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Your Corner...

This month, we have competition for our younger readers of school age - children as well as teenagers - a Quiz about Switzerland.

Use as many sources as you can - eg. books, atlas, Helvetia and Swiss Revue magazines, etc. to find the answers to as many questions as you can. (Parents - encourage your children to find the answers themselves, perhaps giving them clues where to look!)

Competition entries will be in **three age Categories:**

- 1 - up to Year 6 (primary school)
- 2 - Years 7 - 9 (Forms 1 - 3)
- 3 - Year 10 and over (from Form 4)

There will be prizes for the highest score in each category, as well as consolation prizes to reward participation. So, come on kids, and see how much you can find out and learn about Switzerland!

Write your answers to the questions (don't forget to number them), clearly on a sheet of paper and include your name, address, age, and school class.

Send your reply to:

Quiz on Switzerland
Swiss Society of New Zealand
P O Box 4035
Hamilton East

to reach us by **15th October, 2000.**

We look forward to receiving lots of entries. Good luck!

Adults - have a go too, and test your own general knowledge!

(Answers will be in the next issue.)

And Coming Up!

With Christmas not too far away now, don't miss this page in future issues for a Christmas competition!



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1) How old is the Helvetic Confederation (Confederation of Switzerland)?

2) What is the approximate population of Switzerland?

3) In NZ, as an 18 year old, you have the right to vote. Do you know in what year and month the 18 year old Swiss were given their right to vote (in federal elections)?

4) How many 'Cantons' (including 'Half Cantons') are there in total?

5) Can you name the present 'Bundespräsident' (President) of Switzerland?

6) How many countries border with Switzerland? Name them.

7) How many official national languages does Switzerland have, and what are they?

8) Name the highest point (mountain peak) in Switzerland.

9) Name the village situated at the highest altitude.

10) Name the lowest lying village.

11) Name the Swiss Capital City. What was this city named after and is still famous for?

12) Name the city with the highest population.

13) Which is the longest river running through Switzerland?

14) From which Swiss city does the famous 'Swatch' watch originate from?

15) What is the main ingredient in the Swiss Fondue?

16) What vegetable is Sauerkraut made from?

17) Name the author of the 'Heidi' story.

18) Ten bridges span the River Reuss in which city?

The most famous of these, the oldest wooden bridge in Europe, was built in 1333 (and recently rebuilt after a fire) - what is the name of this particular bridge?

19) In the capital of Canton URI, you can find a famous monument. Name this capital, as well as the monument.

20) One of the most impressive railway routes in Switzerland, and probably Europe, the Furka-Oberalp Railway, runs from Brig in Canton Valais, through Uri, and on to Graubünden. By what name is this rail service better known as?

Another Swiss Specialty

Croûtes au Fromage

(from the Romandie - French speaking part of Switzerland)

- put 8 big slices of white bread on an oven tray and grill both sides
- drizzle 50-100ml white wine over the bread slices
- combine 400gr grated cheese and 2 tablespoons flour
- mix together 2 eggs, 150ml white wine, and freshly grated pepper.

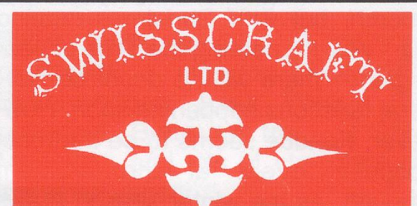
Combine this together with the cheese mixture and spread evenly on each slice of grilled bread.

Bake for 10 minutes at 250°C on bottom grill in oven.

Serve hot with salad, and enjoy a beer or glass of white wine with it.

Tips - use toasted bread

- instead of baking croûtons, put under grill - check frequently.



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