



Join-in badge criteria



1 Berkshire Scouts Join-in programme

The Berkshire Scouts Join-in programme is provided to support sections in engaging in international aspects of Scouting at weekly section Meetings. The join-in programme also links to county international activities taking place during 2019–20.

All sections are invited to plan and deliver international programmes based on the following county activities and/or world areas:

Uganda 2019 & Project Africa – Africa

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/international/uganda-2019/

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/global-awareness-programme/

World Scout Jamboree 2019 –Americas

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/international/world-scout-jamboree/

European Jamboree 2020 – Eastern Europe

<http://ej2020.org/>

WINGS 2020 – global

<http://wings2020.org.uk/>

2 Criteria for the gaining the Join-in badge



A Join-in badge will be awarded to all individuals within a section providing each of the above four world areas and/or international activities are featured in full evening programmes. For example, a section may deliver an evening programme per month to cover each of the four world areas and county international activities over a period of four or more months.

Some resources are available from the Berkshire Scouts Join-in web page to help kick-start your programmes but it is encouraged that sections also plan and deliver their own programme content.

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/join-in/

Whilst the younger sections (Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts) are likely to base their international programmes on fun and games, the older sections may want to get involved in world issues such as plastics; clean water; refugees; environment; health; hunger; poverty; sustainability; education; equality; clean energy; climate; etc.



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3 Programme ideas/themes

The table below gives example elements that can be used in your international programme:

Programme evenings	
Games	Use the Berkshire Scout website resources (see 5 below) or other online resources, eg: global programme ideas from The Scout Association: https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=52,207
Cooking	Cooking is an obvious international activity but go that bit further and explain where the ingredients come from, or how they are farmed, etc. Fairtrade also fits this activity.
Issues	Create a discussion/game around a world issue. For younger sections it can be about 'what's fair, or not fair'. Older sections can think about impact and solutions and perhaps take some kind of action. Check out Scouts for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): https://sdgs.scout.org
Presentations	Invite participants from the international activities (this can be before or after the activity), and/or invite external organisations/agencies to explain their international involvement.
Make something!	Eg: pots; weaving; baskets; masks; hats; blankets; flags; crafts; wire toys; necklaces; lanterns; etc
Music & Dance	Select some appropriate music and dance. Dressing up for the occasion will add even more fun. African drums are a way to get lots of people involved!
Nature	An activity based on animals; the environment; or even natural disasters – especially if there is something topical in the news. Can you help?
Sports	How about a fun Olympic games evening!
Health	Understand health issues that threaten different communities; clean water; air pollution; preventable diseases; etc.
Badges & Awards	Visit the Berkshire Scouts website (see 6 below) to look at elements from badges and awards so the section can gain new badges and awards as well as the join-in badge.
Take part!	Take part in an international activity or event. This can be within Scouting, eg: WINGS 2020, or with some other international event, eg: a float in a carnival; local fete; etc.
Outdoor activities	
The programme can be outdoors on a special evening or part of a camp or other activity, eg: a chance to build shelters or wigwams; an environmental project; etc.	
Fundraising	
The Join-in programme is also an opportunity to do some fundraising for projects linked to the Berkshire Scouts events as well sections researching other good causes such as relief charities, etc.	



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4 Resources

Use the following links to help start planning the first two parts of your international programme evenings:

Uganda 2019 & Project Africa

<http://apps.berkshirescouts.org.uk/gap.php>

Berkshire Jamboree Units 2019

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NA-in-a-bag-1.xlsx

UK Jamboree Contingent 2019

<https://ukcontingent.co.uk/jamboree-2019/north-america-in-a-bag/>

Resources for the following two parts of the Join-in badge will be available soon:

European Jamboree 2020

WINGS 2020



5 Other badges and awards

The Join-in programme also encourages sections to look at the criteria for international badges and awards, as well as top awards, so these awards can be gained alongside the Join-in badge. You will be surprised how easy it is to use weekly programme content to 'tick off' criteria for many badges and top awards! Visit the following links for more information:



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International awards and badges

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/international/international-badges-and-awards/

Top awards

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/youth-programme/awards/top-awards/

6 Claiming your join-in badges

To claim your Join-in badges, simply send us some evidence on how your section has met the Join-in criteria – we would love to see your photographs. Note: photographs may be used on the Join-in web page to share ideas with others. Evidence, with number of badges required, should be sent to:

join-in@berkshirescouts.org.uk

7 Project Africa Challenge Badge



The PA Challenge Badge remains available to sections and the evening programme used for the Uganda 2019 & Project Africa part of the Join-in programme can be used towards completing the PA Challenge Badge.

8 Further information and enquiries

Please contact:

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