

# CAMP ALPINE 2019

# Leader's Guide

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# Welcome

Whether this is your first time exploring your summer camp possibilities, a seasoned veteran or Camp Alpine alumni, we want to welcome you to our 2019 Leader's Guide. This guide will help introduce you to Transatlantic Council's longest running summer camp for scouts and contains all the information you'll need to get your unit on their way to a great experience.

2019 is shaping up to be a great season for Camp Alpine. We're increasing our capacity and improving tracking to make sure that more scouts can attend our camp. We've got a shiny program polished off from our successful program revamp in 2018, with more on offer for those scouts looking for something new. We are also extremely proud to welcome girls into the Scouts BSA program for the first time this year and hope to have a good contingent joining us in the fun of summer camp.

Our vision is to provide an environment and experience that reinforces the Aims of Scouting for our scouts, staff and leaders. Our robust, engaging and exciting program utilising the 8 methods of Scouting will offer you a once in a lifetime opportunity. We can't wait to have you join us this summer at Camp Alpine.

Yours in Scouting,

**Garrett Lamberth** 

Camp Director

**Jude Michell**Program Director

**Unit registration opens January 5th 2019** 

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# Welcome

It is with great enthusiasm that we bring you this Leader's Guide for the 2019 Summer camping season. Inside you'll find all the details you'll need to bring your troop of ecstatic scouts to Camp Alpine. If you have any questions or there's something missing, get in touch so we can do our Good Turn Daily and help you out!

Our goal is to make sure you and your scouts enjoy the best scouting has to offer and to forge memories that will last a lifetime. Baden-Powell famously said "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room," and we hope to honour that. There is something for everybody at Camp Alpine, whether you recently crossed over from Webelos, or a Scoutmaster who likes to nap too much in camp.

Camp Alpine has had a few changes since you last saw us. We are offering a whopping 44 merit badges this year for Ascent participants ranging from Metalworking to Archery to Cooking. We offer 9 Eagle-required badges too! This year we've been able to improve all of our program areas, from more teaching resources, better gear and some much needed new rifles for the Shooting Range.

We are happy to re-introduce our provisional camper program with full aplomb, and of course welcoming girls to camp for the first time! This means that more and more TAC Scouts will have access to the great program available this summer.

We are proud of the hard work we have put into making this year's Camp Alpine even better, and we hope you are excited to experience it with us. Leaders, thank you for volunteering your time and effort by providing for the leaders of tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you this summer at Camp Alpine!

# All the Essentials

#### Location

Camp Alpine is a summer camp organized by the Transatlantic Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It is held at the Kandersteg International Scout Center. Kandersteg is a small town nestled in the heart of the Swiss Alps. We provide this camp to support units from the council and the wider BSA. The address of the Scout centre is:

Kandersteg International Scout Center Wagetiweg 7 Kandersteg 3718 Switzerland

Camp Alpine shares the Scout Center with scouts and scouting organizations from all over the world and follows the rules of KISC, along with BSA policy and *The Guide to Safe Scouting*. As a guest of the Center, we use their facilities including showers, latrines, recreational areas, and laundry facilities.

For map and information for getting to camp: more details can be found on the KISC website, along with their other programs on offer throughout the year.

#### **Dates**

We offer 2 camper sessions for our 2019 season:

Session 1: 30th June - 6th July 2019 Session 2: 7th - 13th July 2019

Units should arrive and check-in to Camp Alpine between 13:00 and 17:00 on the Sunday of their registered session, and plan to depart no later than 10 am on the day of departure.

## **Early arrival:**

Some units may need to arrive a day earlier at camp, please contact our email to work with our staff to organise this. Camp Alpine staff will not be available to provide assistance to early arrivals or late departures. Units are responsible for their own accommodation and food outside of the camp session times.

# **Participating**

Camp Alpine is open to all youth and leaders who are registered with a Scouts BSA troop. Cub Scouts who have completed their Arrow of Light, aged at least 10.5 and a registered member of a Troop are fully allowed to participate. Scouts BSA troops for girls are also welcome to Camp Alpine in the 2019 session.

# **Provisional Campers**

Our provisional camper program ensures lone scouts, smaller troops, small groups, or other scouts are able to come and attend Camp Alpine if they do not have the same resources as a traditional unit. Lone scouts and small groups are joined together into a provisional unit and our staff will help provide support during your stay at Camp Alpine.

Provisional Scouts should register for Camp Alpine classes and programs, just as any other Scout attending camp. Camp Alpine can provide Patrol Gear such as stoves, pots, pans, utensils, and a dining fly for a small fee. Campers are responsible for bringing personal gear including sleeping bags and tents. Please indicate during registration what provisional items you will require. Contact the Camp Alpine email if you have any more questions.

