

Alpine Club + International Award

Trips planned* for Fall 2017

**All trips subject to weather. We'll do them if we can, even if the weather isn't perfect. But not if it's dangerous or miserable.*

Sept 1, Friday 7pm	Bonfire at Beau Site	Come to learn about the International Award. For new and returning students.
Sept 10 Sunday	Pic Chaussy hike	Hike up Pic Chaussy, a classic skyline peak. More info.
Sept 10 Sunday	Diablerets Glacier climb	A one-day glacier climb to the highest summit in our neighborhood (3,020m). Open to anyone. More info.
Sept 9-10 Saturday-Sunday	Diablerets Glacier via mountain trail, hut, and via ferrata	This two-day ascent of the Diablerets combines a rugged mountain trail, a night in a hut, a via ferrata, and a glacier climb. This is only for fit students with mountain experience. More info.
Sept 17 Sunday	Caving + optional hiking and climbing	Explore the caves above Les Fers, hike up the Tour de Famelon (a Skyline Peak), then climb rocks or hang out by Pierre de Moëllé. More info.
Sept 24-25 Saturday-Sunday	Dents du Midi ascent	Hike up the iconic peak on our skyline. Stay in a mountain hut. It's a great LAS tradition! More info.
Sept 29-30 Friday-Saturday Or Sept 29-Oct 1 Friday-Sunday	Camping and hiking near Leysin	International Award practice or qualifying journey, depending on your level. If there's room we'll accept some campers who are not doing the International Award. More info.
Oct 8 Sunday	Rock climbing or hiking above Pierre de Moëllé	Top-rope and multipitch climbing, or just hiking and relaxing in a beautiful area. More info.
Oct 22 Sunday	Tour d'AI via ferrata or hike	Reach the top of the spectacular peak next to Berneuse. Either climb the face on a via ferrata or hike up the trail, as you prefer. More info.
Oct 27-28 Friday-Saturday Or Oct 27-29 Friday-Sunday	Camping and hiking near Leysin	International Award practice or qualifying journey, depending on your level. If there's room we'll accept some campers who are not doing the International Award. More info.

Nov 5	Students' Choice Trip	What would you like to do? If there's enough demand, we'll go caving, hiking, bouldering, bicycling, or whatever you like. More info.
Nov 12 Sunday	Bouldering outdoors	Climb boulders or hang out in Plex, Chamonix, or the Jura, depending on weather. More info.
Nov 18 Saturday	Glacier 3000 Ski & Ice Climbing Combo	Join the Student Life ski trip and then climb ice and ski in the mix of your choice. More info.
Nov 25-26 Saturday-Sunday	Big cave overnight in Schwyz	Explore deep into a huge cave and spend the night inside with a fondue dinner. This trip will only run if enough students sign up. More info.
Dec 2 Sunday	Indoor bouldering or climbing	Probably in Lausanne at the Cube or at the new climbing gym with walls and bouldering. More info.

Where to meet:

Alpine Club trips meet at the Savoy parking lot "goat" (it's actually an ibex). We may also pick you up at the BEC ibex.

International Award trips meet at the Fishbowl.

More details:

Sept 10 (Sunday)

Pic Chaussy

Leave Savoy at 11:00; return by 17:00

This is a classic hike up one of the most prominent skyline peaks on the eastern horizon. It's great for beginners and experienced hikers alike.

Sept 10 (Sunday)

Les Diablerets Glacier

Leave Savoy at 09:00. Return to Savoy by 17:00

This glacier hike climbs to the summit of our closest 3,000m peak, Les Diablerets. On the descent we practice ice climbing inside a crevasse. We will have a mountain guide and space is limited.

Open to anyone.

[Photos of a previous LAS trip here.](#)

Sept 9-10 (Saturday - Sunday)

Refuge de Pierredar + via ferrata (Diablerets)

Leave Savoy at 11:00 Sat. Return to Savoy by 17:00.

Hike to the Pierredar Refuge via the Sentier Drudy (<http://www.pierredar.ch/acces.html>). On Sunday we'll climb the via ferrata "Dames Anglaises" to the Diablerets col, where we'll join the glacier-only group. Doing this full-weekend itinerary is BIG. It is only for serious and fit students. Guided. Student limit: 6.

[Photos of Day 2 from a previous LAS trip here.](#)

[CampToCamp description of the via ferrata here.](#)

[CampToCamp description of Drudy trail to reach Pierredar.](#)

Sept 17 (Sunday)

Caving + optional hiking & climbing

Leave Savoy at 11:00 and return by 17:00

We'll drive up to Les Fers, from which we'll hike to a cave that we'll explore for half an hour or more. Afterwards we'll hike to the top of Tour de Famelon, followed by a walk over to the Pierre de Moëllé pass. En route we'll stop to do some top-rope rock climbing at a beautiful meadow. Those who don't want to climb can walk around or just relax. We'll drive back from Pierre de Moëllé. Those who want to walk home directly after the cave may do so with an adult (if one is available).

