



Southampton City Explorers & Network Switzerland 2025 July 2024 update

Thank you for your application to be part of this international trip to Switzerland. We have received 35 applications and 8 leaders, which is a healthy group size for our trip.

To ensure your journey is as enjoyable and seamless as possible, we will keep you updated on everything you need to know, including fundraising efforts, camp details, gear requirements, and all the essentials for an epic adventure.

As we prepare for this amazing trip, please keep us posted on your fundraising activities and preparations throughout the year. Let's make this adventure truly extraordinary together!

Meet the team

Luke Hall - Event Lead for Explorers & Finance

Luke visited KISC as a Scout aged 15 in 2000 and knows the area well after recently returning to Kandersteg for a holiday in 2023. Luke has experience running annual summer camps for the last 10 years and led a Scout Camp to the Netherlands in 2016.

Lucy Blatherwick - Event Lead for Network and Activity Coordinator

After visiting KISC for the 4th time back in February 2024, Lucy felt it was time to share the fantastic experience of visiting an International Scout Centre in the Swiss Alps with the Explorers and Network of Southampton City District! After a pitch to the Explorer team and a little help crafting a draft plan from the Pinkies at KISC, here we are! As well as looking after the Network side of the trip, Lucy will be aiming to provide an exciting programme, combining adventure, international friendship, and exploration into one amazing adventure that everyone can enjoy!

Previously outside of Switzerland, Lucy has attended the infamous World Scout Jamboree as IST in Korea last year, teamed up with Lloyd to run a SSAGO international trip to Croatia in 2019, and taken a key part in a self led Explorer Belt expedition to Ireland. And now she is excited to expand her collection of KISC neckers with a 5th memorable trip with you!

Hope Sapey - Fundraising Lead

Joined Southampton City Explorers this year! With experience from 1st Hook and Horizon ESU in GLSW, Hope brings a wealth of international Scouting experience. She was part of the UK contingent for the Jamboree in Japan, led a large-scale camp in Malaysia, and organized a trip to the Haarlem Jamborette in the Netherlands. Hope also explored KISC in 2013. Her enthusiasm and expertise make her the perfect guide for our upcoming adventure. Get ready for an unforgettable journey under Hope's exceptional leadership!

Lloyd Pearson - Food, Allergies and Wellbeing

Lloyd is a 5 * Michelin chef who will make sure we have the most gourmet meals... Just kidding, sadly not! What Lloyd will do though is ensure that we have healthy and filling meals that will ensure you have the fuel supplies you need to complete all the awesome activities, whilst ensuring that nobody explodes due to allergic reactions.

He is also one of our trained mental health first aiders, and will head up ensuring that the mental wellbeing of everyone on the trip is kept in tip top shape, and that we don't lose the last shred of sanity that we have left as Scouts.

In terms of international experience, Lloyd has been to KISC a number of times, organised an international trip for SSAGO in Croatia in 2019 alongside Lucy, attended the WSJ in S. Korea in 2023 as an International Service Team (IST) member, and is an International Path Leader for Roverway 2024 in Norway leading a path of 250 participants.

Hen Hick - Logistics (Kit and Equipment)

Hen has been both participant and leader on multiple internationals with the first at 11 years old in 2009 and most recently as an Assistant Unit Leader taking young people to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Hen has never visited KISC before and looks forward to doing so.

Mark Pickering - Logistics (People)

Mark is part of the leadership team at Wyvern Explorers and is also a Scout Leader in Swaythling. He has been a leader for over 10 years and has participated in numerous camps across the UK. In Summer 2024 he is taking his Scouts to Guernsey for an international experience.

David Boyes

David is one of the leaders at Enterprise Explorers. Having only participated in one international scout camp in the Netherlands he looks forward to doing more. This will be David's first trip to KISC and he is excited about it.

Oliver John

Ollie John first visited KISC as an Explorer in 2015, and recently was part of the organising committee for 20 Student Scout and Guides from the UK to join the Kander100 celebrations in summer 2023. Having also visited KISC for the New Year celebrations this year, he has plenty of experience in both seasons of the local area in Switzerland.

Deposit payments

Luke, is in the process of contacting all applicants who were unable to make a deposit payment alongside their application.

If you haven't received an email yet, please contact luke.hall@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk and he will help organise the deposit payment with you.

Closing date – 1 August 2024

We still have a few places left if young people wish to apply.

If you have applied and have had second thoughts on attending, you must let us know by email before 1 August 2024 that you wish to withdraw your application. Please send your email to luke.hall@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk Any refund of deposits will be dealt with after the closing date.

Payment Schedule

The stage payments are as follows:

1/08/2024	Deposit	£50
31/08/2024	Stage Payment 1*	£210
31/10/2024	Stage Payment 2*	£210

31/12/2024	Stage Payment 3*	£210
31/02/2025	Stage Payment 4*	£210
31/03/2025	Stage Payment 5*	£10-£210

Depending on your fundraising progress, the later payments may be less or not needed at all.

All explorers can make payments directly via OSM. Login and select 'Payments'

All Scouts can make payments online via our online shop:

<https://southamptoncityexplorers.company.site/products/Explorers-c114454271>

Fundraising:

We want to make this trip as affordable as possible, and fundraising will be key to achieving that goal. By working together, we can ensure that every Explorer has the opportunity to join this adventure.

To make this happen, we're launching a fundraising committee that will meet every six weeks to brainstorm and implement fundraising ideas. Your support and participation are crucial—the more effort we put in, the more we can reduce the overall cost for everyone.

One of the easiest ways to kickstart our fundraising efforts is by reaching out to companies, especially those you have connections with, to request grants or sponsorships. [Attached](#) is a template letter for you to use when seeking these funds.

[Click here to download Fundraising Template](#)

Please inform us if you pursue this route, so we can add the funds to the central pot and avoid any duplications. Together, we can make this trip affordable and accessible for everyone!

We would love parents to be a part of the fundraising committee. So, please get in touch!

Get to know everyone Camp - 22nd-24th November 2024

We will be running a camp on the 22nd-24th November, likely at Ferny Croft Activity Centre and we would like everyone to attend so you can meet all the leaders and other explorers from across the district before we head to Switzerland next summer. Please add the date to your calendar. We will launch the event at the start of the autumn term.