

KANDERSTEG HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP

Area 5 BSA and the Ozark Trails Council BSA announce the formation of a scouting contingency (10 scouts and 2 adult scout leaders), to KISC, Kandersteg International Scouting Center, December 27, 2014 through January 2, 2015. KISC in Switzerland offers a superb supervised winter high adventure experience for scouts from around the world. Estimated cost of the trip is \$600 for accommodations, meals, and activities at Kandersteg and \$1,150 for transportation. Representation from each of the 10 councils in Area 5 is desired. KISC offers individualized winter programs. See the Kandersteg website: www.kisc.ch, to review the diverse activities available. Skiing is a popular activity there, however, one need not to be a skier to attend. Skiing lessons for beginners are available or there are multiple other winter activities. KISC provides ski equipment. KISC is located on the rail line near the tunnel from Switzerland to Italy so day trips to ski areas and cities in Italy and France can be conveniently arranged.

An initial payment of \$600 with a letter of endorsement from one's scout executive is required in order to reserve a position. An alternate's list will be kept. If a scout should withdraw, an alternate may go, and the deposit refunded. For further information contact Michael Clarke, MD, trip leader and international representative at email mscdr@sbcglobal.net or phone (417) 838 1655. Dr. Clarke has attended Kandersteg on two prior trips. Reservation checks and letters of endorsement should be posted to the Ozark Trails Council BSA, 1636 South Eastgate, Springfield, Missouri 65809. Final payment will be due in October, 2014. A group rate is being negotiated with the major airlines. In February of 2014, firm costs for transportation should be known. Flight to Zurich and the train from Zurich Airport to Kandersteg are planned.

Kandersteg Scouting Center is a very popular scouting center and reservations far in advance are required. A reservation for 12 positions has been paid for and confirmed. The trip is open to Boy Scouts, explorers, and adventurers, male and female from Area 5 BSA. A passport is necessary. An optional gathering is tentatively planned for November 16, 2014, Sunday, in Kansas City, Missouri.