#### **Volunteer Leaders**

Camp Alpine would not possible with the support of the dedicated leaders coming to camp. In the past, we have had very supportive and helpful leaders volunteer during their time at camp. We've had leaders go above and beyond by serving as Camp Medics, helping at the Commissary and driving scouts to off-site activities. Please contact us if you are available to volunteer or have any skills or qualifications that can help improve the experience for the youth attending.

#### Cost

The costs for participating in Camp Alpine are listed below:

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Base Camp:	\$420
Ascent:	\$420
Summit:	\$535

#### **Adult Costs**

Adult Leader:	\$330
Adult Summit participant:	\$535

# Registration

Registration for Camp Alpine 2019 opens at 00:00 on the 1st of January 2019. Registrations can be made at <a href="https://www.scoutingevent.com/802-CampAlpine2019">https://www.scoutingevent.com/802-CampAlpine2019</a>. Registration by program and number of participants is on a first-come, first served basis. We recommend you register your unit as soon as possible to ensure the session of your choice. You must have an estimated number of participants, by program type, at the time of the initial registration.

# **Payment Schedule**

Jan.1st -Feb. 28th: A \$25 payment per registrant is due at time of registration.(Non-Refundable)

April 1st: An interim payment of \$120 per registrant is due.

*May 6th:* The final balance for each registration is due. (remaining balance can be found on the registration portal)

*Late Fee:* A late fee of \$40 per registration will be added to any balance not paid by the May 6th deadline.

# **Refund Policy for Transatlantic Council Camps**

Please review the refund policy for the Transatlantic Council listed below:

- Camps may have a non-refundable fee component. These are not negotiable.
- All participation cancellation notices and refund requests must be submitted in writing.
- Cancellations due to medical emergencies or other such unforeseen circumstances will be given the utmost consideration in favour of the registrant for any exceptions to this refund policy.
- Camp refunds will not be considered for any requests after the final instalment payment is due. (In 2019: May 6th) This applies to the number of individuals for which reservations have been made. Reservations can be transferred between individuals within the same unit.
- All refunds are subject to a 15% administrative fee\*, primarily to cover the transactional fees assessed by our financial institutions.
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days after the close of the event, with funds being deposited into the Unit Account.

<sup>\*</sup>if the camp is cancelled by the council, this will not apply.

# **Program**

I am so proud to show you our great 2019 program. Building on last year, we've been reworking and improving all aspects of our program. We've got exciting new Merit Badges such as Eagle-required Cooking, brand-new Metalworking and with Chess and Game design returning after a year away. And that's just naming a few. Base Camp has a new structure meaning those scouts get advancements and have even more fun doing it. Summit's options now revolve around specific areas which are Hiking, Water Sports and Climbing. We've added an extra Summit program challenge: summiting a local mountain... not for the faint of heart. IOLS for adult leaders returns, along with other training opportunities, and a special Scoutmaster's Award. You will have an amazing time this year, and I can't wait for you to experience the great program we have in store for you. Here's to a fantastic summer! Cheers!

**Jude Michell**Program Director

#### **Overview**

Our program is designed to appeal to scouts at all parts of their scouting journey. It is broken down into 3 core programs:

Base Camp - Designed for first-year campers and new scoutsAscent - for scout more familiar with the scouting programSummit - special adventure program for older and more experienced scouts

The program is designed and run by the Program Director and the Program Staff. Base Camp and Summit programs are all-day programs while the Ascent program is broken down into 3 Blocks. Alongside the main program, Camp Alpine offers daily evening programs, additional fun activities while at Camp, services opportunities, and International opportunities provide by KISC staff.

Adult leaders can participate in leadership training, scouting forums, challenges, volunteer around camp or participate in the Summit program (subjected to an additional fee, see Cost above for more details).

There is something for everybody at Camp, but if you've experienced every level of scouting at Alpine, are over 14, and are looking for a greater challenger: Please consider applying to be on our staff. More information can be found at:

http://tac-bsa.org/camping/alpine/.

# **Base Camp: First-year Camper Experience**

Our Base Camp program is the perfect first step for new scouts and a great start to their summer camp experience. Our ultimate goal is to give these introduce these new scouts to the fun of summer camp. While advancement and outdoor skills are important goals to strive for, if a scout doesn't enjoy his first year at camp, they are likely to not come back to summer camp or leave scouting altogether.

Base Camp is an all-day program where scouts are joined in patrol from 6-10, similar to the troop method. They'll learn a huge selection of basic scout skills, integrated with fun camp games and service projects. They'll also have the opportunity to earn a couple of Merit badges, so they can get a taste of the Ascent program for when they come back the following year.

