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«Int OGT WS»

Invitation for the 11th International OG Thun Shooting Competition in Wimmis (SWITZERLAND) 19.06.2025 – 22.06.2025

1 Orientation

On Friday, June 20th 2025, the Officers' Society Thun is holding their 11th International OG Thun Shooting Competition.

In May/June, the "Eidgenössisches Feldschiessen" is happening in all of Switzerland. It is the biggest shooting competition in the world and an important part of military members' training outside of their service.

On Friday/Saturday, 20./21.06.2025, the Officers' Society Thun is holding a technical course (TK) on the topics TASK and infantry weapons.

2 Purpose

I want to:

- enable members of other armies to participate in Swiss shooting competitions;
- refresh/enhance each soldiers' basic training;
- give an insight into parts of the Swiss Armed Forces, as well as shooting competitions outside military service;
- foster international comradeship between members of different armed forces.

2.1 Organisation

This invitation is extended by:

- Officers' Society Thun
- Shooting Club Erlenbach-Wimmis
- Pistol Shooting Club Wimmis-Reutigen

2.2 Participants

There is a limit of 80 participants:

- Active or former members of the Swiss Armed Forces and/or police;
- Active or former members of the friendly armed forces and/or police;
- Invited guests with relevant former training in shooting;
- Not allowed are citizens of certain states, according to Art. 7 of the Swiss Weapon Laws and Art. 12 of the Swiss Weapons Act: Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Algeria, Albania.

We expect all interested participants to be able to judge their physical and mental fitness for the exercises/competitions.

2.3 Location

Municipality of CH-3600 Thun Areas Bernese Highlands; Gotthard Pass; Switzerland

3 Programme

The listed programme starts on Thursday, 19.06.2025, 1600 with a roll call and ends Sunday, 22.05.2025 around 1100. The program is subject to necessary revision. The schedule "PICASSO" sent by email and its most current version are binding. It is possible to arrive from Wednesday onwards, catering is only provided starting Thursday evening.

Wednesday 18.06.2025	Whole day	Preparation of materials Early check-in during defined windows
Thursday 19.06.2025	individually From 1300 1600 1800 2000	Arrival of participants, signup Check-in, room allocation HV (Roll call) Start of event Instructions, entry exam «RAID» "Nachtbueb" (late snack)
Friday 20.06.2025	Morning Afternoon 1900	ZAP/shooting programme ZAP/shooting programme Cultural programme incl. dinner
Saturday 21.06.2025	Whole day 1900	ZAP RAID und U RAID U «GOTTARDO» Reception, dinner
Sunday 22.06.2025	0715 1100 individually	Cleaning of weapons/materials) HV (roll call), end of event Departure of participants supporting programme
Monday 23.06.2025	0900	departure of participants with late stay, cleanup

3.1 Meeting Spot

AV place for roll call in front of the accommodation, room allocation beforehand:

Autobahn A6: Exit 16 Thun-Nord, follow the sign posts for Steffisburg/Thun. Take the first exit in the roundabout leading to Thun. After crossing the road bridge, turn left on the **second** traffic lights. The destination is on the right side of the Allmendstrasse, there are numbered parking spots. The exact place will be determined and communicated later on.

Mannschaftskaserne 1 Thun Militärstrasse 24 CH-3600 Thun

Koordinate Swiss: 2 613 856.8 / 1 178 759.1 GPS: 46°45'35.539"; N 7°37'12.053"E

Lat/Long: 6.75987, 7.62001

3.2 Shooting Programmes

There are multiple shooting programmes planned (see attached rules/invitations). Weapons and ammunition are included. Only Swiss ordnance may be used, the instruction is mandatory for all participants for safety and legal reasons. The competitions are held in multiple shooting ranges around Wimmis and Thun.

3.2.1 OG Shooting Competition

At the center is the OG Shooting Competition. It is held with the Swiss "Assault Rifle 57" and with a seperate ranking.

3.2.2 Feldschiessen

The "Feldschiessen" (loosely translated "field's shooting") is an important part of Swiss shooting. It exists to train and test the Swiss people's skills. It is held twice: For pistol (25m), and for rifle (300m). A medal is awarded for good results, rules according to a separate document.

3.2.3 Obligatorisches Bundesprogramm (OP)

The "OP" (mandatory programme for members of the Swiss Armed Forces) is used to train Swiss soldiers between their active services.

It is held for rifle (300m). For great results in both the Feldschiessen and the OP, the military shooting distinction is given out (as a ribbon), rules according to a separate document.

3.2.4 Test Shootings

Other test shootings or programmes may be held if possible.

3.3 Technical Course (TK)

In the form of so-called "Zugsarbeitsplatz" (ZAP), a lot of knowledge is trained in the Swiss Army. Contents of these posts will be based on basic training as well as infantry-specific knowledge (TASK). These are mostly held outside.

3.4 Supporting Programme

Multiple supporting programmes will be held, the idea is to get to know Switzerland, the Swiss Army and their history.

