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Our Chalet Summer Youth Event



2025



Please read this information pack for full details of the Adventure event before making your booking. We recommend you look at details for all three of our summer events – Discover, Explore, and Adventure – and choose the one that best suits your group’s interests and physical abilities.

When you have decided which event and which dates you would like to book you can send a booking enquiry [here](#).

If, after reading the information packs, you have questions about any of the events, please e-mail info@ourchalet.wagggs.org.

The table below gives a brief comparison of the three events to help you decide which events may be suitable for your group. It is important that you read the information pack for your chosen event carefully BEFORE you make a booking.

| | Discover | Explore | Adventure |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Age range | 11-18 | 12-18 | 12-18 |
| Kayaking | ✓ | X | X |
| Adventure park | X | ✓ | ✓ |
| Town excursion | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Rock climbing | X | X | ✓ |
| Cable car ride | ✓ | ✓ | ✓* |
| Pinning ceremony | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Suspension bridge | X | ✓ | X |
| Adelboden village | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Onsite day | Swiss culture + service | X | Survival |
| Climbing tower | X | ✓ | X |
| Cookout | ✓ | X | X |

*Descent only, after Oschinensee hike.

Dates and prices for Adventure events 2024:

Adventure 1 – 29 June-5 July

Adventure 2 – 23-29 July

| Package Option | Leaders* and youth age 16+ | Youth age 12-15 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Indoor fully catered | CHF 834 | CHF 819 |
| Squirrel House self-catered | CHF 477 | CHF 462 |
| Camping self-catered | CHF 330 | CHF 315 |

*This price is for leaders within the adult:youth ratio of two leaders per eight youth participants. If places for additional leaders are available there may be an additional cost for the extra leaders. See our Summer Youth Event FAQ for details of the adult:youth ratio requirement.



PROGRAMME



The next few pages give an overview of the programme activities included in this event, if you are unsure if any activity is suitable for your group, please contact programme@ourchalet.waggs.org before making your booking.

NOTE: All programme activities are subject to change depending on availability of suppliers and weather conditions.

Important information about programme:

- This event is open to Guides and Scouts aged 12-18. All participants must be socially and emotionally capable of taking part in an active week with peers of this age group.
- Leaders must accompany their youth participants on all programme activities and are responsible for first aid for their group at all times. **When planning your trip please consider the physical fitness of your leaders as well as your youth participants.**
- It is the responsibility of the group to check that activities meet their Member Organisations rules and are covered by their travel insurance.
- The transport options listed in the 'adaptations' are only available for participants with a permanent disability or medical condition that affects their mobility. In all other cases groups are responsible for any costs associated with additional transport for their participants, e.g. taxis in lieu of walking.

Additional information for the Adventure event:

- The Adventure event offers physically demanding activities that will take place in all weather conditions. **All participants, including leaders, should be physically and emotionally capable of taking part in this kind of event.** For groups of mixed ability we recommend considering our Discover or Explore events instead.
- Our Chalet reserves the right to refuse to allow participants to take part in any activity if our staff are not confident in a young person or leader's ability to complete the activities safely. No refunds are offered for participants who are not able to take part for this reason.
- This is our most demanding summer youth event. Our Chalet encourages young people with disabilities to take part in challenging activities, but we recommend discussing ability/needs prior to booking to ensure we can make appropriate adaptations to allow young people with disabilities to fully participate.



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Start your adventure with a day at Our Chalet, acclimatising to the local environment, getting to know your fellow participants, and building your survival skills ready for the week ahead!

From games to team building activities to survival basics, there will be lots of opportunities to challenge yourself while making new friends.

This day is guided by Our Chalet staff.

Practical information:

Activities take place at Our Chalet and can be adapted for a range of abilities.



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This hike offers the perfect route to see some of the best views in the Adelboden valley. A steep and challenging hike with views of waterfalls, plenty of cows, a stop at a farm café, a ridge trail, and final a peak at 1,903m (6,243ft). If we're lucky we may even spot marmots playing among the rocks.

After reaching the peak we descend via chairlift before getting the cable car part way back to Our Chalet.

This hike is guided by Our Chalet staff.