Swimming, hiking, knots, axes and knives, fire-making, orienteering, hiking, cooking: What more could you ask for? With our seasoned Base Camp Guides, your scouts are sure to have a blast in our Base Camp program. We recommend the program for youth new to scouting as well as those of Scout Rank and former cub scouts who recently crossed-over. In addition to learning basic scouting skills in the morning, scouts will spend part of their afternoon working on some quick and fun merit badges to get a taste of the next program: Ascent. Scouts will earn the

#### Advancement requirements covered

Scout	1a, b, c, d, e, f 3a, b	2a, b, c, d, 4a, b	
Tenderfoot	1c 3a, b, c, d 5 a, b, c 7a	2c 4a, b, c, d 6a, 8	
Second Class	2a, b, c, d, f, g 4 6a, b, c, d, e 9a, b	3a, c, d 5a, b, c, d 8a, b	
First Class	3a, b, c, d 5a, b, c, d 7a, b, c, d + f	4b 6a, b, c	
Additional	Firem'n Chit, Totem' Chit		
Merit Badges	First Aid, Fire Safety		

The base camp program does not complete the full requirements for any rank, requirements remaining are time-dependent, parent-scout dependent, or troop dependent.

# **Ascent: The Core of Camp Alpine**

Ascent is the next step in the Camp Alpine program. Ascent is designed for scouts familiar with BSA scouting and advancement. Ascent offers the opportunity to complete a variety of merit badges in topic-oriented blocks, great for scouts at 2nd Class and above.

Each block focuses on a field of interest and has a selection of merit badges that scouts will work on during their time at camp. The blocks use fun and informational instruction, promising hands-on experience and great resources from the surrounding areas.

Camp Alpine, in an effort to streamline and improve the accuracy of record keeping, does not provide or accept blue cards for Merit Badges. Our new registration software allows unit leaders to download a file tracking all of their scouts' achievements. Even better, it can be directly imported into Scoutbook, saving you a ton of time and hassle!

*MB Completion Disclaimer:* While the blocks have been developed to allow completion of a majority of the merit badges at camp, in some circumstances the youth will only receive a partial. This may be due to time restrictions or if the scouts do not complete all prerequisites. It may also be due to external factors, like the weather. Every effort will be made to inform the Scoutmasters of any complications.

BLOCK A	9:00 till 10:45	
30 min	s Break	
<b>BLOCK B</b> 11:15 till 13:00		
1 hour	Lunch	
BLOCK C	14:00 till 15:45	
Additional Program 15:45 till 17:00		

The 30 minutes break is to allow ample time for scouts to arrive in time for the next session, use the restroom, collected required work etc.

- Please arrive promptly for your session. Blocks have a lot of material to cover
- Everyday units have a packed lunch which can be prepared at breakfast or eaten at the Troop's campsite.
- Please note: Staff will not be present at Program Areas during lunch, as it is their break as well, however, a Senior Staffer can always be found at the Camp Office.
- Additional Program: Some merit badges may have extra activities that take place during this time. While it is free-time for the youth, if they miss a required part of instruction for their Blocks that take place in the additional time, they may not earn all the requirements to complete the merit badge.

Area	Block Name	Merit Badges offered			
	Chieftain* Leatherworking		Indiar	1 Lore	
	Craftsman*	Woodcarving	Bask	etry	
Handicraft	Armourer (14+)*	Metalworking	Mining in society		
	Grandmaster	Chess	Game Design		
	Diplomat	Citizenship in the World	Scouting	Heritage	
	World Conservation	Environmental Science	Soil + Water Conservation	Citizenship in the World	
	Biologist	Nature	Mammal Study	Bird Study	
Ecology	Botanist	Forestry	Plant S	cience	
	Cosmonaut	Astronomy	Space Ex	ploration	
	Earth Scientist	Geology	Soil + Water Conservation	Weather	
	Environmentalist	Environmental Science	Geology		
	Swimmer*	Swimming			
Aquatics	Lifesaver*		Lifesaving		
	BSA Lifeguard*	BSA	Lifeguard Certification	1	
Shooting	Marksman *		Rifle Shooting		
Sports	Fletcher *		Archery		
	Chef		Cooking		
	Salesman	Communications	Salesm	anship	
	Fireman	Fire Safety	Safety	Emergency Prep.	
	Navigator Orienteering		Geoca	Geocaching	
Outdoor Skills	Rescuer	Signs, Signal + Codes	Search and Rescue		
Skills	Survivalist	Wilderness Survival	Orienteering		
	Bushman	Pioneering	Camping	Backpacking	
Pioneer Pioneering		Pioneering	Railroading		
	Medical	First Aid	Emergency Prep.		

<sup>\*</sup>These Merit badges may have additional costs associated with them due to the need for additional resources, consumables or offsite locations.

