

# A visit to the international girl guides chalet, Adelboden

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The programme of other important races is very big. The Swiss "Langlauf" over 50 kilometres and the National Relay Ski Race will be held at Kandersteg (March 2nd-3rd) and the *Fis* Races — Downhill and Slalom — are fixed for Mürren (February 22nd-25th), immediately followed by the British Ski Championships at Mürren (February 26th). The International University Winter Games will come off at St. Moritz (February 4th-10th) and the VIIIth Arlberg-Kandahar Ski Race in Mürren (March 9th-10th).

Around these big events are grouped a great number of ski meetings, all of which show excellent sport.

A. Flückiger.

**A VISIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL GIRL GUIDES CHALET, ADELBODEN.**

"Il faudrait de la neige et il n'y en a pas," is what a seven-year old French girl kept on saying, as the stately Alpine omnibus left the station at Frutigen passing through the green pasture land on either side of the road, but before the journey of 16Km. came to an end, the snow fell down in great masses of white flakes, and fully satisfied the heart's desire of my little travelling companion!

A few evenings later, I had the pleasure of assisting at a Camp fire at the Girl Guides' chalet. It had snowed all day and the white blanket was now a meter in depth, and as the Guides' chalet is situated about ½ hr. from the village, the journey was undertaken on skis and in a blinding snowstorm. We were greeted by the warden, Miss I. von Herrenschwand and a family of about 25 girls spending a sport holiday of varying duration. These came from French Switzerland, German Switzerland, England, France and Germany.

At about 8 p.m. the whole company assembled in the spacious dining hall. A bundle of pine branches were set ablaze on the great square hearth; soon these flared up and illuminated the bright faces of the guides who were seated on sheep-skin rugs in a semi-circle. Although these guides had never met previously, their familiar songs rendered in various languages united them all as a family. All sorts of plays further contributed to everyone's enjoyment, and the evening passed only too quickly.

The following further details concerning this international Girl Guide centre may interest some of your readers:

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C. Bertschinger.

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