



24th World Scout Jamboree 2019

Youth Participant Selection Information for Applicants



This document is based upon information provided by the UK Contingent Management Team

Introduction

The World Scout Jamboree

A World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is a gathering of Scouts and Guides from all over the world for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, friendship and fun. They are usually held on a 4 yearly cycle and move around the world. To date every continent except Africa and Antarctica has hosted the WSJ.

The Scout Association (TSA) has a long history of sending groups of Scouts, known as a Contingent, to represent the UK at the WSJ. TSA hosted the 21st WSJ at Hylands Park in Essex in 2007 and in 2011 the UK Contingent to the 22nd WSJ in Sweden was the association's largest ever-overseas expedition. A smaller but still substantial Contingent travelled to Japan in 2015 for the 23rd WSJ.

Building on this success TSA intends to form a Contingent to attend 24th WSJ to be held in North America in 2019.

24th World Scout Jamboree, N America 2019 (WSJ2019)

WSJ2019 will be held on a site in West Virginia, USA but will be jointly hosted by the national Scout organisations of the USA, Canada and Mexico.

Many of the details are still to be confirmed but the key facts are:

Venue: The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, Glen Jean, West Virginia, USA

Date: 22 July – 2 August 2019

Note: the UK Contingent are likely to expand the trip to include other elements such as home hospitality and/or a pre or post event experience and participants may be overseas for up to 3 weeks.

Theme: Unlock a New World

Programme: This will capture the four core values of The Summit Bechtel Reserve - adventure, service, sustainability, and leadership.

The UK Contingent

The contingent states that the Jamboree will be:

Beyond Borders Beyond Limits Beyond Expectations

The UK Contingent has a clear vision for the Jamboree:

“The UK Contingent Management Team will deliver a unique international adventure shaped by young people, where contingent members will develop personally and have a positive longer term impact on Scouting and beyond.”

They further state:

“We have made a commitment to ensure that we not only deliver a fantastic international adventure for our Contingent but that we will also champion youth engagement ensuring that we provide young people with opportunities to shape the Jamboree experience. Not only this, we want to ensure that we are providing development and training opportunities for every member of the Contingent so that they are able to recognise that they have gained new skills and confidence through being a member of the Contingent. Lastly, we want to ensure that the Jamboree reaches beyond those that travel with us. We want our work on youth engagement and personal development to filter back in to local Scouting for the wider movement to benefit from in the years to come.”

The UK Contingent will comprise a number of elements:

- Units – comprising YP and leaders
- Contingent Support Team (CST) – adults who provide support to units before and during the trip
- Contingent Management Team – adults who lead the Contingent and manage various elements including logistics, travel and liaison with the jamboree organisers
- International Support Team (IST) – adults who attend the jamboree to work as staff and provide the resources that enable the programme and support functions to operate effectively

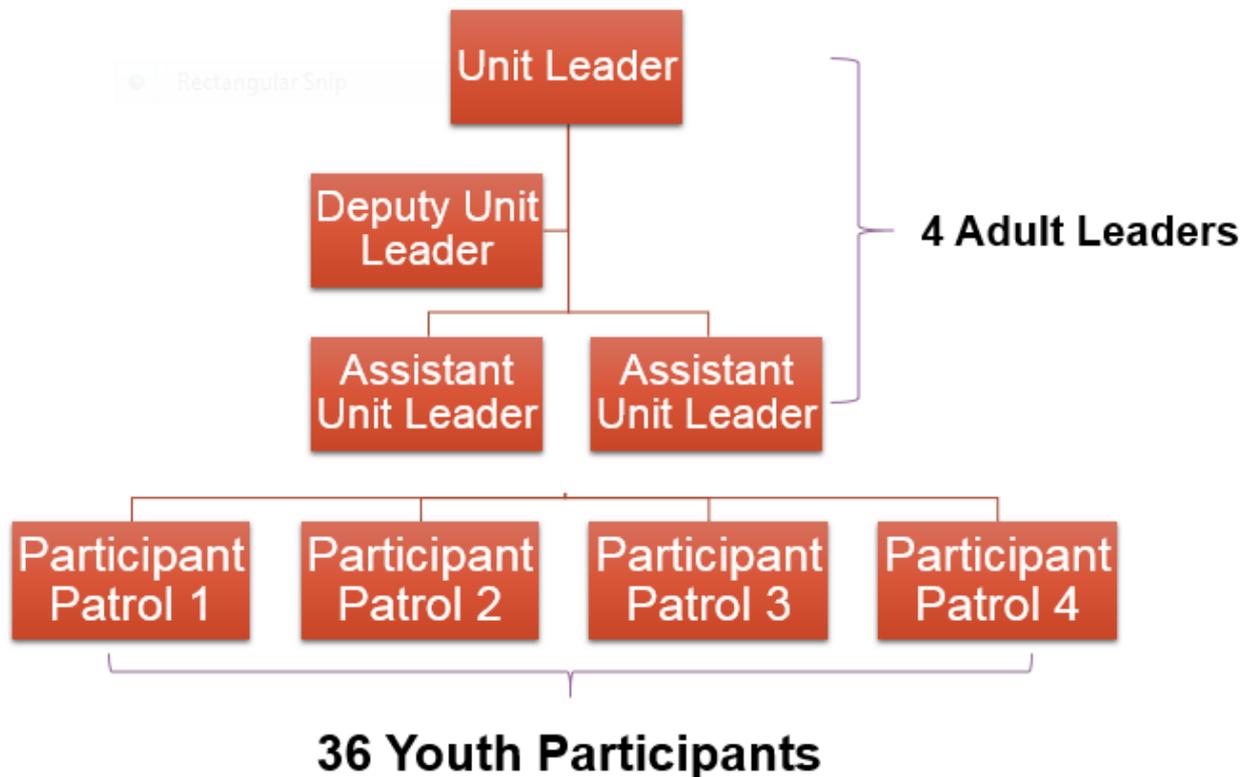
The total size of the UK Contingent to WSJ2019 is yet to be confirmed but we are advised it will be larger than the Contingent that travelled to Japan in 2015.