[See cave photos from a previous LAS trip here](#) and [another trip here](#).

Sept 23-24 (Saturday-Sunday)

Dents du Midi

Leave Savoy at 09:00 on Saturday and return by 18:00 on Sunday

During the first day of LAS's annual ascent of the Dents du Midi we'll hike up alpine meadows to the Refuge de Susanfe, where we'll have dinner and spend the night on bunk beds. Sunday is summit day for the Dents du Midi. We'll get up before dawn for a hard day of hiking. At the pass we tie into a rope attached to our guide for the scramble to the 3,257m summit. With luck we'll have awesome views. Then comes the long slog downhill. We may return to Champéry or traverse over to Van d'en Haut. If all goes well, we'll be back at LAS in time for dinner. Otherwise we'll eat on the road.

Here is the [Cabane de Susanfe on CampToCamp](#). See [photos of an LAS hike here](#).

Sept 29-30 (Friday-Saturday)

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International Award camping and hiking near Leysin

Meet at the Fishbowl at 13:00. Return by 17:00 on either Saturday or Sunday.

International Award practice or qualifying journey, depending on your level. If there's room we'll accept some campers who are not doing the International Award. We'll meet at the Fishbowl after lunch in the cafeteria. This is when we pick up our gear and hike the rest of the day to our campground. You'll get permission to leave your afternoon classes.

Photos of some past camping trips here: [2017](#), [2016](#), [2015](#).

Oct 8 (Sunday)

Pierre de Moëllé Climbing or Hiking

Leave Savoy at 11:00 and return by 17:00

This professionally guided day trip is a chance for you to enjoy outdoor top-rope and multipitch climbing. We'll drive to Pierre de Moëllé, then hike 45 minutes to the same top-roping area that we visited on Sept 17. Here you can play and climb in an exquisite safe area. Meanwhile, the guide will take a maximum of 3 students at a time to the nearby multi-pitch crag (gorgeous!). After those students climb, the next set will be brought up while the first set returns to the top-roping area; repeat as needed.

Oct 22 (Sunday)

Tour d'Ai via ferrata or hike

Leave Savoy at 11:00 and return by 17:00

This is a professionally guided via ferrata to the summit of the Tour d'Ai. A via ferrata is when you climb metal rungs and ladders attached to a steep cliff, with special safety devices clipped to your harness. If the weather is bad we will instead climb a via ferrata in the valley of Champéry (it's low altitude and okay in the rain).

[See photos and videos of a past LAS trip here.](#)

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Nov 5 (Sunday)

Students' Choice Trip

If there's enough demand, we might do another caving, hiking, bouldering trip--or maybe something else? You choose. Write or talk to Mr. Harlin at jharlin@las.ch to let him know of your interest.

Nov 12 (Sunday)

Bouldering Outdoors

Meet at Savoy parking at 11:00; return by 17:00

Today we'll climb boulders, either in Plex, along the French border near Chamonix, or in the Jura--wherever the weather is best. If you don't want to climb you can just hang out with us and do a short hike. If the weather's bad we'll boulder indoors in The Cube in Lausanne or roped climb at Vertic-Halle in Saxon (near Martigny).

Nov 18 (Saturday)

Glacier 3000 Ski and Ice Climbing Combo

Meet in Savoy parking lot at 08:00; return by 17:00

Today we'll join the ski outing to Glacier 3000. Alpine Club students will do a little vertical ice climbing along with their skiing. You can come and go between ice climbing and skiing as you like. BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THE STUDENT LIFE SKI TRIP TO JOIN THIS!

Nov 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday)

Big Cave in Schwyz

For this trip we'll drive 3+ hours to Canton Schwyz. We'll hike into the giant Hoelloch Cave on Saturday afternoon and camp inside, eating a fondue dinner. There's several more hours of deep-cave exploration on Sunday morning before we drive home in the afternoon. This is an awesome experience, but will be expensive. Would you be willing to spend up to 200chf for the weekend? Please let us know. [Description of the cave.](#)

Dec 2 (Sunday)

Bouldering Indoors

Meet in Savoy parking lot at 11:00; return by 17:00.

The Cube is an amazing indoor bouldering hall with something for everyone. Rain, snow, or shine, it doesn't matter! But we could also go to another indoor climbing gym if people prefer.