



Alps22 – Jamboree in the Mountains

Frequently Asked Questions

General Event Information

What is the event?	It is a flexible 'jamboree' style event with a range of both adventurous and cultural activities.
When does the event take place?	The Jamboree will open on 16 August and close on 26 August 2022.
What is the event location?	St Crépin in the Hautes Alpes in France, close to the Italian border. This is the campsite Accueil du Camping de l'Ile, Hautes-Alpes, Saint-Crépin (camping-de-lile.com)
When will bookings be open?	The booking link will be open for Units and Districts towards the end of May until the end of July. We will not need all participant details until September.
What about Covid 19?	We will be directed by the Scout Headquarters on international travel arrangements. Whilst we hope the event will take place this is largely out of our hands!

Event Eligibility

Who is the event aimed at?	Members of an Explorer Unit or Scout Network Members at the time of the event.
How can we take part?	Booking will be via Units and/or Districts for Explorers. Network Members can book via their District or form a County Unit.
Which adults can take part?	Unit Leaders will be bringing their Explorer Units, but there are a wide range of other roles available as part of the Event Delivery Team for Leaders/members from any other Scouting sections (who hold a full active role on Compass).
Is the event open to Scouts or just explorers and is there a minimum age?	You must be an explorer at the time of the event (16-24 August 2022).
I want to attend, but my unit leaders are unable to take us. What can I do?	You can make a hybrid unit (see below) or you could join another district unit. If you get stuck, let us know and we will help you. Don't worry at all; if you want to come, we will find a way to make it happen!
Can we make up a 'Hybrid Unit' with explorers from multiple groups.	Yes – your District Champion will help you to identify other Units in your District that you can join up with.
Is there a limit to the number of leaders each unit can bring?	It will be dependent on the number of young people you are bringing, but we welcome additional leaders. The more the merrier! Units will need to ensure that they have sufficient leaders to manage their unit.
As a network aged Scout Leader without being a member a network group, which 'unit' am I part of?	We hope to have at least one County network unit, or that some Districts will have enough interest to form some local ones. We want Scout

	Network members to be able to attend as participants themselves.
I don't know who my District Champion is?	No problem! Just email us at alps22@berkshirescouts.org.uk and we'll let you know.

The programme

What are the adventurous activities?	The programme is currently being developed which could include white water rafting, white water kayaking, canyoning, climbing and bouldering, mountaineering.
What are the cultural activities?	The programme is currently being developed which could include local cultural trips, city visits, on site activities and evening entertainment.
Where will the adventurous activities take place?	Around Les Écrins and Queyras National Parks.
Will I have the opportunity to do elements of my Scouting top awards?	Yes. There will be opportunities to complete your expedition, as well as other elements of the awards. Contact us for more information.
Are there any Via Feratta in the area and if so in terms of permits does it fall under rock climbing, mountaineering or both?	Yes, there are Via Feratta. If we do this activity, it will be outsourced to local guides
Can we choose which activities we do or will we be guided?	The plan is for everyone to have the opportunity to take part in all the activities if they want to.
Are formal qualifications required to run activities like mountain biking?	Scout permits will be needed for all those wishing to lead the adventurous activities.
Will we have to do all the adventurous activities or can we do more of the cultural ones?	The aim of the event is to challenge you to do something out of your comfort zone and try all the activities. However, we will be open to a discussion if there is something that you really do not want to do.

Will all the activity leaders be from Berkshire Scouting or will you be using some commercial providers?	Where possible we will use our own instructors, but we will also have to use local providers for some activities.
Will we be able to arrange overnight hikes, staying in mountain refuges?	Possibly. Please discuss with the Programme Team who will be able to advise. This activity would come at an extra cost if possible.
Can this event be used for the Queen's Scout Award / Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award?	Absolutely! It could count towards the residential element of the Gold DofE as well as the additional elements of the QSA. Talk to us for more details
Can this event count towards the Platinum or Diamond Award?	Yes, we are looking at elements of this award counting towards the top awards.
How much free time will participants have?	We will ensure there is enough free time built into the programme so that you can soak up jamboree life!

Travel and Logistics

How will we get there?	Units will be arranging their own travel.
How will Units get from stations/airports to the camp site?	The Event Delivery Team will be organising local transfers.
How will participants get around once at the location?	The Event Delivery Team will be arranging all transport to and from activities.
How will we get our camping equipment there?	Large Unit kit such as tents etc can be shipped as part of the main jamboree equipment and be on site for your arrival.
Can we start booking our District/Unit transport/travel activities now?	By all means start looking and gathering ideas, but please do not book anything until advised by the Event Delivery Team.
What are the sleeping arrangements – tents or buildings.	We will be sleeping in tents.

Will all units need to arrive at the Jamboree on the same day?	The Jamboree will start on 16 August, but we can be flexible with arrival dates times before that.
Can you provide advice and guidance on travel to the event?	Units will be supported by their Districts and jamboree support team. We will provide guidance, but it will be up to the Units to make the arrangements.
Is it central catering or are Units cooking for themselves?	We are providing central catering as we want participants and leaders to be spending as much time as possible on the activities.
Is the campsite a public or private one? Will there be other people onsite?	It is a public one, but we will have our own designated area.