Practical information:

Hiking: 11.5 km with 991m (3,251 feet) ascent and 501m descent. Approx. 4 ½ hours of active hiking (6-7 hours with breaks).

Special considerations: This hike is mostly on white-red-white hiking trails with only a short section on paved trail. The trail is steep, rocky, and exposed in places. Hiking boots with ankle support and good grip are necessary for this hike and hiking poles are recommend.

Adaptations: Due to the nature of this hike, it cannot be adapted for wheelchair users or those with severely limited mobility. Arrangements can also be made to allow participants with disabilities to hike without carrying a backpack/rucksack.



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Adelboden Adventure Park offers a day of thrills with zip lines, rock climbing, and abseiling. Spend the day challenging yourself to try new things and conquer your fears!

This day is guided by Our Chalet staff. All activities at the Adventure Park are led by qualified, English speaking instructors.

Practical information:

Walking to/from park: 3.5 km mix of downhill, flat, and uphill (60 mins) + return

Special considerations: In wet weather rock climbing may take place indoors. Other activities go ahead outdoors, except in lightning and extreme winds.

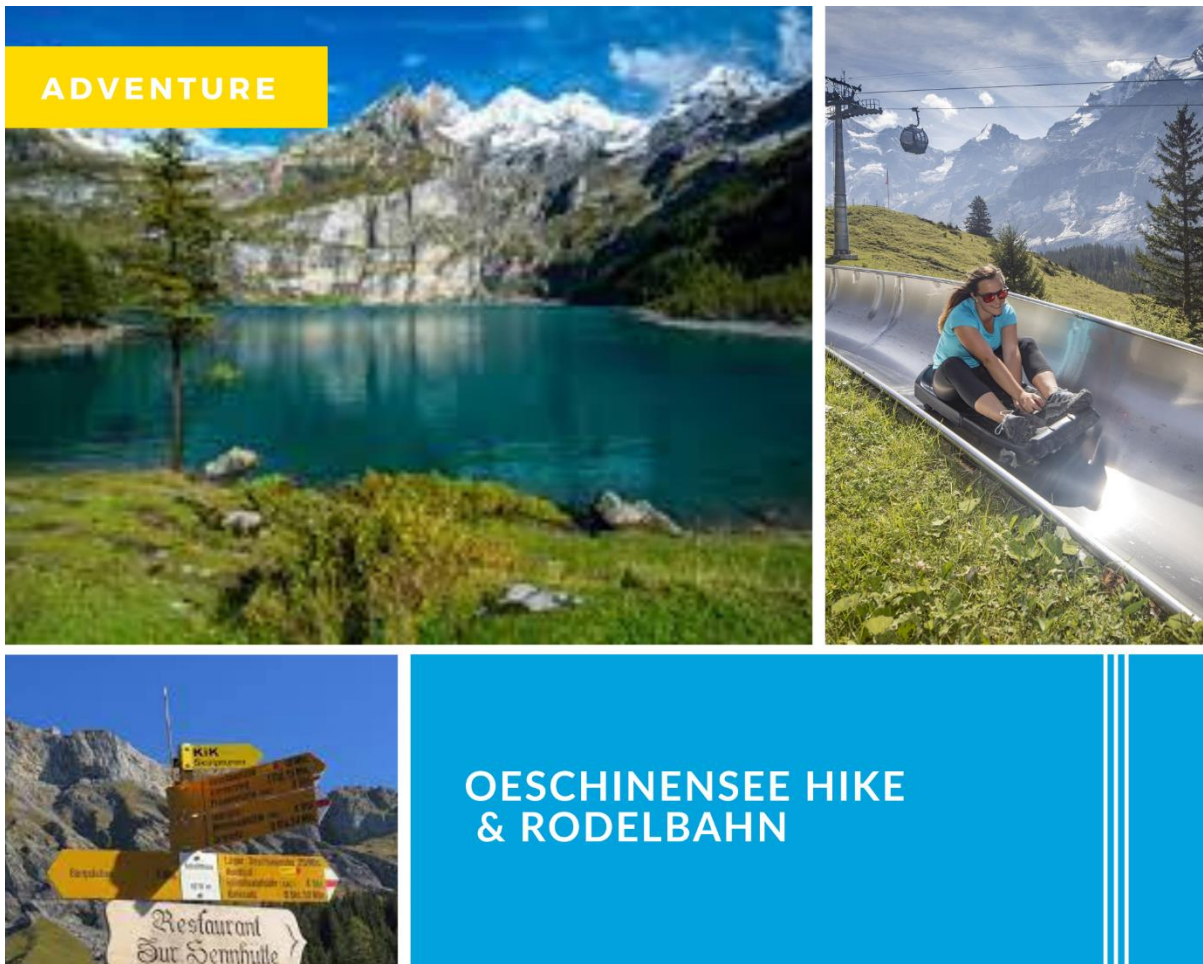
Adaptations: For participants with physical disabilities transport, including wheelchair-accessible transport, can be arranged from Our Chalet to the Adventure Park and return. Some activities at the Adventure Park can be adapted depending on ability level.



