



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. When do we leave for Switzerland?** *The Expedition departs from Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport the on July 9, 2012; returning on July 19, 2012.*
- 2. What air carrier will we be flying on?** *We will be flying on one of these airlines – Continental, Delta, or British Airways.*
- 3. May I make my own airline reservations?** *No. We will be flying as a group to Switzerland. We will establish a group account with the airline to take advantage of discounts. All participants will depart from Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport.*
- 4. How much does it cost to go?** *Approximately \$2500 per participant. Adjustments will be made to the final price once the final airfare cost is known. There is no discount for adult participation. Everyone pays the same price.*
- 5. Is there a payment schedule?** *Yes. There is an initial deposit of \$375 due October 1st. This reserves your place on the Expedition roster. See chart below for payment schedule¹:*

Pymt#	Due Date	Amount	Balance
1	Oct 1st	\$375	\$2,125
2	Dec 1st	\$425	\$1,700
3	Feb 1st	\$425	\$1,275
4	Apr 1st	\$425	\$850
5	Jun 1st	\$425	\$425
6	Jul 20th	\$425	\$0

- 6. What does the trip cost cover?** *The trip cost covers round-trip airfare, lodging, dining hall meals, train/transfer fees, and program fees. The deposit you pay is deducted from the overall cost. The fee does not include costs for crew t-shirts, neckerchiefs, patch (one per lifetime), and meals on excursions.*
- 7. How can I reserve my place on the Expedition?** *A \$375 deposit with a completed application will reserve your place on the Expedition roster. All applicants will be interviewed by Expedition staff for final participant confirmation.*
- 8. When do we leave?** *Monday – July 30, 2012.*
- 9. When do we return?** *Thursday – August 8, 2012.*
- 10. Do I need to know how to swim?** *Yes. We are taking a float trip down the Aare River in Switzerland.*

- 11. Where should I send my payments?** *Checks should be made out to "Kandersteg Gruppen". Mail your payments to:*

Armando Aguirre
Kandersteg Gruppen 2012
13107 Parkbrook Way Lane
Sugarland, TX 77498

- 12. Will there be required group activities to prepare for the expedition to Switzerland?** *We will conduct 1 or 2 pre-trip meetings for participants living in Houston metropolitan area. A conference call will be setup for out-of-town participants.*
- 13. How long will we be in Switzerland?** *10 days total.*
- 14. Will we visit neighboring countries?** *Yes. We have a side excursion to Stresa, Italy.*
- 15. Do I need a passport?** **YES. GET YOUR PASSPORT NOW.** *If you do not have a U.S. passport, begin that process now. If your passport expires within 12 months of our departure, you will need to renew your passport before our scheduled departure date.*
- 16. What forms do I need to turn in for the Expedition?**
 - [Kandersteg Gruppen application](#)
 - [BSA Annual Health & Medical Record](#)
 - Kandersteg Gruppen Talent Release form
 - Copy of medical insurance card
- 17. Who is eligible to participate?** *The U.S. Expedition is open to Boy Scouts, ages 14 to 18; and Venturers, male and female, ages 14 to 20 years old.*
- 18. Is there a Facebook page where I can get information?** *Yes. Kandersteg Gruppen 2012.*
- 19. For more information, who should I contact?** *Contact the contingent leaders:*
 - Armando Aguirre (Crew 620) at (281) 723-8620, Email: aat620@gmail.com
 - Ron Thomas (Crew 242) at (713) 205-2425, Email: txsuperscout@gmail.com



¹ Fees are refundable until the Expedition commits funds, e.g. activity fee deposits and airfare.