Block Name	Additional Cost or Prerequisites		
Chieftain	Indian Lore: req. 2		
Craftsman	Woodcarving: req. 2a		
Armourer	Metalworking: req. 4 Mining in Society: req. 7d + 8b (Aged 14+)		
Grandmaster	Game Design: req. 8b		
Diplomat	Citizenship in the World: req. 3a, 7a or b Scouting Heritage: req. 5+6		
World Conservation	Environmental Science: req. 1 + 3e, f, g + 6 Soil and Water Conservation: req. 7e Citizenship in the World: req. 3a		
Biologist	Mammal Study: req. 3c Bird Study: 7b		
Botanist	No prerequisites		
Cosmonaut	Astronomy: req. 5, 9 Space Exploration: req.5b, 8		
Earth Scientist	Geology: req. 4b Soil and Water Conservation: req. 7e Weather: req. 9		
Environmentalist	Environmental Science: req. 1 + 3e, f, g + 6 Geology: req. 4b		
Swimmer	Recommended: STRONG swimmer		
Lifesaver*	Recommended: STRONG swimmer + Swimming MB, Req. 1a+b		
BSA Lifeguard*	Minimum age: 15 requirements 1-6, Very strong swimmer		
Marksman	Rifle shooting: 1f - obtain a copy of your areas hunting laws/requirements		
Fletcher	No prerequisites		
Chef	Cooking: req. 4 +7		
Salesman	Communications: req. 4, 5 + 9 Salesmanship: req. 7		
Fireman	Fire Safety: req. 6a +13, Safety: req. 8, Emergency Prep.: req. 1, 2c, 8b		
Navigator	Geocaching: req. 7		
Rescuer	Signs, Signal + Codes: req. 10 Search and Rescue: req. 4+10		
Survivalist	No prerequisites		
Bushman	Camping: req. 9		
Pioneer	Railroading: req. 3b		
Medical	First Aid: req. 1 Emergency Prep.: req. 1, 2c, 8b		

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that scouts should not be taking both the swimming and lifesaving merit badges during the same session at camp. Swimming MB is required before participating in Lifesaving. If scouts are not strong enough swimmers for lifesaving, they may have to change to another block.

# **Timetabling and Class Sizes**

Activities	BLOCK A	BLOCK B	вьоск с	
Chieftain	(10)	(10)	(10)	
Craftsman	(10)	(10)	(10)	
Armourer		(10)	(10)	
Grandmaster	(15)	(15)		
Diplomat	(15)			
World Conservation		(15)	(15)	
Biologist	(15)		(15)	
Botanist	(15)	(15)		
Cosmonaut	(15)		(15)	
Earth Scientist		(15)	(15)	
Environmentalist	(15)	(15)		
Swimmer		(15)	(15)	
Lifesaver		(15)	(15)	
BSA Lifeguard		Double Block - (8)		
Marksman	(16)	(16)	(16)	
Fletcher	(16)	(16)	(16)	
Chef	(15)		(15)	
Salesman	(15)			
Fireman		(15)	(15)	
Navigator	(15)	(15)		
Rescuer		(15)	(15)	
Survivalist	(15)		(15)	
Bushman	(15)	(15)		
Pioneer			(15)	
Medical	(15)	(15)		
BASE CAMP PROGRAM	ALL DAY PROGRAM			
SUMMIT PROGRAM	ALL DAY PROGRAM - (size dependent on KISC limitations)			

# **Summit: Our Special Adventure Program**

Summit is the speciality adventure program we offer here at Camp Alpine. It's a great program for more experience scouts or those who just want to break away from merit badges at camp. We take advantage of KISC and local activities to provide scouts with a wide selection of different activities ranging from hiking to climbing to canyoning.

Participants of the Summit Program get to choose 1 of 3 different courses on offer at Camp Alpine. The program normally takes the entire day, so participants are often only to participate in the extra evening program. Summit is very hard going and requires you to be physically fit, mentally strong and up for a challenge; so we recommend this option for 14 years old and over. You'll be accompanied by our own Summit Guides, and sometimes a KISC guide. The courses are list below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hillary & Tenzing (aged 16+)	Day Hike + MB	Day Hike + MB	Morning: Final MB Requirements MB BLÜEMLISALP GLACIER TOUR Afternoon: Set off for overnight, return following day	
Whitewater (aged 14+)	Morning: Swim Test at the Pool DOLDENHORNEHUTTE Afternoon: Set off for overnight, return the following day		Canyoning	Paddle Boarding + Rodelbahn
Grappler (aged 14+)	High COPE Course, Interlaken	GFELLALPHUT	TE Hike 'n' Climb	Sunnbüel Natural Rock Climbing

The Summit program is also open to adults who want to participate in these fun challenges, for an addition to their fee. There are certain restrictions on group sizes for these courses, so registering for your preferred course early is very important. Due to the nature of the weather and conditions leading up to Alpine, there is a chance that an activity may be changed if it is too dangerous to participate in.

