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Arrival and Departure

You can easily reach the festival site by public transport. There are no parking spaces available and the access road to the festival area is closed. People with special needs can contact awareness@b-sides.ch directly for information.

Public Transport:

From Lucerne:

To Kriens, Busschleife with the bus no. 1/5.

Then continue...

...with the Sonnenbergbahn directly to the site.

...by bus no. 15 to Gabeldingen plus approx. 10 min hill walk.

...on foot approx. 40 min hill walk.

To the Gütschwald with the...

...Bus No. 10 to Obergütsch plus 15 min forest-meadow walk.

...Bus no. 11 to Dattenberg plus 15 min forest-meadow walk.





Picture: Urs Arnold

Bike

For sporty visitors there is a bicycle parking lot below the Hotel Sonnenberg. Bicycles cannot be taken to the top on the Sonnenbergbahn. On Friday and Saturday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm Velociped kindly gifts everyone a free bike-check-up.

Sonnenbergbahn

The Sonnenbergbahn is not included in the ticket price and must be paid on site, cash or twint. One way costs CHF 8.-, return is CHF 12.-, students pay half. To reduce your waiting time, we recommend that you arrive early. The Sonnenbergbahn runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 22:00.

Shuttlebus

The shuttle bus will take you down the mountain for free as soon as the Sonnenbergbahn stops running and your feet won't carry you down anymore. The shuttles wait at the hotel car park and take you to Kriens, Busschleife. On Thursday from 22:15 to 02:45, on Friday and Saturday from 00:00 to 03:45.

Nachtstern

The Nachtstern drives you home comfortably on Friday and Saturday at 1:35 am, 1:50 am and 4:05 am, from Kriens Busschleife to Lucerne trainstation.

Festival site

Wristband & Cashless

At the entrance you will receive your festival wristband and your cashless card in exchange for a valid festival ticket. Here the credit will be transferred on to your card if you have preloaded your account in advance. You can also top up your card on site.

The festival wristband must be worn on the wrist; loose wristbands or wristbands attached to clothing are not valid. The security staff is instructed to carry out checks.



Picture: Till Hess

Opening hours

The site opens on Thursday at 04:30 pm, Friday at 05:00 pm, Saturday at 11:00 am.

On Saturday morning, the doors will open as early as 10:00 a.m. for the family program and an extensive brunch will be served.

The family program ends at 6:00 p.m. The festival grounds closes at 3:00 am on Thursday, 4:00 am on Friday and 5:00 am on Saturday.

Safety concept

The festival will comply with cantonal regulations to ensure a safe environment.

Food and Beverage

Food

For hungry stomachs and exquisite foodies, the B-Sides kitchen offers a varied menu. All dishes are freshly prepared by hand, by over 50 volunteers on site. Together with our partners from Pastarazzi, Barbés, Ueli-Hof and Agrovision Burgrain, we serve sustainable and healthy food in organic quality.

Drinks

You can bring water in PET bottles, alcoholic drinks will not be tolerated. The security staff is instructed to carry out controls. Glass and aluminum cans are prohibited. The B-Sides Soulbottle is the only exception allowed, as it can be purchased on the premises.

Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages will only be served to persons over the age of 16; spirits and mixed drinks will be served to persons over the age of 18. If in doubt, staff may conduct ID checks.



Picture: Sam Aebi

Festival Essentials

First Aid

If you feel unwell or have an accident, go immediately to the medical tent.

Awareness

If you feel uncomfortable or distressed, please contact the volunteers in your area at any time and they will inform the festival office to take care of you. Your well-being is very important to us. If you have any feedback or improvements after the festival, please feel free to contact awareness@b-sides.ch.

Restrooms

The restrooms on the premises are gender-neutral. There is a wheelchair-accessible toilet, which is intended primarily for people with impairments.

Ear protection

The sound levels at this event are above the 93dB(A) considered safe. To ensure that you can continue to enjoy the music in the future, it is recommended to wear earplugs. You can find them for free at the entrance and at the bars.

Accommodation

There is a public campground on the Sonnenberg, registration is mandatory and can be done on the festival website. Alternatively, the Lido Camping is available or hotels and hostels in Kriens and Lucerne. Especially recommended is the Beau Sejour.

