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# OSA advice

*I've heard that the Swiss Abroad can vote electronically in some cantons. Which ones are they?*

The following cantons allow their citizens abroad to vote over the Internet: Aargau, Basel-Stadt, Berne, Fribourg, Geneva, Lucerne, Neuchâtel and St. Gallen. Other cantons, such as Vaud and Thurgau, plan to introduce e-voting for their citizens abroad in the course of 2018.

The introduction of electronic voting falls under the remit of the cantons which have sole discretion as to whether or not to provide their citizens with this additional means of voting. This is why not all cantons currently provide the Swiss Abroad with this opportunity.

The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad is campaigning for the introduction of e-voting for all Swiss Abroad, regardless of which canton they vote in.

For further information, see the factsheet on electronic voting published by the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad: <http://aso.ch/fr/politique/themes-politiques>

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## OSA Youth Service:

Discover Switzerland with other young Swiss Abroad and make new contacts

The winter camps have already come and gone. A total of 50 young Swiss Abroad enjoyed the magnificent winter weather in the Swiss mountains again this year where they headed straight for the slopes. Preparations for the summer camps are now getting under way. The teams of leaders are fully focused on planning the camp activities to ensure participants have a wonderful time once again.

The Youth Service is organising the following camps and activities this summer:

### Camps for young people

- Camp with sport and recreational activities in Saas-Grund (Valais): 14/07 to 27/07/2018
- Camp with sport and recreational activities in Wyssachen (Berne): 28/07 to 10/08/2018
- Outdoor camp (starting in Valais): 28/07 to 10/08/2018
- Camp with sport and recreational activities in Fiesch (Valais): 11/08 to 24/08/2018
- Swiss Challenge, the whole of Switzerland: 14/07 to 27/07/2018

### Politics camp and the Congress of the Swiss Abroad

Our politics camp is ideal for anyone wanting to find out all about Swiss politics. Before the Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Visp, the Youth Service will be running a highly diverse two-week programme. Swiss politics will be explained simply, objectively and clearly. The camp will also include workshops and meetings with Swiss politicians on the topic of "Switzerland without Europe – Europe without Switzerland". In addition to the workshops and political topics, participants will also have the chance to explore the magnificent mountain landscape of the canton of Valais and to visit the city of Berne. All of this is topped off by participation in the Congress of the Swiss Abroad.



### Language courses

The camps provide an excellent chance for participants to discover their roots and Switzerland. Our language courses present another fantastic opportunity. On our German and French courses, participants study one of the four national languages to enable them to communicate or they develop already acquired skills. The Youth Service is running the following courses:

- German course in Zurich: 09/07 to 20/07/2018
- French course in Fribourg: 09/07 to 20/07/2018
- German course in Basel: 23/07 to 03/08/2018
- German course in Brig: 06/08 to 17/08/2018

Information and registration:

[www.aso.ch](http://www.aso.ch) or [www.swisscommunity.org](http://www.swisscommunity.org).

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