Event Delivery Team

How can I become part of the event delivery team?	You can apply using this form https://forms.office.com/r/LPujP6cm1y until 25 June. We will then review all applications and appoint Leaders to the relevant roles.
What are the criteria for being part of the event delivery team or a unit leader?	You must hold a full scouting role on Compass, with up-to-date mandatory training at the time of the event. Minimum age is 18. If you hold a scouting role outside of Berkshire but are keen to join the team, please get in touch to discuss.
If I am part of the Event Delivery Team and my family decide to stay locally, can I have time off to spend with them?	This may be possible and we will be planning breaks for all team members. Please discuss your specific needs with us.
Can a list of required permits required for the Event Delivery Team be provided?	If you are interested in being part of the team then please apply with details of the permits you hold. If you are selected as part of the team, we

	will advise if any further training is required.

Event Cost

How much will the event cost?	Participants - £1150 plus travel to/from the event. Unit Leaders - £500 plus travel to/from the event (Districts will be encouraged to help with financial support). Event Delivery Team - £700 (inclusive of travel if you travel with the Event Delivery Team).
Do I need to pay the fee in one go?	No, you will be asked for a deposit of £150 on booking and the balance will be payable in 3 instalments (November, March and June)
What does the event fee cover?	The fee covers camp fees, catering, all on-site and off-site activities, transport of unit kit, insurance, local transfers and all the fun you can handle! The fee does not cover travel to and from the event.
Are there any grants available?	Grants and subsidies are available for the Event Delivery Team.
Can we fundraise for this event?	This is actively encouraged and should help participants to meet most of the cost of the event.

Travel Insurance

I'm bringing my unit – Do I need to arrange travel insurance for them?	No - We will be arranging travel insurance for everyone centrally.
My unit is planning to take several days to travel out, stopping in the way - Do I need to arrange our own travel insurance for the journey?	No - Our policy can be for up to 6 weeks without any increase in premium and we will arrange for it to commence about 2 weeks before the Event Delivery Team leaves the UK. However, you will need tell us your plans well in advance so we can ensure you are covered.
Some of our unit have their own travel insurance - Can they have a reduction?	No! We will be arranging travel insurance for everyone irrespective of any other insurance they have. Few travel policies will cover all the activities we do and it is difficult for us to deal with lots of different insurers.
Does your policy cover everything?	No! While it will be comprehensive and include disruption & delay, personal belongings etc. as well as extensive medical cover, there are exclusions and limits. We will publish the policy document in due course so you can check whether it meets all your needs. In particular, the single item limit for personal belongings will be only £250, so if you really have to bring an expensive camera, phone or tablet, you may want to consider taking out extra insurance if your family's house contents insurance doesn't cover it away from home.
I'm coming as part of the Event Delivery Team – Do I need to arrange travel insurance?	No! We will be arranging travel insurance for you.
Does your policy cover us against Covid-19?	Partly. If you catch Covid-19 you will be covered for medical treatment

	while on the trip. See also the FAQ on 'What about Covid 19' under 'General Event Information'.
Will we all need EHIC cards or their successors GHICs (Global Health Insurance cards)?	Yes. These entitle you to state provided healthcare at the same cost as for local residents. Without one, not only will you have to pay £ 20 excess for every claim but even a visit to a doctor for a minor issue will become more complicated. Despite Brexit, any existing EHIC will remain valid until it's expiry date. For further information, including on how to apply, go to the official website https://www.nhs.uk/ghic . The cards are free so do not use another website which will charge you.
Will the travel insurance cover cancellation/curtailment due to TSA/UK Govt/Other Govt restrictions?	Unfortunately, our insurance policy will not cover any losses if the event has to be cancelled/curtailed because of Covid related issues. This will be covered in the event Terms and Conditions that will be issued when bookings open in May.

Welfare and General Questions

How will the young people be kept safe?	The event will be run in accordance with The Scout Assn's Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR). All activities will be carried out by instructors with the relevant permits. Unit Leaders will be responsible for their own young people outside of the organised programme. We will also have a welfare and first aid team onsite. All adults on the event will have current DBS checks and will be
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	up to date with mandatory training required for their scouting roles.
Can union flags be worn by attendees on uniform?	Yes, as we are participating as British Scouting on an event abroad. These will be supplied to you.
I am concerned the event will clash with exam results day.	We have handled this situation on previous international events and will absolutely ensure that anyone awaiting results will be able to communicate with family/school to get them.
Will phones be allowed and is there power to charge them?	Yes, they will be allowed if you really can't live without them! There is electricity, but solar chargers work well and would be a good option. However, bear in mind that this is an event for you to enjoy the outdoor jamboree life, you won't really need a phone!
What about my carbon footprint?	The event will be run in an environmentally friendly manner and we will be making it carbon neutral. Further details on this on due course.