3.5 Pre-shooting programmes for supporting staff

Because of different locations and tasks/post shifts, we cannot guarantee that programmes can be shot together with participants. We suggest pre-shooting OP and FS. We'll communicate the dates/times to helping staff beforehand.

3.6 Performance categories/groups

The participants are grouped into 2 "performance classes" by the staff. These 2 groups will have certain differences in their programme. In the programme «GRANDE», the supporting programme is missing, whereas it will contain a preparation for a more intense tactical/infantry training day on Saturday. Only the regular group will take part in the supporting programme, and their infantry training will be somewhat easier. There will be a question in the signup form regarding which group one would like to be a part of and a short entry test on Thursday. Planned are 2 "GRANDE" and 6 regular groups.

3.6.1 Category «COMBAT» - Group 1-8

A basic training in shooting is required. The main focus lies on static shooting. Supporting posts/training includes different weapons/technical systems.

3.6.2 Leistungsklasse «RAID» - Patrouillen UNO/DUE/ev TRE

A higher level of physical/mental performance is required, as well as a current training in infantry tactics. There will be a entry check. The main focus of this group lies in practical combat training. The supporting programme on Saturday (Fort San Gottardo) cannot be joined.

4 Particularities

4.1 Accommodation

There are troop accommodations available for a charge additional to the entry fee. Bedding is provided.

- Mannschaftskaserne Thun
- Free parking spaces nearby

Personal arrangements for private accommodations can be made.

4.2 Costs

160 CHF per participant. Included in this are all shooting programmes, ammunition, supporting programme, transport and meals.

Additionally: Accommodation costs of 15 CHF per participant and night, generally 3 nights (Thu/Fri/Sat).

Both fees: EUR at current, rounded exchange rate; change in CHF. We cannot exchange currency individually, please do so before at a bank.

This is due to pay at entry ("checkpoint") on the first day, in cash.

4.3 Tenue/Uniform

Uniform is welcome. Solid shoes and clothes for outside training/shooting (and bad weather) are warmly suggested.

In general (shooting, supplementary programme): TAZ (uniform)
Reception / ranking announcement: suit/dress uniform

If you wish to wear a uniform, you should organise this with your nation's respective military attaché yourself.

The information can be found at

https://www.vtg.admin.ch/de/aktuell/themen/internationale-beziehungen/militaerprotokoll/besuche-in-der-schweiz.html

4.4 Material

- ID / personal / military ID
- MLA (military activity book), if already received in previous years.
- Ear protection (closed over-ear version mandatory for 300m shooting)
- Torch/flashlight
- Rucksack
- Helmet (if available)
- Basic vest/combat vest (if available)
- Military cutlery/folding cutlery
- Replacement clothes
- Personal hygiene articles, prescription drugs etc.

4.5 Signup

There is a limit of 80 participants. Signups are considered in chronological order. **End of signups is on 28.02.2025.**

4.5.1 Online signup

Signup is done on MS Forms and takes around 5-10 minutes.

https://forms.office.com/e/b8HaE2NsKc

Upon reaching the limit there will be a waiting list, please do email us, we'll inform you should someone drop out.

4.5.2 Use of Data

The data is used by the OG Thun and its Staff for signup and administration of the event. Personal data is forwarded to the following organisations/people for the following reasons:

Swiss Army IB V Military Protocol / SAT / Territorial Division 1 / Army Logistics Base / Commandos Army Bases and shooting ranges: Registration of the visitors and signup for meals.

Cantonal Military Directorate Bern: Registration as mandated by the law for foreign shooters.

Swiss Shooting Sports Organisation: Registration of the shooters and collection/publication of results.

Swiss Officers' Society: Publication of the results (limited personal information).

Other parties only receive information after previous notification.

With a signup, you agree to the usage of data as described.

At the event, photos and videos are produced for documentation. If you don't wish to be included, you can say so at the beginning of the event.

Data can be deleted on the side of the organisators, but not by third parties, especially the military organisations. Deletion will also mean that results/participation will be lost.

4.5.3 Registration to shoot in Switzerland (only for first-time participants)

To shoot in Switzerland as a citizen of another country, a one-time registration has to be completed. This process is free, and we will complete it with the signup information. However, we need a *copy of ID/passport with visible address*. Please scan/photograph it and sent it to: info@wettschiessen.og-thun.ch

4.5.4 Deregistration

Please give us an early notice if you cannot make it to the event for some reason. (info@wettschiessen.og-thun.ch).

4.6 Disciplinary mentions

Daily routine is rather demanding and is being held in a military fashion. Attendance at the event is voluntary, as such we expect each participant to give their best and respect the respective group leader's orders.

Consumption of alcohol or drugs is not allowed before or during shooting or instruction times. Participants must be completely sober for these. If this is not the case, they will not be allowed to take part in certain points of the programme for legal and safety reasons. For harsh infractions, a notification to the superior agency and/or an exclusion from the event will follow.

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Attachments

- 1. Ausschreibung Int OGT Wettschiessen 2025
- 2. Picasso 01.02.25

Copies to

Delegation leads Participants Support staff

Information/supervising copy to

President OG Thun SAT through notification VVA Staff Int OGT WS