

# 2019 World Scout Jamboree

## Surrey Participant

### Youth Application



SURREY SCOUTS

# ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

A World Scout Jamboree is an adventure beyond anything you can imagine. In 2019, 45,000 Scouts from almost every country in the world will camp together for 12 days of fun and friendship.

This is the biggest and best event that world Scouting can offer. You have the opportunity to represent East Surrey District and Surrey Scouts.

This document has all the information that will help you decide if you want to apply to be a participant. We have given some key facts below, but please read the whole document carefully.

## *Who is eligible to apply?*

It doesn't matter what your current role is (e.g. Scout/Explorer/Young Leader) or how long you have been a Scout and it is not a reward for getting the most badges! You must be born between 22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005.

There are no exceptions to this rule as every Scout in the World is only eligible to attend one Jamboree as a participant.

## *How do I apply?*

Each District in Surrey has responsibility for selecting their participants. There is a two-part application process:

1. Complete the online application form by midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017
2. Attend the District's selection weekend on 30/09/2017

## *What happens between now and 2019?*

Units are formed of 36 participants and 4 leaders. You will be allocated to one of the Surrey Units going to the Jamboree.

You will need to attend several fun preparation camps, fundraising activities and other events.

## *How much does it cost?*

Please read the full money section further on. We want to emphasise that money should not be a barrier to your application:

- East Surrey District are aiming to subsidise the cost by approximately one third.
- Your Group may be able to offer financial support or help you with fundraising activities.
- Past participants have found it possible to fundraise in the lead up to the Jamboree.
- Other bursaries and financial support may be available.

# NORTH AMERICA 2019

A World Scout Jamboree is a world Scouting event for young people aged between 14 and 18 and is a gathering of Scouts and Guides from all over the world for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, fun and friendship.

It takes place every four years in a different place every four years in a different country. The first World Scout Jamboree took place in England in 1920 and since then 23 such events have been held.



The 24th World Scout Jamboree will take place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, a 10,000 acre campsite, in West Virginia and the dates of the event are 22 July – 2 August 2019.

The event is being hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada and Scouts of Mexico. This is the largest event delivered by Scouting worldwide and 45,000 young people and adult volunteers are expected to attend from over 150 countries.

Further information about the Jamboree can be found at [www.2019wsj.org](http://www.2019wsj.org)

## Dates

The dates of the Jamboree itself are 22 July – 2 August 2019, but the whole experience will include a UK Contingent pre/post event and home hospitality, so could begin several days before and finish several days after those dates.

## Weather

The month of July in West Virginia is usually hot and humid, with daily high temperatures of around 26°C. Some rain, particularly thunder storms are likely during the summer months in West Virginia. Humidity is likely to be high during the Jamboree, and this will make the 'real feel' temperature seem much hotter than the forecasted 26°C.





## The Site



Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is in an area of natural beauty which offers a huge range of adventurous activities. The site is hilly, spread over a large area with access provided by gravel pathways.

Take a look at beautiful photos of the site on Summit Bechtel's Flickr page [here](#).

Below are some highlights of what the Summit Bechtel Reserve has to offer:

- Longest combined zip lines in the world (5.45 miles/8.7 kilometers)
- Longest canopy course in the country (9.55 miles/15.3 kilometers)
- Largest man-made outdoor climbing facility in the country (218 stations)
- Top purpose-built mountain biking facility in the country
- Second-largest outdoor skate park in the country (4.6 acres/ 1.7 hectares)
- Second-largest BMX facility in the country (13.7 acres/ 5.3 hectares)
- Largest natural outdoor arena in West Virginia (80,000 capacity)
- Access to one of the top-rated rafting, kayaking, and fishing rivers in the country

## The Jamboree Experience

At the Jamboree, you will have a packed programme of activities, all centred around the theme of *Unlock a New World*: an invitation to unlock new adventures, new cultures, and new friendships. The program will capture the four core values of The Summit Bechtel Reserve: adventure, service, sustainability, and leadership.

What makes every World Scout Jamboree special is how different nationalities unite to surround you with an experience that will change your life. You will become friends with Scouts from countries halfway around the world. The 24th World Scout Jamboree is all about unlocking new friendships and understanding new cultures, all at a venue that will challenge you to do things you did not think were possible.

Imagine the possibilities when Scouts from more than 162 Scouting Organizations worldwide come together to enjoy the World Scout Jamboree.



# THE UK CONTINGENT



The Scout Association has a long history of sending a large number of Units (36 young people and four leaders, divided into four patrols) as part of a UK Contingent to attend Jamborees. In 2007, The Scout Association hosted the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park in Essex. In 2011, the UK Contingent to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden was the association's largest ever overseas expedition. In 2015, the UK Contingent to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan comprised over 3,500 youth and adult members.

The UK Contingent is volunteer led by the Contingent Leader with a small Management Team. Together with a larger Contingent Support Team, they work with the organisers of the Jamboree, travel agents, kit manufacturers and others to put together the UK Contingent package. The Contingent Support Team will also have qualified medics as part of the team. They work closely with and support the Unit leadership

teams to ensure that everyone attending has everything that they need and is prepared to have the experience of a lifetime.

## Pre/Post-Jamboree Experience

The UK Contingent typically organises a 2-3 day experience for UK Scouts just before or after the Jamboree. We don't have any details yet for this in 2019, but as an example the UK Contingent to the Japan 2015 Jamboree spent 3 days exploring the sights of Tokyo

## HoHo

There is a long history of Scouts enjoying HoHo (Home or Hosted Hospitality) before or after a Jamboree. It can provide a very special insight into what life is like in that country. The plans are still at an early stage, but it is expected that the UK Contingent will be able to stay (in pairs) with Scout families in North America for a few days before or after the Jamboree.