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Take the public bus to Kandersteg where we hike up a steep trail to the Oeschinensee, one of Switzerland's most famous lakes. After enjoying a break on the lake shore we continue with a panoramic hike leading along and above the lake and ending at the rodelbahn (summer toboggan).

After a couple of toboggan rides it's time to head down the mountain with the cable car and return to Adelboden by bus.

Practical information:

Walking - 1.2km downhill to bus stop + return at end of day

Hiking - 3.5km with 421m ascent (1,414ft) + 7.2km with 533m (1,749ft) ascent and 442m descent.

Special considerations: The panorama hiking trail is a mountain trail with steep, rocky, and exposed sections. Hiking boots with ankle support are required for this hiking. Hiking poles are recommended.

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Pinning Ceremony, Tour, & Evening Programmes

After dinner on your arrival evening, we will welcome you to Our Chalet with an opening ceremony for your event. Everyone taking part in the opening ceremony will receive a special Our Chalet pin only available to those who have visited the Centre. The ceremony is followed by a guided tour to help you learn your way around.

Throughout the week, we also run four evening programmes, one on each day when there is day programme. Each of these lasts approximately 1.5 hours and give participants more opportunities to learn new skills and develop friendships.

Free Day

Free Day is your opportunity to organise your own activity for your group and it is completely up to you what you choose to do! Perhaps your group want to spend more time exploring the Adelboden area or trying out the panoramic swimming pool, or maybe there is a destination further afield you don't want to miss. Once you have booked your event we will provide a Free Day Guide, which gives ideas, hints, and tips for planning your free day.



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ACCOMMODATION



We offer three different accommodation packages; indoor, Squirrel House, and camping. These are the same for all three summer event packages. The table below gives an overview of the accommodation options.

| | Indoor | Squirrel House | Camping |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| Fully catered | ✓ | X | X |
| Self-catered w/ kitchen facilities | X | ✓ | ✓ |
| Grocery delivery available* | X | ✓ | ✓ |
| Plates/cutlery provided | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Luggage transfer – 8am-6pm | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bed linen included | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Mattresses included | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Towels included | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| Wheelchair accessible** | ✓ | X | ✓ |
| Showers in same building | ✓ | X | In Camp House |
| Access to laundry facilities* | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Event price (CHF) per 16+/12-15 | 834/819 | 477/462 | 330/315 |

*Extra cost

**For full details of wheelchair accessibility please e-mail info@ourchalet.waggs.org

Important information about accommodation:

- Our Chalet is open to Guides and Scouts of all genders. We are not able to guarantee single-gender hallways or buildings.
- Rooms/tents are allocated by Our Chalet and it is up to group leaders to allocate their participants to each room/tent.
- Rooms/tents are not shared between groups, unless multiple groups request to share with each other.
- Bed linen and towels are provided for indoor accommodation. Sleeping bags are not permitted in indoor accommodation.
- For fire safety reasons it is not possible to add extra beds or mattresses to any of our rooms.
- No vehicles or camper vans are permitted on our campsite.



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Indoor accommodation package includes six nights of accommodation, meals from dinner on arrival day to packed lunch on departure day, luggage transfers, and all event programme activities.