## **Program Costs**

Unfortunately, due to the nature of some programs, we have to associate an extra cost to cover them so that they can be offered to scouts at Alpine. These are often some of our most popular classes, and every cost is determined to give you the best deal possible! The costs cover special kits, ammunition, offsite expenses etc.

	Chieftain	Offered in Blocks: A, B, C	\$15
Handicraft	Craftsman	Offered in Blocks: A, B, C	\$15
	Armourer	Offered in Blocks: B, C	\$20
	Swimmer	Offered in Blocks: B, C	\$20
Aquatics	Lifesaver	Offered in Blocks: B, C	\$20
	BSA Lifeguard	Offered as Double block: B + C	\$20
Chaatina	Marksman	Offered in Blocks: A, B, C	\$10
Shooting Sports	Fletcher	Offered in Blocks: A, B, C	\$10

# **Free-day Friday and Troop Independent Activities**

Core program such as Base Camp, Ascent and Summit all finish on the Thursday of the Camp session, leaving the Troop the ability to undertake their own activities. Free-day Friday is one of the favourite parts of the Camp for many campers and troops. Troops have done a variety of activities such as hikes in the Swiss Alps, troop swimming at the local pool or Oeschinensee, Troop meals, or even just relax in camp playing games and exploring KISC's offerings. The choice is yours

Merit Badge Counsellors and Area Directors will be in their appropriate program areas until 12:00 pm, allowing for scouts who haven't finished their requirements time to finish off. After this deadline, we cannot accept late submission since we require large amounts of time and manpower to process all the paperwork. 12:00 pm may also be the submission deadline for other prizes or competitions at Camp.

#### A Scout is Reverent

At Camp Alpine, we offer a non-denominational Scout Own ceremony during your time at camp, recommended for all participants. Units are also invited to perform their own services if they would like, and are free to invite others. The Scout's Own is hosted by our Camp Chaplin, and we invite troop Chaplain Aides to assist the Chaplin in preparing and running the service.

# **Evening Programs, Additional Program and Leader Opportunities**

Staff at Camp Alpine will also make sure there is plenty of fun things to do after a hard days work on completing requirements, merit badges and summit treks. Some may have a little competition, some are a little more relaxed, but we can guarantee there is something for everyone! So examples of our evening programs available:

- Opening and Closing Campfire
- Astronomy Star Party
- Chess Tournament
- Services and Conservation projects
- Cobbler Cook-Off
- Scout Interfaith ceremony
- Bug Bingo, Scout Jeopardy
- Movie Night
- Camp Alpine Branding

The Kandersteg International Scout Centre also runs a ton of activities that we encourage you to participate in. It's a great opportunity to interact with scouts from all over the world and make some lasting memories and friendships. We try and give you a ton of extra program at Camp Alpine to fill your downtime. These are all provided free of charge and are in addition to the current program, however, they will have limited spaces, so make sure that your scouts are keen and punctual, they are first-come, first served.

Pulp and Paper MB: A fun and relaxing MB offered by the Handicraft team

**Photography MB:** For the young budding photographer who's eager to learn more

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award: Learn more about OE in KISC's amazing wildlife

Free Shoot: Open shooting of Archery and Rifle down at the Range

**Base Camp Boost!:** For Scouts missing just a few requirements on the next rank!

#### **Order of the Arrow at Camp**

Camp Alpine's Camp Chief will be in charge of promoting and providing Order of the Arrow activities during the during of your session. Arrowmen will have to opportunity to undertake services projects, attend specific OA sessions and enjoy an OA evening while at Camp. All Arrowmen should bring their sashes. We will have an Order of the Arrow day each week during camp to share in fellowship with our Brothers and demonstrate our participation in the Order.

Additionally, we will host a Call Out ceremony during the weekly campfire. Unit Leaders should provide a certified Order of the Arrow election form during their check-in on Sunday. We will also offer the opportunity for any Ordeal member to become Brotherhood.

# **Eagle Scout and Other Achievement Recognitions**

During our Closing Campfire, we wish to host a ceremony recognizing recent Eagle recipients, and Scout who have earned any awards over the last year (Sept 2018 – present). Please get in contact if you have a scout who you feel should be recognised for one of their awards. We also hand out our Camp Specific awards.

