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New Year's camp – a wonderful time was had by all

The OSA Youth Service kicked off 2020 with two winter camps. Fantastic weather, good snow conditions, and motivated participants and camp leaders were the recipe for an unforgettable time in the Swiss Alps.

The New Year's camps in Les Diablerets (Vaud) and Anzère (Valais), attended by 33 and 20 young people respectively, were both a huge success. Participants spent the morning and afternoon of almost every day on the piste, where they received tuition from qualified ski and snowboard instructors.

The camp leaders also put on a varied and exciting programme of leisure activities off the piste. Participants in Les Diablerets witnessed the Olympic torch arrive in the centre of the village, where it was lit in an official ceremony. They also went on a torch-lit procession, walked on the suspension bridge connecting the twin mountain summits of Scex Rouge (altitude of 2,971 metres), skied and snowboarded at night, and even had the chance to carve their turns on a glacier. Par-

ticipants in Anzère went sledding near their camp base, visited the local spa facilities and enjoyed a silent disco at the ice rink. They also spent some evenings in to recover from their exertions, enjoying board and other indoor games. Held in glorious weather in the beautiful Vaud and Valais Alps, the camps were a fitting way to see in the new year for all those who made the trip.

It will soon be time for our summer camps. Visit our website for more information about the camps and how to register for them: <https://www.swisscommunity.org/en/youth/youth-offers>
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