Our indoor accommodation is offered across two buildings:

Main Chalet opened in 1932 and offers dorm rooms, triple rooms, twin rooms and a single room. The largest dorm room can sleep up to 14 participants. None of the rooms in Main Chalet have bunk beds.

Spycher House opened in 1999 and offers one dorm room (sleeping up to eight participants), quad rooms, twin rooms and two single rooms. Some rooms in Spycher House have bunk beds.

Rooms will be assigned to your group by our Guest Services staff based on your needs. To maximise availability, groups may be split across both buildings. Our staff always ensure at least one leader is in the same building as participants from their group.

Participants from different groups do not usually share rooms (unless by request). However, different groups will share the same common facilities such as bathrooms and hallways. Our Chalet is open to Scouts and Guides of all genders.

For details of wheelchair accessibility in our indoor accommodation please e-mail info@ourchalet.waggs.org. As a broad overview, accommodation suitable for manual wheelchair users is available in Spycher House. Users of powered wheelchairs or mobility scooters who can transfer to a manual chair without the use of a hoist can also access this accommodation.



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Squirrel House



Squirrel House accommodation package includes six nights of accommodation, luggage transfers, and all event programme activities. Please note: there is a minimum group size of eight to book Squirrel House for a Summer Youth Event.

Squirrel House is perfect for smaller groups who would prefer not to camp but do not need the full indoor accommodation package. **In summer Squirrel House is available as self-catering accommodation only.**

Squirrel House sleeps up to six people downstairs on bunk beds and up to ten people upstairs on mattresses. There is a small kitchen in the downstairs sleeping area that can be used for self-catering.

Squirrel House has two toilets – one downstairs and one upstairs – but no showers. Participants staying in Squirrel House can use the showers in Main Chalet.

Squirrel House is not suitable for wheelchair users and is not recommended for those with limited mobility.

Grocery deliveries are available from Coop@Home and can be delivered Monday-Saturday.



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Camping package includes six nights of accommodation, luggage transfers, and all event programme activities. **Note: tents are not included in the package, Our Chalet has a limited number of tents available for hire at an additional cost.**

Our campsite can accommodate up to 50 people. For hygiene reasons participants must bring their own sleeping bags.

Camping is available as a self-catering option only. Camp House contains a small kitchen for the use of campers. Equipment for outdoor cooking is also available. **Please note: in summer multiple groups share the kitchen.**

Toilets and showers are available in Camp House. The upstairs of Camp House can be used for shelter in wet/stormy weather. **Note: it is not permitted to sleep in Camp House, campers must sleep in their tents.** It is approximately a five minute walk from the campsite to Main Chalet and Spycher House

Grocery deliveries are available from Coop@Home and can be delivered Monday – Saturday.

Our campsite is partially wheelchair accessible, for full details please e-mail info@ourchalet.wagggs.org.



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Meals



The following information applies to the indoor accommodation package only. Groups choosing the camping and Squirrel House packages must self-cater for all meals.

For groups booked on to the indoor accommodation package all meals from dinner on arrival day to packed lunch on departure day are included in the cost and provided by Our Chalet. The kitchen at Our Chalet is operated by the Kitchen Manager and a team of volunteer staff. We do our best to accommodate dietary requirements, however, if your group has a participant with a severe allergy or complex dietary requirement we recommend you discuss your needs prior to booking.

Breakfast

A cold breakfast of cereals, yoghurt, bread, cheese, and fruit is available every morning in a self-service buffet style. Hot and cold drinks are also included.

Packed lunch

Participants make a packed lunch (sandwiches, fruit, snacks, etc.) each morning to take with them on programme. All participants are required to bring a lunch box or bag to carry their lunch.

Dinner

Dinner is served at one sitting and offers one option for everyone. Typical dinners include Swiss dishes such as rösti and camp favourites like chilli or pasta. Dinners always include salad or vegetables and consist of two courses with a main meal and dessert.

Special diet meals, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free are available only to participants who have notified us in advance of their need for a special meal. Your pre-arrival paperwork will ask you to specify dietary requirements for each participant in your group.



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We look forward to welcoming you to your home in the Swiss Alps!

