



8th Airdrie (Chapelhall) Scout Troop
Kandersteg 2019
Guidance and Information for
participants



Guidance Notes for parents. Keep this section for future reference.

1. Spending Money

Spending money is a matter for parents to determine however we recommend that Scouts are limited to a maximum of £200. In order that money is not lost or stolen all personal monies will be deposited with the Leader charged with looking after the Camp Bank. Scouts will be given a bank book and will be able to withdraw funds from this bank at various times each day. It will be the responsibility of parents to exchange GB Pounds for Swiss Francs (CHF) prior to departure.

2. Personal possessions

No responsibility for loss of mobile phones/personal equipment/clothing and effects can be accepted by the activity organisers and the Scout Association does not provide automatic insurance cover in respect of such items. Parents are advised to check that their household insurance covers such items. Comprehensive travel insurance has been taken out by the party through Unity Insurance Services for travel delays and medical assistance only.

3. First Aid and emergency medical treatment

The party will have several qualified first aiders in the leader team. At least one first aider will be present during activities, in addition to KISC staff. In the event that a young person requires medical treatment we will attempt to contact you through the **Home Contact** to seek verbal authorisation for such treatment. In the event that we cannot contact you we will present the signed authorisation on the Permission Form. It should be noted that the medical profession takes the view that the parent's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. Thus, medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor or nurse insisting on the consent of a parent to particular treatment has the right to do so. For this reason the Scout Association does not recommend that leaders insist on parents signing the statement above. However, it can be comforting to medical staff to have general consent in advance from parents and to have a leader on hand to sign forms required by medical authorities.

4. Home Contact

The Scout Group operates a Home Contact/In Touch system on all residential and camping trips. The Home Contact is someone who we will contact to pass on information to you in an emergency situation. Details of the Home Contact will be circulated prior to departure. Social media will not be used to communicate with individual parents in an emergency.

The Home Contact should be the person that you contact in the first instance should you need to contact anyone in the party in an emergency.

5. Behaviour

We expect Scouts travelling abroad to be ambassadors for Scotland and that they obey the Scout Law at all times. Where it is necessary to return a young person home due to behaviour deemed to place themselves or other members of the party at risk, then arrangements will be made with the parents/guardians to meet the young person at a named UK airport. This may not be the airport of departure due to circumstances such as flight availability etc. The cost of the flight for the young person **and** for the flights to and from the UK for the two leaders necessary to escort him/her home will be borne entirely by the parents of the young person. It should be stressed here that young people will only be returned home in the most extreme of circumstances and we have never had to do so yet.



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6. Swiss Army pen-knives

It is our policy within 8th Airdrie (Chapelhall) Scout Group that Scouts are allowed to use knives and other cutting tools at camps to perform certain tasks such as making tent pegs, whittling useful gadgets, and for cutting ropes etc. We always provide instruction in the safe use of cutting tools in camp settings. We do not encourage, under any circumstance, the carrying of knives in public places and teach our Scouts their responsibilities under the Laws of Scotland. However we do acknowledge that Swiss Army pen-knives are popular with Scouts and that the range of products available in Switzerland is extensive. We are also aware that Scouts often wish to purchase a Swiss pen-knife as a gift for a parent.

We have asked that parents **expressly consent** to their son/daughter purchasing a Swiss Army pen-knife. Where consent is given young people will be able to buy a Swiss Army pen-knife in Kandersteg village. The local shopkeeper (who has been doing this for years for Scouts throughout the world and with whom we have a good working relationship) will retain the item after it has been engraved until a leader returns to the shop with the young person to collect the knife. The leader will then keep the knife in his/her possession until the party returns to Chapelhall.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Swiss Army pen-knife shall not have a blade longer than 9cm. Where consent is not given this will be noted and the Scout will **not** be able to purchase a penknife.

7. Religious Observance

Our Scout Troop reflects the religious diversity of Chapelhall. We are keen to ensure that young people are given opportunities to undertake their religious obligations. We ask that you note any religious obligations on the permission form. There are services in the Roman Catholic church on a Saturday evening and the Swiss Reformed Church (Protestant) on Sunday mornings. There are also non-denominational *Scouts Own* services run on the camping ground by a visiting UK Scout Chaplain, and prayer areas are available for Muslims.

8. Important information about baggage for flights:

Passengers and their baggage will be subjected to security screening throughout their journey. To assist with this, please ensure that cabin hand baggage is packed in such a way that, if requested by airport personnel at check-in, you are able to transfer articles into baggage to be checked in as hold baggage.

Passengers may take liquids on board in their hand luggage provided they meet the following restrictions:

1. The liquid is in a container with a maximum volume of 100 ml.,
2. That all liquid containers meeting the maximum volume of 100ml can be fitted comfortably into a transparent, re-sealable 1 litre plastic bag.

The plastic bag should be presented separately at security. Scouts may be required to dispose of liquids which do not meet the above requirements. Scouts are permitted one standard piece of hand baggage to a volume limit of 56x45x25cm (including wheels and pockets) ("Standard Hand Baggage"). It must fit without force into the gauges provided at check-in or departure gates. No weight restriction applies within reasonable limits — i.e. a passenger must be able to place the piece of luggage safely in the overhead storage bins without assistance. EasyJet (our preferred carrier) reserve the right to require Scouts to check hand baggage into the hold (at a charge) should there be insufficient space in the cabin.

Checked Baggage: Every item of standard checked ('hold') baggage will incur a fee. Each Scout will be able to check in one item of hold baggage with a maximum weight allowance of **20kg** per passenger. The 20kg weight allowance per passenger may only be increased by payment of the excess weight charges. Scouts will be personally liable for the payment of any excess fee of **£10 per kg**.