considered part of your daily uniform

SWIMMING ATTIRE:

Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest—our policy is that no “bikini” or “speedo” type swimwear should be used while engaging in Scouting America activities

FOR MALES

- NO Tight-fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure
- Swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate

FOR FEMALES

- Bikinis are not allowed
- Modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate

FOR BOTH

- You'll need your Scout necker to get free rides on the bus to and from the pool
- Water shoes or shoes that are easy to remove for the trip to and from the pool
- We highly advise a long-sleeved swim shirt with a high SPF rating to protect Scouts from the Alpine sun while at the pool
- Don't forget your towel!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

FIND YOUR LOST OR MISSING ITEMS:

- The camp Lost and Found will be located in the Camp Alpine Admin Office
- Units can also check for missing or lost items at the KISC reception desk in the Old Chalet and at the KISC Campsite Office, as they may also have Lost and Found items

AVOID LOSING THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE:

- Mark personal property and clothing with the Scout's name and Troop
- Please don't take valuables to the pool or showers, or leave them lying out unattended around camp



ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFO

DRIVING TO CAMP

Camp Alpine is a Transatlantic Council Summer Camp held at the Kandersteg International Scouting Centre (KISC) in Kandersteg, Switzerland

CAMP LOCATION:

KISC
WAGETI WEG 7
3718 KANDERSTEG, SWITZERLAND

COORDINATES:

46.4834° N, 7.6640° E

PLUS CODE:

FMM7+9H KANDERSTEG, SWITZERLAND

OTHER WAYS TO GET TO CAMP

KISC can also be reached by plane, train, and/or bus—the [KISC website](#) has great information on the various travel options, links to travel schedules, and more

ARRIVING AND DEPARTING CAMP

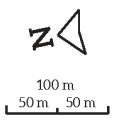
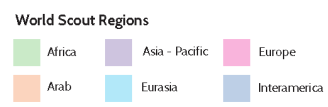
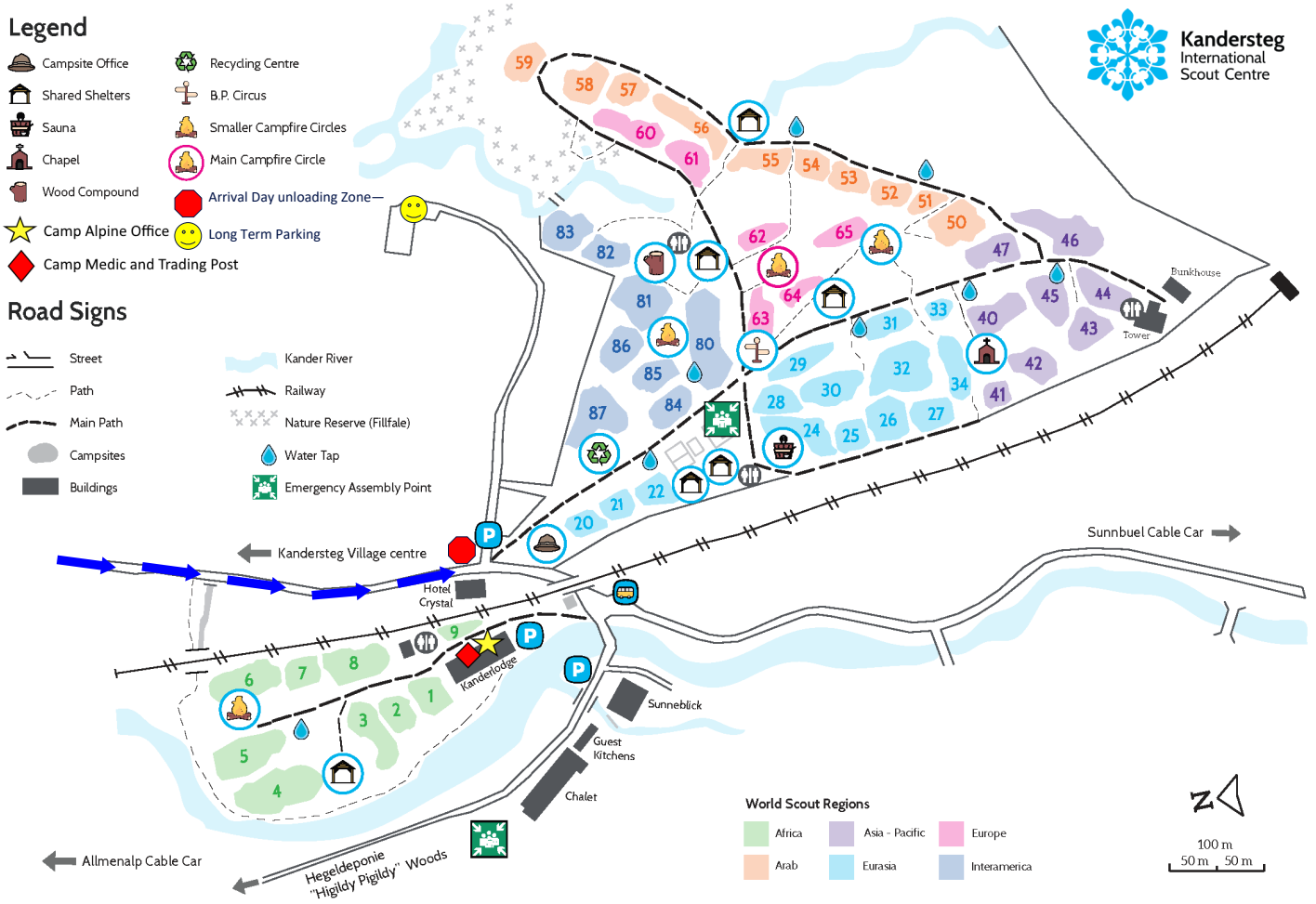
There is limited parking available at KISC, so please, for the sake of space and sustainability, consider consolidating Scout gear into the minimum number of vehicles and encourage your other Attendees to travel to and from Camp Alpine via public transportation when possible.

