

# Wood connecting Worlds



**INTERFOB 2026**  
**SWITZERLAND**



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# W E L C O M E

## **Welcome to INTERFOB 2026 – where wood connects worlds.**

From September 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, we come together in the beautiful Melchtal, surrounded by the Swiss Alps, to share ideas, cultures, and our passion for wood.

This week is more than just an event. It is a space for exchange, inspiration, and collaboration between students from all over the world who are united by one common material – and the endless possibilities it offers. Whether through workshops, discussions, or simply spending time together, INTERFOB is about building connections that go beyond borders.

Wood has always connected people: across landscapes, traditions, and generations. At INTERFOB, we continue this story – bringing together different perspectives, skills, and cultures to learn from one another and create something meaningful together.

We are excited to have you here.

Be open, be curious, and most importantly  
– enjoy the journey.

**Let's connect worlds.**

# PROGRAM

Your INTERFOB journey begins on Sunday, as all teams arrive individually. From 18:00 onwards, we will gather for dinner, followed by the grand opening of our bar – the perfect way to start an unforgettable week together.

Monday morning kicks off with the traditional university presentations, so please come prepared to introduce your institution. In the afternoon, we will host teambuilding activities to help everyone connect and get to know each other. After dinner, we celebrate the International Evening – a highlight where cultures,

food, and traditions from all over the world come together. Make sure to bring foods and drinks from your country, cause that will be our dinner.

On Tuesday, we will set off on our first excursions, visiting companies, construction sites, and schools. Throughout the rest of the day, there will be various cultural trips, and some of you will even have the opportunity to take part in a competition in the traditional Swiss sport of Schwingen. In the evening, we will round off the day with a themed «Bad Taste» party.

Wednesday is fully dedicated to excursions to give you deeper insights into the Swiss timber industry and beyond. In the evening, we invite you to the Swiss Evening – expect traditional food, music, local drinks, and plenty of dancing.

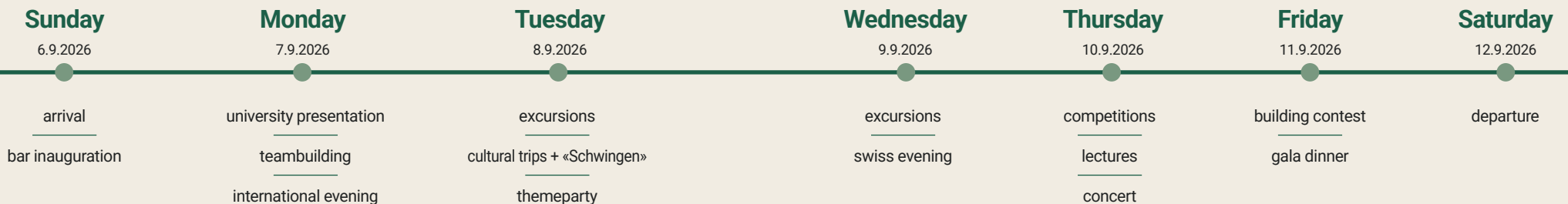
Thursday starts with morning challenges such as volleyball and other activities. In the afternoon, we shift focus to a series of lectures, offering insights into current research and the latest developments in the Swiss timber industry.

Friday, our last full day, is dedicated to a building contest where creativity and

teamwork come together. In the evening, we will celebrate the week with our traditional Gala Dinner, followed by one final party in the heart of Switzerland.

On Saturday, it is time to say goodbye and begin your journey home – hopefully with new friendships, inspiration, and unforgettable memories.

For those who still haven't celebrated enough after this week, there will be a festival following Interfob, also taking place in Melchtal: the so-called Wood Frequency Festival.



# PACKING LIST

## General

- Passport / Travel Documents
- Visa (if required)
- Travel Insurance or it's card
- Money for Additional Expenses (not mandatory)
- Chargers for electrical appliances (laptop, phone)
- Adapter for the charger plug!!
- Towel
- Personal toiletries and medications
- Sleeping clothes
- Slippers!
- Swimsuit
- Sport clothes
- Hiking boots or shoes
- Outdoor clothing (adapted to weather)
- Clothes for a week
- Backpack (for the excursions)
- A lot of motivation ;)

## International Evening

- Traditional clothes
- Flag of your country
- Foods, snacks and drinks from your country
- Other things to represent your country

## Themeparty

- The theme is «Bad Taste», so make sure to bring a suitably outrageous outfit or costume.

## Gala Dinner

- Elegant outfit (dress, skirt, or smart attire)
- Optional: accessories to complete your look
- Presents for the other Schools

# REGISTRATION

Registration will open on 10 May. In the first phase, each school will be allowed to register up to 14 participants. Team leaders are encouraged use the waiting list in the excel, as it may be possible for us to increase the number of participants per school later on.

The registration process will be coordinated through each school's team leader. An Excel file will be provided for registration details, which must be completed and returned to us by 10 June.

The participation fee is CHF 250 per person, plus a CHF 50 deposit. Each

school is asked to make one combined payment, meaning that the team leaders should collect the money from their participants and arrange a single bank transfer to us.

If you are not sure whether your school already has a team leader, or if you have not received the Excel registration file yet, please call or text us via WhatsApp at +41 78 202 63 62.

