



Piedmont Council International Contingent Trip Gilwell & Kandersteg 2020

The Piedmont Council International Committee is pleased to announce a council contingent trip to Gilwell Park in England and Kandersteg International Scout Camp in Switzerland in 2020. The dates of the trip will be *June 12 to June 28, 2020*.

The trek will take us to London England for a week's stay at Gilwell Park which will include some sight-seeing and a day trip to Brownsea Island – the very first Scout camp! Then we'll head to Switzerland to the what's widely considered to be the best scout camp in the world, the Kandersteg International Scout Camp (KISC) Kandersteg International Scout Camp for a week of outdoor adventure in and around the Swiss Alps and an amazing international atmosphere. Kandersteg is like a permanent mini World Jamboree!

The trip is open to Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts that are registered with the Boy Scouts of America, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and will 14 by May 1, 2020.

The cost of the trip is \$3,600.00 which includes travel, accommodation, food, activities and insurance.

We are planning to take up to two patrols, each patrol having 4 adult leaders. Participants will be selected from a competitive application process, which includes a letter of interest and references. We will also offer a waiting list. If registered participants drop out or don't keep up with payments, the waiting list will be used to fill open spots.

Payment

Payment for the trip is being managed by Piedmont Council. Participants that are selected for the trip will pay a deposit of \$500 within 2 weeks of being accepted. If the deposit is not made within two weeks, another Scout will be offered the spot.

In paying the \$500 deposit, you agree to meet a payment schedule as outlined below. If you do not keep up with your scheduled payments, your spot will be offered to someone on the waiting list.

| <i>Scheduled Payment</i> | <i>Date Due</i> | <i>Payment</i> | <i>Minimum Due</i> |
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| <i>Initial Deposit</i> | <i>When Accepted</i> | <i>\$500</i> | <i>\$500</i> |
| <i>Payment 1</i> | <i>August 1st 2019</i> | <i>\$775</i> | <i>\$1,275</i> |
| <i>Payment 2</i> | <i>November 1st 2019</i> | <i>\$775</i> | <i>\$2,050</i> |
| <i>Payment 3</i> | <i>February 1st 2020</i> | <i>\$775</i> | <i>\$2,825</i> |
| <i>Payment 4</i> | <i>May 1st 2020</i> | <i>\$775</i> | <i>\$3,600</i> |

This Payment Schedule represents goals that must be met. You can pay monthly, or another more aggressive payment schedule if you wish, as long as you meet each scheduled payment minimum due on time.

Refund Policy

If you apply and then find out that you cannot attend, you will receive a refund for any payments made, less a non-refundable \$250 of your initial deposit, ONLY if there is someone on the waiting list available to take your place. In the event there is no one on the waiting list that can take your spot, a refund will not be available. This includes all fees paid to date.

Participant Information – Expect to have a great time. We will be staying in budget friendly accommodation which could be dorms or tents. We will be using public transportation a lot especially trains and buses. Plan to be flexible and go with the flow. We will do as many fun activities that we can to make this the most memorable trip.

Camping

We're Scouts, and that means we're camping. We'll be staying in hostels, tents, and/or cabins. No luxury accommodations, this is Scouting, after all.

Patrols

Participants will be divided into Patrols that will camp and travel together. We expect there will be Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts in each patrol. This will be a great opportunity for fun, friendship, and leadership.

Adult Leaders

BSA Registered and trained adults will be attending as leaders, and will have a critical role to play in the running of the contingent. Adult Leaders will be responsible for camp life, and will also provide first line support and welfare through the patrol structure.

Kandersteg activities will be run by Kandersteg Guides with our leaders providing support and supervision – meaning they may take part as well. There may be times where extra work or tasks are shared among the adult leadership group to help with the running of the contingent. Leaders will have duties to perform most days and evenings.

Code of Conduct

All participants – Scouts and Leaders – are required to agree to the **PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT & STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING** that must be signed as part of the registration process. Please click on the link to review the [PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT & STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING](#).

Food

We will take most of our meals at camp and a few during day excursions. We need to know in advance of dietary requirements, food allergies, and any treatment plans.

Fitness

The planned program requires fitness for hiking and high adventure activities. Participants are expected to have a strong level of fitness for this reason. This is a once in a lifetime trip, so be prepared to make the most of it. The elevation and the terrain in Kandersteg can be challenging.

Application Process

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| Feb. 15- Mar. 25 | Applications Accepted |
| Mar. 26- Apr. 1 | Applications vetted and reviewed |
| Apr. 2- 14 | Candidate Interviews |
| April 15- 21 | Applicants notified of acceptance |

Meet The Leadership Team



Andrew Raddant - Contingent Leader

Andrew is a veteran international traveler and particularly knowledgeable about London and the UK. This contingent trip is the fruition of his Wood Badge ticket, to offer a special opportunity for Piedmont Council Scouts to learn more about International Scouting by visiting key destinations in the World of Scouting Movement (WOSM). Andrew currently is a member of the Piedmont Council International Committee, Troop Committee Chair for Troop 171, and District Trainer at Large for Gemstone District.



Amy Buchenberg Green - Contingent Advisor

Amy currently serves as: International Committee Member, Diversity Chair, Eswau Huppeday OA Advisor for Membership Development, Foothills Assistant District Commissioner & Training Chair, Troop 254 Committee, Council Training Team, and Advancement Committee. Amy has served on staff for Wood Badge, NYLT, and Kodiak -- and enjoyed working as an Assistant Commissioner at the 2017 National Jamboree. In 2018 she led a 12 day contingent trip to Ireland.



John Green - International Representative

John enjoys ensuring that World Scouting programs are available to youth in the Piedmont Council. He currently serves as the International Representative & International Committee Chair, Associate Area Advisor for SR 5 Venturing, Communication Advisor for Eswau Huppeday, Council Training Team, and is on the National Jamboree On The Internet Committee. He enjoys international travel and once flew to Gilwell between Wood Badge Staff Development weekends.

[Apply Online at tinyurl.com/2020contingent](https://tinyurl.com/2020contingent)

Contact information

If you have any general questions you can contact the leadership team via email at **2020contingent@gmail.com** and we will respond to your query as soon as we can.

Yours in Scouting,
Gilwell & Kandersteg 2020
Leadership Team