

The Jung Frau is the highest accessible point in Europe. We saw amazing sights there and on the way, it was worth the long journey. The day we went was one of the girls birthday so we sang to her at every possible moment and she was really pleased that she had spent her birthday on the top of Europe! It was unbelievably cold and all of us had socks on our hands to keep warm. At the top there was an ice palace which was amazing. There were ice carvings of dolphins, Mickey Mouse, igloo's and much more. That evening we had a disco in the village ice rink, where there was an aggressive match of ice hockey taking place. The disco was really fun and was another great chance to make international and national friends!

Au Chalet, in Kandersteg is one of the International Guide Centres; the other three are in London, Mexico and India. We visited on the fourth day and the weather wasn't too bad in the morning but by the afternoon we were soaked and my trousers hadn't dried by the time I got home! We had a tour of the Chalet and learnt interesting facts about Baden Powell and the Girl Guiding movement. I bought lots of badges for mum to stitch onto my camp blanket. Afterwards we went on the woodcarvers walk which took one and a half hours long from Au Chalet, and at this point there was torrential rain! We watched the woodcarver make lots of ornaments, they were really good. I bought a girl guiding badge with my name on it and bought my brother a key ring with his name on it, which I then managed to lose!

For the next 2 days we visited Bern, the region's capital, as it was at a lower altitude so we would have much nicer weather and sun! In Bern we saw a bear pit where there were three huge bears, visited a cathedral and climbed to the top, we went shopping, we watched the 26 fountains display (one for each canton). The fountains were really pretty and we also went in a cable car, to have a view of Bern. In Bern there was a prehistoric museum based on Einstein. This was really good and there were horses, optical illusions, you could make buildings and pottery and there were all sorts of experiments that made us think whilst having fun!

Throughout the week our tents were getting wetter and muddier. We all wished we had of bought our lovely wellies! There was never a time when we weren't wearing our waterproof jackets! But the rain didn't spoil our fun and we still enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

On the seventh day we visited a trout farm, 15 minutes away from the camp site. This was interesting and funny. There were thousands of trout and a few goats and rabbits. We went on a boat ride to see even more trout and communicated in German with the boat rower. He thought we were a bit strange because we started singing weird songs to him! All of our names were put in a pot and we had to pick someone else's name out and buy a present for them to remind them off their trip to Switzerland! You weren't allowed to know who had you and you couldn't tell anyone who you had. I was given a Swiss pencil and a pin badge and I gave my person a pen with Kandersteg carved into in and a badge sticker. One evening we had campfire and it was pouring down with rain. We got absolutely soaked from head to toe and our waterproofs became non waterproof! We learnt campfire songs from different countries and cultures. The Chinese people had a Kung-fu routine which we all joined in with. Throughout the whole week we were constantly singing new songs over and over again.

On the second to last evening we had a volley ball tournament. It was raining heavily again and we were all freezing cold. Our group was against a pack of tiny cub scouts, and embarrassingly they managed to beat us 8-2.