The participants will be formed into Units each formed of 36 young people in 4 patrols of 9. Each patrol will have an adult leader making a total unit strength of 40. Each Leader within a Unit will be designated as either Unit Leader (1), Deputy UL (1) or Assistant UL (2). Within our Unit we have filled the following roles:

Unit Leader: Alan Gibson

Assistant Unit Leaders: Mark Petrie, Rhona Robb & Gillian Swarbrick.

Unit Structure



South East Scotland Region

Introduction

South East Scotland Region will contribute a full unit of 40, as part of the UK Contingent.

Timetable

- YP interested in being considered for youth participant places should complete the application form
- Selection events are taking place at Bonaly Scout Centre on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November 2017.
- Young people will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by end November;
- Unit training in preparation for the event will commence early 2018.

Finances

The fees are yet to be confirmed but comprise two elements. Best current estimates, based on fees for recent events are:

- UK Contingent fee £3,495
- Unit Levy £ 500

But please note these are estimates only until confirmed.

What is included?

UK Contingent fee

- All flights and transfers during the WSJ2019 Experience in summer 2019, including UK airport transfers from and to an agreed point
- WSJ2019 fees
- Other elements of the UK Contingent WSJ2019 Experience e.g. home hospitality and/or pre/post event element (scope and details subject to confirmation)
- Kit – uniform and selected key personal equipment, unit equipment including tentage, camping equipment
- All food/meals and accommodation during the WSJ experience in summer 2019
- Insurance

Unit levy

- Unit training and preparation events (4 or 5) including camp fees, food and equipment but participants will be responsible for making their own way to and from events
- Unit equipment to take to WSJ2019
- Leader training
- Post Jamboree Unit reunion

Payment Process

The fees are payable in instalments. The payment timetable has yet to be published. Further details will be provided to selected YP in due course.

Selection Criteria – Youth Participants

Objectives

The objectives of the selection process are to identify YP who will:

- Benefit from the opportunity;
- Be ambassadors for Scottish Scouting and UK Scouting;
- Bring something of their experience back to enrich Scouting in East Scotland Region on their return – i.e. there should be a legacy beyond their own personal experience.

Eligibility

All young people who are members of Scouting and were born between 22nd July 2001 and 21st July 2005, i.e. will be 14 but not yet 18 on 22nd July 2019 when the Jamboree opens, are eligible to apply. This is strictly non-negotiable as it is laid down by The World Organisation of the Scout Movement and applies worldwide.

Considerations

The following will be considered when deciding whether or not a young person is right to attend a WSJ:

- Interest in World Scouting;
- Ability to work in a team;
- Commitment to Scouting;
- Commitment to the jamboree experience including training events;
- Communication skills (including listening to instructions)
- Ability to take responsibility for self;
- The impact the jamboree experience will have on the YP;
- With the benefit of Unit training to prepare them, will the YP cope with up to 3 weeks away including significant travel, time zones, climate, physical and emotional stress, minimum 12 days camping and possibly a home stay element?

The jamboree is a physically, mentally and emotionally demanding experience. The venue for the jamboree covers a large area that is hilly and rugged. Participants will cover large distances daily moving around the site. It is likely to be hot and humid. Applicants should be aware of the nature of what is expected and be confident that they are able to contribute to all aspects of the jamboree experience.

Applicants should be aware that the jamboree experience may last up to three weeks (subject to final confirmation of the makeup of the experience) and so must be sure that they have the support of their family to be able to commit to the event. There will also be a number of weekend commitments in preparation for the journey and they should be confident that they have the time available to commit to these also.

It is recognised that the youth participants within a Unit span an age range of four years. It is not expected that all can perform at the same level, age is a legitimate consideration. Performance will be judged in the context of the age of the individual candidate.

What will not be considered:

- Whilst the chance to attend a WSJ is an honour and a privilege, it is not a reward mechanism – and we will seek to select candidates who will benefit from and use the experience;
- Academic qualities do not necessarily make a YP right for a WSJ Unit;
- East Scotland Region is committed to ensuring that a YP's financial situation should not be a factor. If appropriate support is available both to assist with fund raising initiatives and potentially with grant funding East Scotland Region wishes to ensure that no young person is put off from applying on financial grounds. Any YP or parent with concerns is urged to contact the Unit Leader, Alan Gibson, on 07936 728355
- Having a parent who volunteers within Scouting will have no influence in the process, either positive or negative. It is the YP and their suitability that will be investigated.

Queries

Any queries should be directed to events@sesscouts.org.uk email: or Alan Gibson, Unit Leader on 07936 728355

Timeline

For ease of reference the timeline for the process is summarised below.

Date	Action/Event	Responsibility
31 st October 2017	Deadline for receipt of YP applications	YP
11 th & 12 th November 2017	SE Region Selection Days, Bonaly Scout Centre	SE Region/Unit Leader Team
End November 2017	YP advised of selection process outcome	Unit Leader Team
Early 2018	Unit training commences	Unit Leader Team

Key to abbreviations:

WSJ – World Scout Jamboree

WSJ2019 – 24th WSJ N America 2019

YP – young person/youth participant