Legend

- Campsite Office
- Shared Shelters
- Sauna
- Chapel
- Wood Compound
- Camp Alpine Office
- Camp Medic and Trading Post
- Recycling Centre
- B.P. Circus
- Smaller Campfire Circles
- Main Campfire Circle
- Arrival Day unloading Zone
- Long Term Parking

Road Signs

- Street
- Path
- Main Path
- Campsites
- Buildings
- Kander River
- Railway
- Nature Reserve (Fillfale)
- Water Tap
- Emergency Assembly Point



ARRIVAL DAY (SUNDAY):

ARRIVAL TIME INFORMATION

- Please inform us of your planned arrival time at Camp Alpine
 - If you are arriving late or are stuck in traffic, please **CONTACT US** to let us know
 - If your unit arrives early, you will have to wait until we are ready to start check-in, as Camp Alpine does not support early arrival
 - Any participants planning to arrive before Sunday must book accommodation and food independently with KISC

ARRIVING AT KISC

- **The official window for arrivals and Check-In is from 1400-1900 CET**, so please make sure that you can arrive during this time to ensure that we are ready and available to support your Check-In and set-up and welcome you to camp
- **As you approach the entrance to KISC**, our Commissioner and Ambassador team will meet your cars at the unloading zone (●) to assist you and direct you to the Check-In (★) and the long-term parking (😊) areas. Please follow their instructions to ensure safety and a smooth arrival process for all participants!
- **The parking area in front of the Kanderlodge is reserved for KISC vehicles, Camp Alpine Staff vehicles, and other guests staying in the Kanderlodge.** For the safety of all, we ask that all Camp Alpine participants park in the overflow lots or main parking areas of KISC, NOT in front of the Kanderlodge, even for temporary visits, to include check-in/out.
- **KISC has carts that you can borrow to move gear to your campsite**—we only ask you to immediately return them to their rightful place once you are finished with them so other participants can use them.
- **PLEASE NOTE: To maintain safety and order, Attendee vehicles are not allowed in the camping and program areas at KISC**

CHECK-IN

- **Check-In will be open from 1400-1900 CET.** Upon your arrival at camp, your unit Leader and Senior Patrol Leader should make their way to the KanderHall (★) for unit check-in, where we will:
 - ❑ **Review and confirm your registration info**
 - ❑ **Check-in all present participants**
 - ❑ **Receive any overdue payments**
 - ❑ **Receive and review Annual Health and Medical Forms for each participant**
 - ❑ **Provide a Check-in Packet and KISC wrist bands**
 - ❑ **Introduce you to your Unit Ambassador**
 - ❑ **Give you any pre-ordered items from the Trading Post**
- **While you're at Check-In**, the rest of your Unit will be unloading gear and starting to unpack and set up your campsite. When that's done, your Ambassador will provide a tour of Camp for your Unit and show you important things like where you can pick up your food for dinner!

