

## FAQ - KISC edition

- Why are KISC staff called 'Pinkies'?  
Because their uniform is pink!
- Why do the 'Pinkies' wear pink?  
Many moons ago, the staff uniform changed colour from time to time and eventually red was chosen as the new staff colour. During the red era, the centre had to tighten up financially and new staff uniforms weren't a priority so red shirts faded to pink and the rest, as they say, is history. It's also a colour not often used in formal Scout uniforms globally and made the KISC staff stand out of the Scouty crowd.
- Can I swim in the Kander river? (or any body of water near KISC)  
Nope! Nien! Non! NO! Apart from being a contingent and a Centre law, it's a Village law too! It's very temperamental and prone to flash flooding. Just don't go swimming in it or any other water mass around.  
Lake Oeschinen is ok, as long as you have a leader present.
- What languages do they speak at KISC?  
You're in luck because the official language of the Centre is English. However, the locals speak Swiss German. They will also understand ... German and most will speak a reasonable amount of French and Italian.
- Do I need to learn to speak German?  
While the locals *really* appreciate an attempt to speak German, most Swiss nationals can speak basic English. So, try and memorise some basic manners and phrases and it will go a long way.
- Can I wear runners on hikes?  
Would you water-ski in gumboots? Would you tap dance in slippers? NO! So why would you try and hike in anything except hike boots. You MUST have good, comfortable hiking boots for this trip. Not only will the contingent not let you participate, the KISC staff wouldn't even let you leave the valley floor.
- Do the cows really wear bells?  
Yep! The older the cow, the bigger the bell.
- Do I need a mat for the Hut overnight?  
No. Leave your tent and mat set up at camp. The Huts have mattresses and blankets provided, so just take an inner sheet or sleeping bag if you like.  
Your daypack should only weigh 5-10kgs max!
- Did Prince Charles really visit the valley?  
Yep! Hari, the cheese man in the village has a photo of him in his shop and a cheese named after him. The more you know.

- Is there wifi on the campsite?  
Ahhhh, no. (This is an actual question, asked by an actual guest at KISC)
- What currency do they use in Switzerland?  
The Swiss Franc.
- How do I get around the Village?  
Two options.
  1. Walk, its not far and provides a good chance for you to soak in the beautiful valley you will call home for 10 days
  2. The Village bus, free to anyone wearing a Scout scarf but generally only runs once an hour.
- Where can I buy souvenirs of my trip?  
KISC has a little shop you can buy KISC/Scout related things as well as snacks, ice creams and drinks.  
The village also has a few souvenir shops that do the Swiss stuff well
- Washing?  
Yes, please do. For you, there are showers. Hot showers. For your clothes, there are washing machine. We provide the powder, you provide the coins.
- Do I need money?  
Money is for extra purchases like snacks, souvenirs and even Free Day activities. A couple of hundred should see you through the trip (maybe more if you fancy Italy). The village has two ATMs and take travel money cards – keep the cash to a minimum.
- Security of my stuff?  
There will be lockers on site that you can also charge things in. Nifty, huh!  
Cost is free, just don't lose the key or you wont get your deposit back.
- Do I get to see my friends?  
Yes! Lots! The patrol you are in will provide some friendly faces. The Core Days will be with one group of people, and you will camp in your Troops. Preference Days are free-for-all with every different, and there is plenty of free time and activities each day too!