



## **Annual report «Young Mountain Guides Foundation» 2021**

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Young Mountain Guides Foundation "YMGF" was founded in June 2019.  
Our mission is to promote children and young people in mountain- and snowsports. As well, we support young candidates on their way to become a mountain guide.  
Our program is divided into 3 levels

Level 1: Juniors Academy - Children and young people between 10 – 15 years

Level 2: Climbers Academy – Advanced climbers between 15-20 years

Level 3: Guides Academy - Support of Young Mountain guides

### *Members of the board in 2021*

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| Hermann Biner   | President                              |
| Alain Boucheron | First donator                          |
| Sämi Perren     | Representative Burgergemeinde Zermatt  |
| Denis Gruber    | Representative Zermatt Mountain guides |
| Andreas Perren  | Secretary                              |

### *Members of the commission in 2021*

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| Patrice Biner    | Responsible Juniors & Climbers Academy Zermatt     |
| Markus Sarbach   | Responsible Juniors & Climbers Academy St. Niklaus |
| Rudolf Pollinger | Responsible Guides Academy                         |
| Demjen Franzen   | President Skiclub Zermatt                          |
| Andreas Perren   | Secretary                                          |





## Intro

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As in 2020, Corona was also a big challenge this year. In terms of weather, the winter until mid-March and the summer until the beginning of August were also very difficult. Programmes and events had to be constantly changed and reorganised. Nevertheless, we tried to work out a programme that was interesting and challenging for the kids and young guides...

A summary of our activities 2021 :

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### 02.01.2021 Ice Climbing Training – Level 2

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| Guides:       | Emanuel Julen / Kilian Julen |
| Participants: | 9                            |

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### 10.01.2021 Ice climbing multi-pitch training - Level 1

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| Guides:       | Patrice Biner / Emanuel Julen |
| Participants: | 16                            |



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### 16.01.2021 Freeride in the Zermatt ski area

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| Guides:       | Patrice Biner / Heiko Hitzer |
| Participants: | 9                            |



07.02.2021 Ski tour to the Fluhhorn with descent to Täsch

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Guides: Patrice Biner / Emanuel Julen  
Participants: 8



20.02.-21.02.2021 Ski tour with bivouac in the region Rothorn (Arbzug)

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Guides: Patrice Biner / Emanuel Julen  
Participants: 14

05.03.2021 Climbing in Niedergesteln

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Guides: Kusi Sarbach / Jean Paul Imboden  
Participants : 11

06.03.2021 Climbing in Naters

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Guides: Kusi Sarbach / Denis Gruber  
Participants: 8





13.03.2021 Climbing Day / Bouldering in Randa

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Guide: Heiko Hitzer

Participants: 7



27.03.2021 Ski tour to "Chummachlena" with descent to Täsch – Level 2

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Guide: Emanuel Julien

Participants: 6





28.03.2021 Full moon excursion

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Guides : Kusi Sarbach / Jan Schnidrig  
Participants: 13

05.04.2021: Ski tour Roccia Nera & Schwarztor

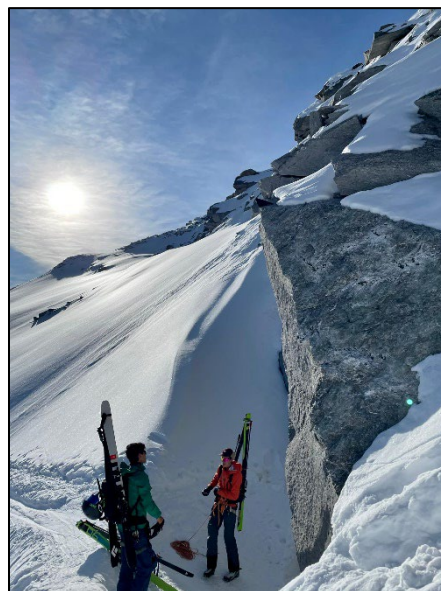
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Guides: Patrice Biner & Heiko Hitzer  
Participants: 8

24.4.-25.4.2021 Ski tour Chlei Triftjissattel Monte Rosa Hütte – Stockhorn – Zermatt

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Guide: Emanuel Julien  
Participants: 8





19.05.2021    Bouldering in the Randa climbing hall

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Guide:                    Patrice Biner  
Participants:            9



22.05.2021    Training - multi-pitch climbing near Gamsen in Upper Valais

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Guides:                    Emanuel Julien / Kilian Julien  
Participants :            14







30.05.2021 Climbing day in Bitsch (Oberwallis)

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Guides: Kusi Sarbach

Participants: 10

02.06.2021: Via ferrata above the railway station Zermatt

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Guide : Patrice Biner

Participants: 5

16.06.2021: Crossing Gorner Gorge Zermatt - via ferrata

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Guide: Emanuel Julen

Participants: 9

19.06.2021: Climbing on the Riffelhorn

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Guides: Emanuel Julen / Patrice Biner

Participants: 6

26.06.-03.07.2021 Climbing week of the JO St. Niklaus in Ticino

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Guides: Jan Schnidrig / Angelo Gruber

Participants: 24





03.07.2021 Full traverse of the Breithorn

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Guide: Patrice Biner  
Participants: 5

Climbing day Level 2



04.07.2021 Bad weather programme : Crevasse rescue and rope handling on the Theodul glacier

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Guides: Patrice Biner / Emanuel Julien  
Participants : 6

05.07.-06.07.2021 Hut hike to the Kinshütte with overnight stay – Kids Level 1

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Guide : Kilian Julien  
Participants : 7







10.07.2021 Breithorn JO St. Niklaus – Normal route Kids Level 1

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Guides : Kusi Sarbach / Angelo Gruber  
Participants: 12



11.07.2021 Day Tour Allalinhorn near Saas Fee

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Guides: Emanuel Julen / Kilian Julen  
Participants : 13



02.08.2021 Climbing day at the Gandegg Hut

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Guides: Heiko Hitzer  
Participants: 3 girls



07.08.-08.08.2021      Day 1: Crossing "Dri Horlini"      Level 2

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Day 2: Climbing tour Portjengrat

Guide :                      Emanuel Julen

Participants :              9

21.08.2022                      Gorner gorge in Zermatt

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Guides :                      Kusi Sarbach / Jan Schnidrig

Participants :              12





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| 11.09.-12.09.2021 | Climbing days on the Grimselpass           |
| Guides :          | Emanuel Julen / Kilian Julen               |
| Participants :    | 6                                          |
| 18.09.2021        | Leiterspitzen above Täsch                  |
| Guides :          | Patrice Biner                              |
| 11.10.-14.10.2021 | Climbing day in the fall JO St. Niklaus    |
| Guides:           | Kusi Sarbach / Denis Gruber / Andi Steindl |
| Participants:     | 14                                         |



In 2021, our mountain guides organised activities on over 40 days and supported over 300 children and young people. Safety is very important to us. The kids were accompanied exclusively by qualified mountain guides.





And last but not least!

We won the Youth Prize of the Cantonal Bank of Valais 2020

Prize money CHF 5'000.—



*We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in 2021 !*