DEPARTURE DAY (SATURDAY):

DEPARTURE TIME INFORMATION

- **Please inform us of your planned departure time from Camp Alpine**
 - All Camp Alpine participants should plan to depart on Saturday morning no later than 1200 CET
 - We will post a Google form closer to camp for Unit Leaders to reserve a Check-Out time on Departure Day and let us know what meals they will need that day

CHECK-OUT

- **Check-Out will be available from 0600-1300 CET**
- **A Check-Out document covering all Departure Day requirements** will be included in your Welcome Packet
- **Once all requirements are complete**, send someone to the Camp Admin Office to let us know you're ready for your scheduled campsite inspection
- **When your inspection is complete**, please send someone to the Camp Admin Office, where a member of Camp Staff will:
 - ❑ **Check out all present participants**
 - ❑ **Return Annual Health and Medical Forms for each participant and any remaining prescription medications**
 - ❑ **Provide a Check-Out Packet with information, Attendee patches, and any other recognition items**

ATTENDANCE CHANGES DURING CAMP:

While we hope that your group will arrive together and stay the entire duration of camp, we understand that this isn't always possible. To ensure that all of our Attendees are safe and accounted for, please notify the **Camp Director** ASAP if your Unit has knowledge of any of the following changes to one or more of your registered Attendees during camp:

- **ARRIVING >3 HOURS LATER** than the main group
- **ARRIVING AFTER SATURDAY**
- **DEPARTING PRIOR TO SUNDAY**
- **DEPARTING >3 HOURS LATER** than the main group

If you have a Leader who will be switching out with another Leader part-way through the week, please let us know prior to the start of your week at camp:

- **Who will be arriving with the group/is** listed on the registration form
- **Who will be taking that person's place**, including the following info:
 - ❑ **Contact Info** (name, address, email, phone) and Emergency Contact Info
 - ❑ **KISC-Required Info** (date and time of arrival; allergy and diet information; passport country, number, and expiration; date of birth; parking pass info)
 - ❑ **Scouting America Member ID #**

SCOUT'S PACKING LIST

Remember, you will be spending the week in the Swiss Alps, where it can be cold even in the summer, so please plan accordingly!

CLOTHING AND TOILETRIES

- Shorts and/or Pants (6, at least one pair of long pants is recommended)
- Activity Uniform Shirts (4-6)
- Field Uniform (Class A)
- OA GEAR (if applicable)
- Undergarments and Socks (at least 7)
- Handkerchiefs
- Swimsuits (at least 2)
- Raincoat and/or Poncho
- Hiking Boots
- Closed-Toed Water Shoes
- Pajamas
- Sweater, Sweatshirt, or Light Jacket
- Hat
- Hiking Boots or Shoes
- Sneakers
- Flip Flops (ONLY as shower shoes)
- Prescription Medications
- Completed Prerequisites for Classes
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hand and Bath Towels
- Beach Towel
- Washcloths (2)
- Comb and/or Hairbrush
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap in a Container

BEDDING AND TENT SUPPLIES

- Tent with Stakes
- Cot (strongly advised for Adults)
- 8'x10' or Larger Tarp or Ground Cloth
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (If desired)
- Blanket (If desired)

SCOUT ESSENTIALS

- Water Bottle /Canteen
- Mess Kit
- Pocket Knife/Multitool (with Totin' Chip)
- Matches/Fire Starters
- Sunscreen
- Individual First Aid Kit
- Insect Repellant (no aerosol spray cans)
- Backpack/Daypack
- Flashlight with Extra Batteries
- Book
- Pen, Pencil, and Pad
- Compass

OPTIONAL

- Camera and Film
- Device Chargers (if needed)
- Musical Instruments (no radios)
- Sewing Kit
- Folding Camp Chair
- Work Gloves
- Laundry Supplies (KISC provides coin-operated washers and dryers in the back of the Kanderlodge)
- Spending Money
- ATM Card (If you plan to withdraw local currency)

SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

- Please check the Summit Program Guide for an additional Packing List

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- HATCHETS OR SHEATH KNIVES
- OPEN-TOED SHOES
- UNNECESSARY PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (GAMES, ETC.)

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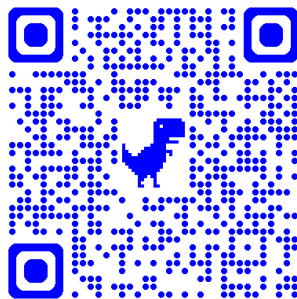
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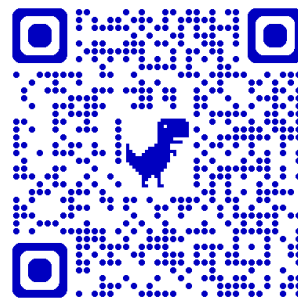
RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES



CAMP ALPINE
REGISTRATION SITE



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WEBPAGE



CAMP ALPINE
FACEBOOK



THINGS TO DO NEAR
CAMP ALPINE



EXPLORE THE WORLD
OF TAC CAMPING



GROW IN SCOUTING AT
NYLT OR WOOD BADGE



PLAN AN EXTREME
SCOUTING EXPERIENCE



SUPPORT FRIENDS
OF SCOUTING