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURES

You are warmly welcome in Melchtal on Sunday from 2:00 PM onwards. Check-in will begin at 3:00 PM. Please make sure that you can arrive no later than 10:00 PM. If this is not possible, please get in touch with us.

## Public transport

Switzerland has a very reliable and well-connected public transport system (SBB), including trains and buses. All connections are well coordinated, and even remote locations are easy to reach. We recommend using public transport for your journey. For all routes, we recommend checking connections in advance via the SBB Mobile app or website. Public transport in Switzerland is punctual, easy to use, and runs frequently throughout the day. The SBB online portal for timetable, trains and public transport.

There are discounted tickets (called «supersaver») available if you buy in advance, they're only valid for that specific train at that specific time. But they're a bit cheaper.

Please note that the last bus arrives at the sports camp at 5.11 pm. After that, there are only buses to Melchtal village. We'll try to arrange a pick-up for you from there; we'll provide further details shortly before the event.

## Parking

There will be some parking lots, we recommend to travel by train or if its not possible make sure that not everyone drives there individually.



Scan the QR code to visit the SBB website. [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)

## From Zurich airport

Estimated travel time: **2h 20min – 3h**

Take a train from Zurich Airport to Lucerne (Luzern), then continue by train or bus towards Sarnen and Melchtal Sportcamp Nord.

### Zürich Flughafen → Melchtal, Sportcamp Nord

So. 06.09.2026, 2h 27min

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## From Basel airport

Estimated travel time: **2h 40min – 3h**

Travel by bus or train to Basel SBB station, then take a train to Lucerne and continue towards Sarnen and Melchtal Sportcamp Nord.

### Basel EuroAirport, Abflug → Melchtal, Sportcamp Nord

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## From Geneva Airport

Estimated travel time: **4h 15min – 5h**

Take a direct train from Geneva Airport to Lucerne, then continue towards Sarnen and Melchtal Sportcamp Nord.

### Genève-Aéroport → Melchtal, Sportcamp Nord

So. 06.09.2026, 4h 16min

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# OUR PARTNERS

We would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors and partners for their generous support and for making this event possible.

## VSBFH



The VSBFH (Verband der Studierendenschaft der Berner Fachhochschule) represents all students of the Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH). Every enrolled student is automatically a member, making the VSBFH a central platform for participation, exchange, and student engagement.

The association advocates for students' academic, social, and cultural interests, acting as an important link between students and the university. Through its involvement in committees and decision-making processes, the VSBFH ensures that student voices are heard and actively contribute to shaping university life.

Beyond representation, the VSBFH supports student initiatives and organizes a variety of events that bring people together across different departments. These activities create opportunities for networking, collaboration, and a strong sense of community.

As a dynamic and committed organization, the VSBFH plays a key role in connecting students and enriching the overall experience at BFH.

## ROTHOBLAAS



Rothoblaas is an international company from the Italian Alps and a leading provider of innovative solutions for timber construction. Its products support all phases of building with wood – from planning to execution.

The portfolio includes fastening systems, waterproofing and airtightness solutions, acoustic insulation, and safety equipment. These are used by carpenters, engineers, and architects worldwide.

With a strong focus on innovation and sustainability, Rothoblaas promotes wood as a key material for the future of construction.

# FORUM HOLZBAU

## FORUM- HOLZBAU

FORUM HOLZBAU is an international platform dedicated to promoting timber construction. Founded by leading universities, it connects research, education, and industry to advance building with wood.

The organization is best known for its conferences and events, where professionals, researchers, and students come together to exchange knowledge and share innovative ideas.

With a strong focus on collaboration and innovation, FORUM HOLZBAU plays an important role in shaping the future of sustainable construction and strengthening the global timber community.

# BFH-AHB + HAFL



Berner  
Fachhochschule

BFH Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering and BFH-HAFL – School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences are two departments of the Bern University of Applied Sciences in Switzerland.

BFH Architecture, Wood and Civil Engineering focuses on sustainable construction, architecture, timber engineering, and innovative building technologies. BFH-HAFL specializes in agriculture, forestry, food science, and environmental management, with a strong focus on sustainability and the responsible use of natural resources. Both schools combine practical education with applied research and international collaboration.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Our stay

During INTERFOB, we will be staying at Sportcamp Melchtal, a simple but well-equipped accommodation surrounded by the mountains. Please note that there are no double rooms – you will be staying in shared dorm-style rooms with several participants. This is part of the INTERFOB experience: living together, connecting, and building new friendships.

## Weather

In early September, temperatures in Melchtal can already be quite cool, especially in the mountains and during the evenings. While days may be mild and sunny, rain and sudden weather changes are possible. Make sure to bring warm clothing and weatherproof gear.

## Currency

Switzerland uses the Swiss Franc (CHF). Credit cards are widely accepted, but it is recommended to carry some cash for smaller purchases or more remote locations.

## Electricity

Switzerland uses Type J power sockets (230 V). Please make sure to bring a suitable adapter if your devices are not compatible

# CONTACT

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to INTERFOB 2026 and sharing this unique experience together. Your participation, openness, and energy are what make this event truly special.

**See you soon in Melchtal!**



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