# **Camp Alpine Dailies**

There a lot going on camp, including many daily events, we couldn't possibly list them all here but they include:

- Scoutmaster and SPL meeting
- Commissioner's Coffee and Conversation
- Adult Leader Training
- Campsite Inspections

# **Operations**

# **Arriving at Camp**

When you arrive at Camp, your unit leader should head to the Camp Alpine office to formally check-in. While your unit leader is occupied, your staff guide will help you find your campsite and help you set up. Check-in is between 12:00 and 17:00 on the Sunday of your session. If your unit arrives early, you will have to wait until we are ready to start check-ins. During check-ins, leaders will confirm your number, receive their check-in packets and emergency procedures, and go through our medical check. Camp Alpine does not support early arrival: troops must book accommodation and food independently with KISC.

# **Camping**

Camp Alpine has good old fashioned tent camping. When you arrive at Camp, you'll be assigned a Staff Buddy who will take you to your assigned campsite and help you get set up. They'll be your main point of contact during your stay at camp and they'll be more than happy to help you out. Camp Alpine occupies the whole of the Rovergelande (Africa Campsites), and some on the main campsite of KISC. You can find a KISC Map at the back of this guide.

Space is very tight at Camp Alpine so we recommend that units maximise the number of scouts per tent, and recommend leaders' personal tents are no bigger than 1-or-2 men sized tents. There is a daily campsite inspection that counts towards your Honor patrol award while at Alpine. We encourage you to take on a pioneering project, have a small campfire, and make it feel like a home away from home. Please also be respectful of other troops camping nearby, and of course other KISC guests on the property.

Scouts and Troops are responsible for bringing/ providing their own gear. This includes personal gear and camping gear, such as tents, and Patrol/ Troop gear including items needed for preparing meals and establishing a campsite. Extra gear can be rented through KISC, such as tables, benches and burner.

# Cooking

All meals will be provided in a Patrol Cooking setting, reinforcing the Patrol Method. Each day the commissary will provide units with the ingredients necessary for the next 24 hours. Units will be responsible for dividing the ingredients and preparing the meals in their campsite. All units should bring enough coolers to keep their food chilled from day to day. Units must provide their own labelled ice packs; but we provide an area to re-freeze your ice packs, just bring them along to our commissary and we'll freeze them for you

The Menu, ingredient lists and recipes, will be emailed prior to camp so Scouts can prepare and pack appropriate kitchen items for the scheduled meals (menus will be subject to change). Recipes will only be a suggestion and Patrols should feel free to prepare the issued ingredients in any manner they wish. Each unit will receive an initial issue of basic kitchen items such as sugar, salt, pepper, cooking oil, bread, butter, and spices. After the initial issue, units will need to notify The Commissary about items they need replacing Special dietary menus such as vegetarian, religious menus, and allergy sensitive menus are available but

Units may choose to cook over fires or bring gas stoves. Fires are permitted in campsites, off 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 lanterns before coming to camp, as fuel will be expensive and may be difficult to find in the small village of Kandersteg.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING WOOD TO CAMP**- We understand this may seem a little weird, but this is to prevent the spread of possible diseases, pests or fungi from other parts of the continent. Fire barrels are available filled with wood from KISC for only 5 CHF.

# **Provisional Campers**

Camp Alpine is happy to welcome Provisional Campers from across TAC and from any other council. We are excited to host Scouts from any BSA Troop, Crew, Team, or Post. Lone Scouts are encouraged to attend our camp for a unique, international experience, and a chance to interact with others scouts.

Provisional camping is an opportunity for a Scout to spend a week at camp without having to come with his Troop, or for a scout to experience a second week of camping...whether to work on badges and advancements or just enjoy the fun and adventure of the outdoor program.

Provisional Campers will work with other singular or small groups of scouts as small patrols. Staff shall help provide guidance and leadership for all provisional Scouts in attendance. The campers will determine patrols and identify youth leadership.

Provisional Scouts should register for Camp Alpine classes and programs, just as any other Scout attending camp. Camp Alpine will provide Patrol Gear such as stoves, pots, pans, utensils, and a dining fly. Campers are responsible for bringing personal gear including sleeping bags and tents.

#### Vehicles and Bikes

As a majority of troops arrive via car, we often have a lot of vehicles present at Camp Alpine. In order to maintain order and provide a safe environment for scouts, we ask that you do not use your vehicles in the camping area at KISC. The area in front

of the Kanderlodge is reserved for Staff vehicles and other guests of the Lodge. Units may only temporarily park their vehicles there for unloading troop gear, then they must get a parking permit from the Camp Alpine office and move it to the overflow parking lot on the other side of KISC.

Due to a number of injuries and near-miss incidents involving bikes in previous years, bikes are not permitted to be used within the campgrounds, and this extends to skateboard, hoverboards, scooters etc.

We do rely on volunteer leaders to help drive scouts to the pool and other excursions outside of the campgrounds. If you are willing to lend a hand, please let us know on your arrival, and we will list you down as a willing driver.