Liability

The festival visit is at your own risk. B-Sides has a special event liability insurance. Any liability beyond this as well as claims for damages will be rejected.



Picture: Mirjam Steffen

Lost and Found

If you lose something on the grounds, you can report it to the festival management during or after the festival: awareness@b-sides.ch. We will bring all lost and found items to the lost and found office in Lucerne the week after the festival.

Animals

No two-, four- or more-legged animals are allowed on the premises. Regarding assistance animals, you can contact awareness@b-sides.ch directly.



Picture: Jérémie Duboise

Family Program

The B-Sides is for everyone. On Saturday, the family program will take place on the Sonnenberg. The area opens at 11:00 am, from 12:30 pm various activities entertain young and old.

The family program runs until 06:00 pm. Accompanying persons of the age of 16 pay CHF 25.-, children (12-15 years) CHF 15.-, children up to 12 years are free of charge. The family program tickets are still available even if the evening program is sold out, as they are only valid until 06:00 pm.

Playground

The Sonnenberg recreation area is perfect for a family outing. There is a playground in the immediate vicinity of the festival site. The playground is also open to the public during the festival.

Design

Decoration

Anyone who has ever been to B-Sides knows: the decoration is not only worth seeing but also worth buying. Every year, the decoration helpers work weeks before the festival on ingenious installations and handmade objects to match the graphic appearance. All individual pieces and made with a lot of love, they create the unique B-Sides atmosphere.

Graphic Design

Every year, the B-Sides Festival offers young graphic designers a stage and invites them to completely redesign the festival's appearance. In addition to the posters, shirts, festival ribbons and merch, the graphic designers also inspire in the digital world with unique websites and social media presence. This year, the graphics were created by Elena Rast and Scarlett Bang, in collaboration with Samuel Alder.

Fieldsession

Private concerts in video format - that's how our Fieldsessions could be described. The B-Sides artists leave the festival stages and serenade in the fairytale nature of Sonnenberg and in the most beautiful corners in Lucerne.

Photography

Until late at night, our B-Sides photographers capture the stage spectacle and the unique atmosphere of the festival. The impressive collection of pictures from this and the last years can be found on the [Flickr](#) page of the B-Sides Festival.



Picture: Anja Fonseca

Sustainability

Ecological

Nature is close at heart for both the association and the festival. The B-Sides Festival has been running for several years, using exclusively natural electricity from Energiestadt Kriens. Also the reusable tableware contributes to sustainability. And you can help us to be even more sustainable: Treat yourself to a B-Sides pocket ashtray or make sure your cigarettes find their way into the designated garbage cans. Bring back your dishes and cups and dispose of your trash in the waste bin. Traveling by public transportation is environmentally friendly.

Social

B-Sides is committed to diversity and equality. People with disabilities and migration backgrounds are valuable members of the B-Sides on-site team. The festival expanded the collaboration with Helvetiarockt and took Key Change pledge for more gender diversity on and off stages, and expanded the family program to appeal to all age groups. B-Sides tries to break down existing barriers. If you have ideas on what we can do better, feel free to let us know directly.

Economical

Despite its manageable size, the B-Sides Festival is fortunate to be run as a professional organization. The festival office is employed under transparent and equal working conditions and the festival is two thirds self-financed thanks to the help of all volunteers, department heads and the festival management. Prices are kept as low as possible without endangering the existence of the festival for the years to come. Thanks to economic sustainability, B-Sides can continue to maintain a high social and ecological standards and further develop.



Picture: Sam Aebi

Volunteers

A size of this event is only possible due to the tireless work and the heart and soul of the volunteers. Before, during and after the B-Sides they help to bring the festival over the stage without complications. Starting in April, motivated helping hands will be needed again.

A huge thank you to the board, the festival management, the department heads, volunteers, visitors and other dear supporters. Without you the B-Sides would not be the B-Sides!

Lovers Club

B-Sides has always been a love affair and thanks to numerous lovely people and companies, the festival's heart keeps beating year after year. Even with a small monetary support you give the festival rose-colored glasses to look creatively into the future and dream of new adventures. The loyal expressions of love will of course be duly rewarded: Various goodies such as discounted festival tickets, an invitation to the exclusive Lovers-Apéro and other surprises await you.

You can [become a Lover](#) for as little as 50 CHF.



Picture: Sam Aebi