

## **FAQs**

### **Q: What is a World Scout Jamboree?**

*A: A world scout jamboree is a celebration of scouting when participants from all over the world assemble in one place.*

### **Q: How often do they happen?**

*A: Once every 4 years, just like the Olympics and World Cup. The first WSJ took place in 1920 and in 2023 it will be the 25<sup>th</sup> WSJ (25 WSJ).*

### **Q: When is this WSJ?**

*A: From the 1<sup>st</sup> August to the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. There will also be pre and post event plans that mean the whole trip will last about 3 weeks.*

### **Q: Where is it?**

*A: In SaeManGeum in South Korea.*

### **Q: Who can go?**

*A: Any invested scout/explorer who was born between 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005 and the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 can apply.*

*If your scout is too old, they may be able to apply for the International Support Team, or if too young, they should get the opportunity to go to the WSJ in Poland in 2027.*

### **Q: Who runs the event?**

*A: The World Organisation of the Scout Movement and the Scout Association of the host country run the event.*

### **Q: Will this be the only opportunity my scout will get to go as a participant?**

*A: The event cycle is designed to ensure that every scout, at some point in their scouting life, will have the opportunity to attend a WSJ but this is highly likely to be the only chance they'll get as a participant.*

### **Q: How much will the Jamboree cost?**

*A: The costs to participants will be £3995 which needs to be raised over the next 18 months. Payments are spread out in instalments, roughly one payment every 3 months.*

### **Q This is a lot of money, can you help me to fundraise?**

*A. It is our experience that many participants will get financial support from their own Scout Group or Scout District, but this is not guaranteed. As a Unit we will also give many hints and tips on how you can raise funds as part of your Jamboree experience. There may also be opportunities to raise funds as an activity across the Unit as a whole. This is usually something discussed and agreed at an early stage by the units members and their parents as a group, shortly after selection has been concluded. Whilst we will help and support you the commitment to make the payments rest with the participant and their family.*

**Q. If I am suffering financial hardship does this prevent me from going?**

*A. It is impossible to answer this and cover every possible circumstance, however as a rule financial hardship should not be an obstacle to participation. It is best that if you have specific concerns you address these with the Unit leaders at the earliest stage possible.*

**Q: Does that fee cover everything?**

*A: The fee covers everything except spending money and personal choices over equipment. Uniforms, luggage, tents, food, activities, training weekends, insurance are all included in the £3995.*

**Q: How many scouts can go?**

*A: Berkshire is taking two units of 36 scouts each, so 72 scouts in total, with the UK contingent aiming to send over 3000 scouts altogether.*

**Q: Who will be looking after my scout while they're there?**

*A: There is a wide range of experience in the unit leadership teams. Each unit will be supported by 4 specially trained adult leaders (eight in total) and the UK Contingent is backed by an International Support Team of some 900 additional adults involved in the Scout movement.*

**Q: What will my scout do at the 25 WSJ?**

*A: Meet scouts from all over the world and take part in a huge range of activities that are being put on for the participants, some on site and some off site.*

**Q: Will it be safe?**

*A: The event is planned with adherence to Scout Association standards of health, safety and welfare of everyone involved. It will be like a camp in the UK, just 5000 miles away!*

**Q: My scout has a medical condition/disability – will that stop them from being able to apply?**

*A: Not in any way. Scouting is fully inclusive; disability, sexuality, identity, race, religion will not form a barrier to being selected to go.*

**Q: What about catering for allergies, vegans and vegetarians?**

*A: All options will be catered for during the trip.*

**Q: What are the sleeping arrangements at the Jamboree?**

*A: Single occupancy tents will be utilised for this Jamboree.*

**Q: What will be asked of my scout?**

*A: Commitment, fund raising, to be themselves and (ideally) live by the principles of the Scout movement.*

**Q: How do I get my scout to go?**

*A: Apply here <https://forms.office.com/r/B5AGbjJixp>*

*Depending on the number of applicants, a ballot system will be used to reach approximately 120 scouts and they will all be invited to a free selection day on the weekend of the 29th and 30th January 2022 to decide on selection. As only 72 scouts can go, it does mean that some scouts will be disappointed but there are other exciting international events going on in the next couple of years.*