To help move gear to your campsite, KISC has trolleys that can be borrowed and used, we only ask you to return them to their rightful place once you are finished with them.

#### **KISC Facilities**

As a guest of KISC, you are free to use the communal facilities available to all guests. You are also invited to interact with other scouting groups from different countries. KISC offers their own daily programs that units can participate in, alongside Alpine's offerings. You can see the facilities available on the map at the end of this guide or on the KISC website.

# **Trading post and Spending money**

Camp Alpine will operate a Trading Post with BSA items, which will accept Dollars and Euros only, although change may only be given in US dollars. The trading will stock a range of items for shirts, uniform parts and other clothing, to useful tools, essential and craft kits. The Trading Post will not stock drinks or food items.

 A pre-order form will be made available to order special Camp Alpine merchandise from the store. This will be the only way to guarantee Camp Alpine merchandise, as stocks may not last the entire duration of camp.

KISC operates a Scout Shop fully stocked with all kinds of "comfort/junk" food as well as distinctive KISC apparel and souvenirs. They accept Euros, Swiss Francs, and US Dollars only.

Swiss currency is preferred for transactions in the town of Kandersteg. Major credit cards such as Mastercard and Visa are widely accepted in Kandersteg and at KISC, but might not be accepted at our Trading Post. ATM and Swiss Banking Services are located in the local village.

# **Health and Safety**

The number one goal of our Camp Alpine staff is for every Scout and Scouter to have a safe camp experience. In addition to the below guidelines: we must follow The Guide to Safe Scouting, National Camp Accreditation Standards, and those of KISC.

The Transatlantic Council and Camp Alpine reserve the right to add rules and measures to ensure the safety of all those at camp.

#### **Medical Evaluations**

Every individual in camp must have the required Annual Health and Medical Record form with Sections A, B, and C completed.

Anyone arriving at camp without a medical examination will have to obtain a medical examination before they can check in. The BSA medical form can be found on the BSA Scouting website at the link below:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx.

All medical examinations will be reviewed and collected upon arrival at Camp Alpine and the Camp Medical Staff will maintain the medical evaluations in the camp dispensary and returned when you during Check-out.

## **Camp Dispensary & Swiss Medical Treatment**

Camp Alpine will have a medic 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.

The village of Kandersteg has two doctors. If local medical assistance is required, participants should be prepared to pay in Swiss Francs for those services rendered. Cases requiring further medical attention will be directed to the Fruitigen Hospital located about 30 minutes away.

# **Prescription Medications**

All medications ultimately are the responsibility of the individual and in some cases, the Unit Leader. The Camp Medic 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, nitro-glycerin, 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.

## Food Allergies, Allergies, & Special Medical Concerns

Unit leaders should notify the Camp medic of any allergies or special medical concerns (e.g. asthma) before their arrival at camp and during their medical screening.

Unit leaders who have individuals with special dietary requirements, including allergies, must contact the Camp Administration no later than 1 May 2018 regarding these requirements to ensure adequate time to make necessary menu adjustments.

#### **Additional Risks**

Any activity that may have associated risk will be risk assessed and guidelines will be implemented under the discretion of the Camp Director, and to be followed at all times by participants, staff and anyone under the care of the Transatlantic Council during their stay at the resident Camp.

#### **Emergency Procedures and Accident Reporting**

In the case of an emergency, Camp Alpine has a set of guidelines that will be provided to each unit in their welcome packet, detailing what to do in each scenario. Please take the time to familiarise yourself these procedures and explain them to your scouts. We are free to answer any question regarding these policies.

In the case of an emergency, the Camp Director or his appointee will be the primary contact between the Camp, Emergency Services and KISC. In the case of an accident, please immediately contact the Alpine office and Camp Medic. Only the Camp Medic, Camp Director or his appointee should contact the emergency services if accidents occur on campgrounds. If an accident occurs on the property, it is the responsibility of the Troop leadership to act accordingly and contact the emergency services, and then notify Alpine Leadership at the earliest convenience.

As is BSA policy, any serious incidents and accidents must be reported to the Council. This is the sole responsibility of the Camp Director, and we ask for your cooperation in the following reporting, investigation and action taken.

# **Rules and Policies**

Camp Alpine is a Transatlantic Council authorised long-term camp and will adhere to the Guide to Safe Scouting and National Camp Accreditation Standards. Units are expected to adhere to these policies as well during their stay at Camp Alpine. These rules and policies have been developed to ensure a Safe and scout appropriate Camp. If you have any question or concerns regarding the policies laid out below, please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:campalpine.tac@gmail.com">campalpine.tac@gmail.com</a>

# **Adult and Youth Registration**

- All adults serving in a leadership capacity at camp must be registered as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America, with completed Youth Protection Training.
- All youth participants must be registered members of a Scout Troop or Venturing Crew.

