



Greater London South East 2010 Expedition to Austria

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Alcohol
 - We stick to UK Regulations of 18yrs (not 16yrs as per Austria) and follow Scout Guidelines.
 - Trip participants will be issued with colour coded ID wristbands.
2. Smoking
 - All smoking must be outside and not in front of the young people.
 - We will follow Scouting Guidelines and no smoking under 18yrs (UK Regulations no Austria Regs).
3. Dynamic Risk Assessment
 - Do these need to be documented? -AJ confirmed that yes they do.
4. Explorers With No Leader
 - Do they need to have specific training? Yes, this will need to be arranged. Speak with Vicki Clare
 - *No longer relevant as all assigned to leaders*
5. Passports / Euro Health Cards
 - Who holds children's passports? -The Group Leaders were advised to photocopy every passport prior to the trip.
 - What is Austrian law on carrying ID? - Germany accept a photocopy of a passport as ID confirmation.
 - *CJ checked with Foreign Office - need to have passport accessible at all times. IF you do not carry with you, your passport must be in the same district as you and you must be able to access within one hour. Therefore would suggest must be with you when travelling to Imst (White water rafting & Alpine Coaster, Fussen - Ice Skating and trips to Bavarian castles as in Germany.*
 - Everyone will need a Euro Health Card, those that have them already must check they are still in date.
 - Each Young person must have their own Euro Health card
 - When completing forms please quote ID number beginning 'UK...'
6. Safety Deposit Boxes
 - There are no safety deposit boxes in the houses.
7. What Special Kit Will Be Needed?
 - We will issue a recommended kit list.
 - Please note that boots with ankle support are much better than shoes.
8. Sleeping bags
 - Are sleeping bags allowed? - Only if they are small enough to fit into the person's bag.
 - Blankets & pillows are provided, people need only bring a pillowcase & sheet/sleeping bag liner.
9. Suitcase or Rucksack?
 - Suitcase preferred but anything will do as long as it's not too large.
 - Leaders of large groups will be able to have an extra bag (for games, etc.)
10. First Aid Kits
 - Leaders are all to take their own First Aid Kit, minimum 1 per activity group
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11. Board Games
 - All Leaders should bring board games for evening entertainment within their houses as well as for on the coach journey.
12. Pocket Money
 - Euros however there will be limited opportunity to spend pocket money.
 - People might need money during the coach & ferry trip to/from Austria for a bottle of pop or whatever.
 - The departure journey will be long. All participants will need 2 or 3 packed meals for the journey.
13. Uniform
 - All young people must have the union jack flag on their uniform.
 - Austria badges should be sewn onto the chest on the left-hand side.



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- Austria t-shirts and polo shirts are on sale, everyone will be encouraged to buy one, though not compulsory.
 - We will have black & green Austria scarves available to purchase as above
14. ID - To be distributed 11th July 2010
- Just a wrist band, no tags/lanyards around people's necks.
 - Wrist bands will also contain a code for allergy recognition - Not anymore, should always be with leader with health forms
 - They will be colour coded per Scouting Section (Cubs, Scouts, Explorer, Network, Leaders/Staff) - Not anymore only different colour for over 18
15. Activities
- If Scouts are Explorer age can they do Explorer Activities? - Yes, if they are over 14yrs.
16. Orange Card
- Someone had a Scout who is 14½yrs who had not yet been moved up, would they have an orange card? Vicky suggested they discuss this after the meeting separately.
17. Special Diets
- JEKA cater for normal dietary requirements such as vegetarian and diabetic and food allergies if notified in advance.
 - All dietary requirements must be included in the permission form. It will not be permitted to select some foods by preference (ie. vegetarians who eat chicken), everyone must choose one type of diet and stick with it.
18. Staff Contact List
- A staff contact list will be emailed out to all Leaders.
19. Activities
- Do Young People have to be with Group Leader at all times? Speak with Adie and we will try to arrange cover if you are not able to.
 - Will everyone get the activities they ask for?
You will need to opt for preferences 1,2 and 3. everyone's activity preferences will be catered for wherever possible but we cannot guarantee that first preferences will be accommodated.
20. Training / Permits
- Several members of the Central Team are being trained to be Terrain 1. There are places available on this training on 10th/11th April. Persons should contact Adrienne Ryan if interested.
 - Anyone with any Permits should advise Jim Pitts please.
 - Lucy Clare will look into a swimming qualification course for Leaders no longer required
21. Immunisation
- This is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child's immunisations are up to date.
22. Departures times - we expect this to be late mid-late afternoon on Friday 30th and returning early-mid morning on Sunday 8th. TBC - late responses from groups has caused the delay in passing over this information to you.
23. Coach leaders - we need 2 leaders per coach to be responsible for the duration of the journey. Please give names to Sue.
24. CRB Delays - Anyone experiencing delays with getting CRB's back should immediately contact Paul Amass communications@glscouts.org.uk and John Withey appointments@glscouts.org.uk . Without a valid CRB number you will not be able to go on the trip and there will not be a refund.
25. Will a telephone call be made on arrival in Lechtal Valley - No, we will be issuing details of a blog which parents will be able to check on



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26. Are Nights Away forms required for completion - When we have confirmed numbers and names, Carol will issue list to DC's for awareness of who is away.
27. Cash Dispensers - There are no cash dispensers in the villages, nearest cash points and banks in Reutte about 15-20 minutes drive away.
28. Security - As per question 6
29. Should leaders hold children's passports and money - This is up to the leaders as to whether you collect in. Please also refer to question 5 about where the passports need to be. **We would strongly recommend each leader gets a photocopy of their groups passports.**
30. Recommended Pocket Money - see also question 12. We will not recommend how much to take as this varies so much between people and groups. Please note there will not be a great many opportunities for participants to spend money. Each village has a shop, if with leader, they may wish to go for extra swim, that would be EUR1. We will sell some soft drinks and sweets at the party on the Thursday evening. There may be somewhere to buy souvenirs at Jochelspitz chairlift etc

NEXT MEETING & MERCHANDISE COLLECTION:

11th July 2010 - Countdown to Austria Picnic
Kemnal Manor School