

A scenic mountain landscape with a blue text box overlay. The background shows a lush green valley with a wooden cabin and a forest of evergreen trees. In the distance, majestic mountains with patches of snow rise against a clear blue sky. The foreground is dominated by the dark, silhouetted branches of a tree, framing the scene from the top and left. A blue rectangular box is positioned in the upper left quadrant, containing white text.

Half Term Breaks

11 – 17 October 2020

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These events take place over the UK autumn half-term school holidays and offer participants of all ages the opportunity to discover the beauty of the mountains and try new activities. Over the week you will explore Swiss towns and the landscape of the Alps. At the end of each day you return to a cosy Chalet and experience the warm welcome of an international Guide and Scout Centre.

Cost

CHF 620 per person

This event is open to individuals and groups of all ages. This event is open to participants of all genders. Participants do not need to be members of Guiding/Scouting to participate.

Package includes

- 6 nights of accommodation in rooms allocated by Our Chalet
- All meals (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner, starting from dinner on arrival day until packed lunch on departure day)
- 5 day programmes, 5 evening programmes
- All costs associated with activities, hikes, and excursions (including gondolas/cable cars) as indicated in the programme
- Luggage transfer from Adelboden Oey bus stop (8am - 6pm only, must be pre-booked)

Package price does NOT include

- Souvenirs and snacks
- Additional taxis or buses required in lieu of scheduled hikes
- Travel or health insurance
- Travel to and from your home to Our Chalet
- Additional nights' accommodation and meals at Our Chalet before or after the event week
- Use of internet and laundry facilities

Booking

Please take the time to read through this Information Pack. For more information and to reserve your place, contact info@ourchalet.waggs.org or make an on-line booking enquiry at

<https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/our-chalet/book-now/book-online/online-booking-our-chalet/>

Once you have confirmed the details of your booking we will send you a booking contract and request a 10% non-refundable deposit to secure your reservation.



Day Programme

The Our Chalet Team is pleased to offer the following activities, all of which are led by our fully trained volunteer staff. Participants under age 18 must be accompanied by at least one responsible adult aged 18+ on all programme activities.

Please note that activities are subject to change based on the weather and opening dates of attractions. The following is an example itinerary.

	Time	Activity	Meeting Place
Day 1	PM	Arrivals (check in after 14.00)	Reception
	19.30 – 21.00	Our Chalet Tour	Flag Pole
Day 2	09.00 – 09.20	Opening Ceremony	Flag Pole
	10.00 – 17.00	On-Site Activities	Flag Pole
	19.30 – 21.00	Swiss Night	Dining Hall
Day 3	09.00 – 17.00	Thun Day	Flag Pole
	19.30 – 21.00	Magic Tree Hike	Flag Pole
Day 4	09.00 – 15.30	Engstligen Falls Hike	Flag Pole
	16.00 – 17.30	WAGGGS Session	Dining Hall
		Free evening	
Day 5	09.00 – 17.00	Interlaken Day	Flag Pole
	19.30 – 21.00	WAGGGS Night	Dining Hall
Day 6	09.00 – 17.00	Woodcarver's Hike & Adelboden Town	Flag Pole
	19.30 – 21.00	Closing Ceremony & Campfire	Flag Pole
Day 7	AM	Departure (check out before 10.00)	Reception



On-site Day

The first full day is based at Our Chalet. We start with an official Opening Ceremony followed by three or four on-site activities. These can be campfire skills, orienteering, an introduction to a WAGGGS programme, an environmental activity, or Swiss craft.

Introduction to Stop the Violence (WAGGGS Session)

Adjustable for participants of all ages!

Learn more about the WAGGGS Stop the Violence curriculum. After this session, you will understand more about the issue of violence against girls and young women, and what actions WAGGGS is taking to stop it.

Thun and Thun Castle

Take an excursion by bus to the lakeside town of Thun. Visit the town's medieval castle, which boasts an amazing view of the beautiful mountains of the Swiss Alps. The rest of the afternoon is free for exploring the town, walking along the river, or doing some souvenir shopping.

Engstligen Falls Hike

Hike along the River Engstlige, ascending 188m to reach the base of Engstligen Falls, the second tallest waterfall in Switzerland. The hike takes 1.5-2 hours and ends at a quiet picnic area in the forest where a rest and lunch can be enjoyed. Once re-energised by lunch the hiking continues to the upper falls, with a stunning view across the Adelboden valley, before returning to Our Chalet.



Interlaken Day

Take an excursion by bus to the adrenaline-fuelled town of Interlaken. Visit to a local chocolatier, where you can sample authentic hand-made Swiss chocolate, watch the paragliders land in the town centre, and take time to explore the town. An optional visit to the stunning glacial Trümmelbach Falls in the Lauterbrunnen Valley can finish off the day.



Woodcarver's Hike & Adelboden Town

Hike along quiet roads and trails to the well-known Adelboden Woodcarver, where you can watch carving in action. A walk through the Cholerenschlucht, a beautiful example of a naturally carved gorge, adds extra excitement to the hike. Then enjoy exploring the village of Adelboden with a scavenger hunt to help you find the highlights.



Evening Programmes

During your stay, Our Chalet Staff offer Evening Programmes. Filled with fun activities they provide you with a chance to meet other guests who are at Our Chalet during your stay. There are opportunities to play fun games, learn about WAGGGS, go on a beautiful hike, or enjoy an unforgettable campfire.



Our Chalet Tour

We will begin by explaining the event programme and how to best enjoy the facilities of Our Chalet. You will then have a chance to learn about the history of Our Chalet with a presentation and a tour of the two main buildings.

Swiss Night

Whilst in Switzerland take part in this unique opportunity to learn more about your host country. Experience some Swiss culture with a play on the William Tell story, a Swiss quiz, authentic alpenhorn music and, of course, chocolate fondue tasting!

WAGGGS Night

With this evening programme you will have a chance to refresh your knowledge about WAGGGS. Through a fun team game learn more about what WAGGGS has been doing to improve the lives of girls and young women worldwide.

Magic Tree Hike

Hike into the neighbouring Bonderlen Valley to the ancient Magic Tree, a hollow tree that has been standing for over 600 years. Step inside to make a wish!

Campfire

No Guiding or Scouting experience would be complete without the traditional campfire. Join our international staff for a campfire where you can learn new songs and share old favourites. During the campfire we will present Our Chalet Challenge badges to those who have earned them and end the week with a closing ceremony.





Our Chalet Challenge

If you feel like giving yourself the ultimate challenge, and would like to discover more about Our Chalet, Switzerland, and WAGGGS, then the Our Chalet Challenge is for you! The Our Chalet Challenge consists of six components: Physical Challenge, WAGGGS Knowledge, Our Chalet History, Swiss Culture, Personal Challenge and Service. If you manage to complete all six sections, you will be presented with a special Our Chalet Challenge badge. The cost of the badge is included in the programme package.

Preparation and suggested packing list

Our Chalet is located in the Swiss Alps, 1353 metres above sea level, and the weather can vary greatly, sometimes within an hour! We advise participants to keep this in mind when packing and bring clothing suitable for all weather conditions. Layers, including good waterproof jacket and trousers, are strongly recommended. Hiking boots with ankle support and good grip are necessary to take part in hiking activities.

You can find our suggested packing list, along with answers to frequently asked questions, here: <https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/our-chalet/book-now/frequently-asked-questions/>

In order to be able to fully participate in this event, and to make the activities as enjoyable as possible, we recommend that participants build up their fitness prior to arrival.