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Dear Parent or Carer

K2 Kandersteg Expedition 2010

We're pleased to announce our plans for K2's summer expedition next year.

WHERE - Our destination will be Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. The centre is located near the village of Kandersteg in the Kander valley, near to the city of Interlaken. More than 10,000 young people from over 40 different countries visit the Centre each year, ensuring a unique international atmosphere. Full details can be found at www.kisc.ch

WHEN - We'll be leaving Wrexham on Wednesday 21st July 2010, spending a couple of days in London, then travelling to Kandersteg, returning to Wrexham on Wednesday 4th August 2010.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION - We're travelling with a company called Venture Abroad who will provide us with return coach transport from London, and self-catering accommodation in a chalet near the centre. See their website – www.ventureabroad.co.uk

ACTIVITIES - These are yet to be finalised, but some of the options would be:

- several walks in the stunning Alps that surround Kandersteg, and possibly a stay in a mountain hut
- a day white water rafting
- a day to Oeschinensee – a glacial lake in the mountains where we'd challenge everyone to swim in the icy cold waters, plus tobogganing on the way up
- a day trip to see the Eiger and Jungfrau mountains including a cable car up to the Alp, a walk round to Kleinerscheideg, then a rack & pinion railway back down to the village of Grindlewaldt
- Swiss National Day – celebrating this special day with Scouts from all over the world with a day long carnival, activities and finishing with a parade down to the village for a bonfire & fireworks
- A trip to Interlaken
- A day chilling in the village of Kandersteg including their swimming pool

COST - The cost of the trip will be £600. This includes the £300 Venture Abroad are charging for transport and accommodation, £100 for food, and £200 for activities. We plan to raise a further £100 each via fundraising, mainly by bag packing.

DEPOSITS - We need £20 deposit per head to secure our booking, and as there are only places for 20 Explorer Scouts on the Venture Abroad coach and chalet, we'll have to operate on a first come first served basis. Venture Abroad have asked for the deposits by the 8th May. The next payment of £50 would be due 8 weeks after that.

If your child is interested, please get the £20 deposit to us as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

More details and pictures are available on our website.

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