



KISC



AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

NEWSLETTER!

Newsletter 1

February/March 2022

Welcome to the KISC100 Australian Contingent!

Congratulations on being accepted to join us on a trip of a lifetime! The KISC100 Australian Contingent Team are excited to bring you all along on the journey!





Grüezi mitenand!

(Swiss German for: Hello everyone!)

In less than 18 months we will be arriving at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) for a magical 10 day experience in the Swiss alps! KISC is a special place for lots of Scouts around the world and we hope this trip will make it so for you too. It's also KISC's 100th birthday and you're going to be there to celebrate!

There are approximately 200 lucky Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders from all over Australia who will get to experience the magic that the village of Kandersteg has to offer!

As we work towards July next year, at various points in time we will need you to:

- provide additional information back to us,
- pick activities,
- make prompt payments,
- provide additional or updated medical information
- work through the travel arrangements with us.

We need you to respond quickly to our requests and get the details back to us promptly so we can keep working on bringing you the best event ever!

As young adults and Leaders, we expect you to keep yourself informed. This can be done a number of ways, including keeping an eye on your emails, reading our newsletters, and following us on our socials.

Finally, stay excited and get fundraising! We will put some fundraising ideas on the website, as well as a letter you can use to help explain what the KISC100 Contingent is to people outside Scouting who might want to make a donation to your Contingent fees (for example: local community organisations like Rotary, Apex etc.).

This is going to be one of the best experiences of your life! Keep your eyes on the prize, and we look forward to working with you to make the KISC100 Contingent an amazing experience for everyone!

Gut Pfad!

(German for: Good Path or Good Scouting!)

Lisa and Georgia
Contingent Leader and Deputy Contingent Leader
KISC100



Payment 2 Due!

The next payment for the KISC100 trip is due on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

See below for the payment schedule & guide to making payments.

How to make payments

Payments to attend KISC100 Australian Contingent can only be made online through OLEMS (the platform you applied through). We accept Visa & MasterCard only.

1. Log into your account
2. <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/Login.asp>
3. Click on KISC2023 under 'My Events'.
4. Click on the status menu.
5. Click on the "Make a Payment" button on the right-hand side above the summary of payments table.
6. Tick the checkbox of the instalment you wish to pay.
7. Then click 'Process Transaction' - you will receive confirmation if your payment has been approved or declined.
8. (Optional but advised) Download a receipt from the status page.

Payment schedule

Due Date	Youth Participants & Adult Leaders	Independent travel
Deposit	\$400	\$400
1 March 2022	\$590	\$590
1 June 2022	\$1,000	\$250
1 August 2022	\$1,000	\$250
1 November 2022	\$1,000	\$250
1 March 2023	\$1,000*	\$500
TOTAL	\$4,990	\$2,240

* Final payment amount subject to change. The amount will not be increased but may be decreased if budget savings allow.

Payments more than one month late may result in withdrawal.

Applicants hoping to seek financial assistance of any kind are asked to please contact the Contingent Leader as soon as possible.

The Contingent reserves the right to refuse any application at any time, in which case a full refund will be made.

Withdrawal policy

Members choosing to withdraw from the Contingent must notify the Contingent Leader in writing as soon as possible. Since many expenses must be paid well before our departure, it is not possible to provide full refunds upon withdrawal. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Notification Received	Youth Participants & Adult Leaders
On or before 28 Feb 2022	Full Refund
1 Mar 2022 – 31 Jul 2022	Amount paid less \$500
1 Aug 2022 – 30 Nov 2022	Amount paid less \$1,500
1 Dec 2022 – 31 Jan 2023	Amount paid less \$2,500
1 Feb 2023 – 30 Apr 2023	Amount paid less \$3,500
On or after 1 May 2023	No Refund



Health & Fitness

As our trip is still a little way in the future, we know things can change with your health between now and when we depart, so if anything changes, please log back into OLEMS and update your application. Please be honest with your health and wellbeing needs – the more our Health and Wellbeing Team know, the better we can support you when in Switzerland. These details can be updated whenever, and as many times as you need! It's better to have too much information than not enough!

In regard to physical fitness, getting ready for our trip can start now! It's important to be as fit as you can for the trip because the Swiss alps make Australian mountains look like little, tiny hills! Getting out walking and hiking as much as you can before the trip will help you get the most out of our adventure!

We'll also be providing some suggested fitness tips and tricks to help you along the way so keep an eye out.



Passports

To travel to Switzerland, you will need a current passport with an expiry date of no earlier than 15 January 2024. If you do not currently have a passport, or it expires before or during the trip to Switzerland, you need to make arrangements now to apply for or to renew your passport.

You can pick up a passport application form at any Australia Post outlet or find more information online at www.passports.gov.au

Passports can take some time to arrange, so we recommend you follow this up NOW. Once you have your passport details, please ensure they are updated in the 'Travel' section of your application.

Our Program Requirements

Reminder: All youth need to be on OAS Stage 4 for camping and have 10 nights under canvas before we depart – it helps you to be prepared for the event by ensuring you have the skills and experience to be able to handle two weeks away from home and in a tent

Check your references!

Sign into your application and double check that your references have completed their part. If they are yet to respond, please chase them up as this is showing your application as incomplete.



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Links below!