## The Programme

Full details of the programme have not yet been announced but a typical programme will include:

- Adventurous activities such as zip lines, canopy tours, target sports, mountain biking tracks, rock climbing, BMX course and hiking
- Personal development programme such as:
  - ❑ Sustainability Day
  - ❑ Global Development Village
  - ❑ Faith and Beliefs Zone
  - ❑ Cultural activities from around the world

# COSTS

World Scout Jamborees are expensive. The UK Contingent has a standard fee that covers all the elements of the Jamboree experience itself. This includes the Jamboree fee, travel, insurance, some equipment and uniform. The Jamboree fee itself covers everything during the Jamboree including all the activities, food and transportation as well as ceremonies, handbooks, a special scarf and badge. Once in North America, the only things that you will need to pay for are treats and souvenirs.

The final fee is not yet known but is likely to be in the region of £3-3,500. As with all Scouting activities, we don't want people to be put off applying to attend the Jamboree on financial grounds:

- East Surrey District is aiming to subsidise the cost by approximately one third.
- Your Group may be able to offer financial support or help you with fundraising activities.
- Past participants have found it possible to fundraise in the lead up to the Jamboree through things like bag packing, themed evenings and sponsored events can also be lucrative.
- Other bursaries and financial support may be available.

Additionally, there will be small costs involved in attending your unit preparation weekends, just like normal Scout Camps. There may also be small costs for Surrey specific kit. You are likely to be expected to help your Surrey Unit raise money for extras such as Unit equipment to take to the Jamboree.

# SURREY UNITS

Every Jamboree Unit is made up of 36 young people (in Patrols of 9) and 4 Leaders (one for each Patrol). **Surrey has been allocated 3 complete units with space for 108 young people.**

The leadership teams are made up of volunteer leaders from across Surrey who will be taking on the responsibility to run and organise the Units in addition to their everyday role in Scouting.



## TIME COMMITMENT

Going to the Jamboree will be a big time commitment. The total time away from home in the summer of 2019 will be almost three weeks. But there will be lots of preparation weekends, fundraising activities and other events that you will need to attend.

Over the two years between being selected and returning home from the Jamboree, you will go through the most exhausting but brilliant experience. To make the most of the opportunity, you will need to commit to attending the various activities that the Unit Leaders will be planning.

It's important that you do commit to attend everything so that you get to know the other 35 Unit members and the leaders before you go – as you may not know anyone else in your Unit to start with.

There will also be a lot of stuff that you need to know to help you get ready for the experience, and there will be some things that you – together with the rest of your unit – will need to prepare to take with you. As well as there being a lot of fun!

We know from experience, that Unit members who don't make it to all the activities don't get the most out of the Jamboree. You should think about this before applying, as it will be expected that Jamboree activities will take preference over pretty much anything else you might have planned.

# APPLYING TO ATTEND THE JAMBOREE

Attending a World Scout Jamboree is the most amazing and once in a lifetime opportunity. Unfortunately, not everyone who wants to go gets to go. Below is some information about who can apply and what sort of things the people making the selection will be looking for.

We want to select young people who will make the most of the opportunity and be ambassadors for Scouting and the UK – and return to Scouting as ambassadors for the World Scout Jamboree experience and the international nature of Scouting.

## Who can apply?

Any member of Scouting who is born between 22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005. These dates are fixed at a world level and can't be changed. Everyone has the chance of attending one World Scout Jamboree. If you are too old to apply as a participant, you could apply to be part of the International Service Team – applications open in 2018.

## What are we looking for?

- An interest in international Scouting/Guiding
- An ability to work in a team (not necessarily as a leader but a full member)
- A commitment to Scouting
- A commitment to the Jamboree experience and training events
- The ability to take responsibility for yourself
- Experience of camping and basic Scouting skills

## What isn't it about?

- It doesn't matter what your current role is (Scout, Explorer Scout, Young Leader etc) or how long you have been a member
- It's not a reward for getting the most badges or awards
- It doesn't matter if you've never been abroad or on a plane before
- Your financial situation



# SELECTION PROCESS

In Surrey, Districts are responsible for selecting young people. Each District has been allocated a number of places based on the number of eligible young people in Districts to try and share the number of places fairly. All the Districts across Surrey will be using a similar selection process to make sure that people are selected as fairly as possible.

The selection process will be in two parts: First, you must submit a short online application form. Second, you will be invited to attend a selection weekend.

## Application form: DEADLINE: Midnight on 17th September 2017

The form is available online [HERE](#) or <https://wsj.surrey-scouts.org.uk>  
You must complete it by midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The form has a few short questions on it:

- Please give a brief description of your Scouting (and Guiding) history
- Please tell us what you enjoy about being a Scout or Explorer Scout
- Please give brief details of any other clubs, hobbies or interests you have outside Scouting and Guiding)
- Is there any other information you would like to make us aware of?  
*eg medical conditions, special needs*
- Why do you want to go to the Jamboree and why do you think you should be selected?
- Please provide details of two people who can support your application. They should know you well but not be related to you. At least one of them should be your current Leader.

## District Selection weekend: 30/09/2017

A selection weekend will be held on 30/9/2017 at Frylands Wood

The weekend will include both a selection of practical tasks, games and exercises and a short interview, all designed to allow us to assess your skills and attitude. It will be relatively informal and we hope that you will enjoy it, regardless of whether you are selected. After the selection weekend we will contact everyone who took part to confirm whether or not we are able to offer them a place.

# QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

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If you have any issues using the online application, please contact James Turner, the member of the Surrey County Scouts International Team responsible for Jamboree. James' e-mail is: [james.turner34+jambo@gmail.com](mailto:james.turner34+jambo@gmail.com)