## **Youth and Adults sharing Tents**

• No youth member may sleep in the same tent as an adult unless the adult is the youth member's parent/guardian.

#### **Youth Protection Issues**

- All persons over the age of 18, or serving in a Leader role must have completed BSA Youth Protection Training prior to arrival at Camp Alpine.
  - Every leader should review the Guide to Safe Scouting and must adhere to the guidelines in that document. (see link above)

## Alcoholic Beverages, Non-Prescription Drugs, and Tobacco Use

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at BSA activities. Use of such substances by youth or adult members of the BSA may result in immediate dismissal from camp. Substances can include:

- Any form of alcohol
- o Illicit substance and drugs, including marijuana
- o Non-alcoholic beers, wine, ciders or similar
- Any encouragement of the consumption of alcohol by either youth or adult will result in immediate dismissal from camp.
- Adult use of tobacco is limited to designated areas away from the sight of youth and should not be used in the campsites or activity areas.

# **Tents, Open Flames, Fires, and Stoves**

- •No open flames in tents. This includes matches, candles, kerosene, propane or liquid lanterns and heaters in tents.
- •Lighting inside of tents is to be provided by battery powered lanterns or flashlight.
- •It is acceptable to use a propane lantern under a dining fly.
- Each campsite must be marked with tags stating "No open flames in tents." This will be an inspectable item during Commissioner visits.
- •Units must attend to all fires and lit stoves and lanterns; no flame will be left unwatched.

# <u>Liquid Fuels</u>

The BSA permits the use of liquid fuels only under the direct supervision of a knowledgeable adult.

- •Coleman fuel is difficult to find and is very expensive. US type propane canisters are nonexistent.
- •Bring all the fuel you will need to camp.
- •Liquid fuel may never be used as a fire starter!

## Weapons, Knives, Fireworks, Firearms & Ammunition

- Non-folding sheath knives, throwing stars or martial arts weapons are not permitted at Camp Alpine.
- Fireworks of any kind are also prohibited.
- •All firearms are prohibited at Camp, this includes ammunition and any crank or air-powered weapons, except that official maintained and supervised by the Range Safety Officer and authorized by the Camp Director

#### Pets Pets

• Pets are not allowed at KISC or Camp Alpine. Exceptions can/ will be made for service animals. Please contact <a href="mailto:reneesahli@gmail.com">reneesahli@gmail.com</a> if a participant requires a service animal.

#### **Family Camping**

 Camp Alpine cannot 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 non-camp staff persons at Camp Alpine must be registered members of a BSA Troop or Crew. Visitors must sign in at the Camp Alpine Office

#### **Camp Telephone and Mail**

For emergency use, the telephone number for the reception at KISC is +4133675 8282. More contact will be provided to unit leader's in their check-in packets *Please do not send mail.* 

## **Mobile phone and electronics at Camp**

Youth are allowed to bring mobile phones and other electronics, however, they are not to be used during instruction. We also encourage scoutmasters to limit phone and electronic use as much as possible. Camp Alpine Staff reserves the right to confiscate a device if it is disruption instruction. It will, afterwards, be returned to the scoutmaster.

## **Going and Coming While At Camp**

A sign in/sign out Log will be located in the Camp Office in the Kanderlodge. Any adult or scouts and adults leaving camp, other than for a pre-planned Camp Alpine activity, must sign out and back in at the Camp Alpine office.

Under no circumstances will youth be permitted to leave the camp without adult supervision. Each unit must maintain two-deep adult leadership at Camp unless coordinated with the Camp Commissioner or Camp Director.

#### **Lost and Found**

The camp lost and found will be located in the Camp Alpine Office at the Kanderlodge. Scouts should have their personal property and clothing clearly marked with the name and troop number. It is also recommended that units check with the KISC Reception office in the Chalet since they also maintain a lost and found.

- Please do not take valuables to the swimming pools, showers, or leave them lying unattended in camp.
- Items turned in to the Camp Alpine office will be posted as lost and found on the Camp Alpine Facebook at the end of their respective session.

#### Uniform

As a BSA summer camp Scouts and Scouters are expected to be in a BSA uniform at Camp Alpine. Scouts only have to wear the Field Uniform during afternoon Flags, Campfire Program, interfaith and other appropriate events. For all other activities including morning flag, an Activity Uniform (Scout t-shirt or polo shirt, with Scout shorts or pants) is appropriate wear.

Military uniforms are not acceptable to wear at camp. Camouflage should not be worn unless as rain gear.

The village of Kandersteg, and KISC and Camp Alpine request that Scouts wear a BSA neckerchief (camp, unit, etc) at all times, both in town and in camp. Wearing a neckerchief allows scouts to