



BERNESE ALPS* 2017

SUFFOLK SCOUTS

MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES TEAM

SUMMER EXPEDITION 2017

19th - 27th August

(Depart Fri 18th August, Arrive back
Sun 27th August)

Travel - by luxury coach using an approved operator.

Cost – final costs is anticipated at £550 per person to cover the cost of seven nights (in our own hostel building – see image overleaf), all food whilst on site plus continental breakfasts and other meals en-route.

If you require any further information please contact the Camp Leader: Neil Bolger (07850 464111)

WHAT'S ON OFFER AT THIS EVENT, WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW, WHAT'S NEXT ?

This event is open to all Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Leaders - minimum age 11 years at 01/06/17. Note: Scouts must be accompanied by Leaders from their Troop.

The activities on offer will be hill/mountain walking in the Bernese Alps along with climbing, rafting and various other activities and trips in this beautiful alpine region.

Everyone will have the opportunity to take part in a two day mountain walk with an overnight stay in a Swiss mountain hut.

For experienced hill walkers there will alternatively be an opportunity to take part in a higher-level walk possibly including a glacier crossing, an overnight stay in a mountain hut and the option to take in a higher peak the following morning. There may also be an ice-climbing workshop available. There will be an extra £50 supplement

payable to cover the costs of this excursion.

All the activities will be tailored to suit the applicant's ability and experience. There will be at least two Team events in the UK in 2017 for participants to attend and receive training appropriate to the activities on offer at the Summer Expedition.

For Leaders and Section Assistants willing to assist with the mountain walking activities we recommend attending the annual County Mountain Activities Team February Walking weekend in February 2017 where guidance and advice on obtaining a Hill Walking Permit will be available – those already holding Permits (or old style Authorisations) will be welcome to attend as usual and participate in the programme of activities.

For participants generally the Team are organising an additional event in the 2017 calendar over the weekend of

June 16th-18th and applicants should attend so an assessment of their hill walking abilities by the Mountain Activities Team can be made to ensure they are placed in groups appropriate to their skills and experience. Venue and actual dates to follow. These event costs are not included in the budget cost of the Summer Expedition event.

To secure a place please follow the booking instructions below. The £100 deposit will be non-refundable (excluding exceptional circumstances) as this will be used initially to secure the Overseas Travel Insurance and deposits towards transport and Channel crossings.

Details of programme and personal information forms will be issued in due course and we intend to arrange a meeting for all participants (and Parents of under 18's) this Autumn. The

Adventurous Activities All Week !!!

including.....

- Lutschine White Water Rafting
- Aare Rafting Trip
- Overnight Lötschenpass Hike
- Overnight Ueschinenhutte Hike
- Cable car to Schilthorn Summit (2970m)
- Rodelbahn Sled Run
- Climbing at Winteregg
- Ice climbing/ Glacier walk
- Visit to Oeschinensee glacial lake
- We'll review these options early next year when the new programme of activities is released, so some hikes and other events may change slightly.

balance of the fee can be paid by instalments up to a final payment date two months before the event.

We are eliminating postal forms this year to make it easier to book, no need to print out the form and write in little boxes!

To reserve a place on the Suffolk Scouts Mountain Activities Team Summer Camp to Switzerland in 2017, please email the following details to the event administrator, mickdann@mac.com:

Participants full name, date of birth, postal address, including postcode; the Group/Unit they are part of and the name of parent or guardian if they are under 18.

Once we have your booking we'll send out details of how to pay the deposit (£100), as we are looking into offering the option to pay by electronic transfer in addition to sending cheques.