

25 World Scout Jamboree, Korea, 2023

What is a World Scout Jamboree?

A World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is an event that brings young people from around the world aged between 14 and 18 together for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, fun and friendship. The event takes place every 4 years in a different country and is open to Scouts and Guides. The first WSJ took place in England in 1920 and since then, 24 such events have been held. The most recent in the USA in 2019.

In addition to the camp itself, the Jamboree experience for the UK Contingent typically includes visits to at least one major city in the host country and some form of hosted hospitality as part of a trip that typically lasts around 19 days in total. In preparation for the Jamboree, participants will attend several training camps in or around the Berkshire area, as well as social events and a city trip to get to know the unit and leaders before heading on a life shaping experience.

When and where is the next Jamboree?

The 25 WSJ will be held from 1st to 12th August 2023 in Saemanguem, Jeollabuk-do Province, Korea. The theme of the event is “Draw Your Dream”.

[The 25th World Scout Jamboree in SaeManGeum, Jeollabuk-do, Korea 2023](#)

Who can apply to go as a participant?

Berkshire will be sending two units to the Jamboree; each unit will have 36 young people and 4 adult leaders. To apply to be a participant in one of these two units you must be born between 22nd July 2005 and 31st July 2009. You must also be a member of a Scout Troop, Explorer Unit or be a Young Leader in the Royal County of Berkshire.

How do I apply to go?

To apply to become one of the participants, you simply need to submit an application via the Microsoft form link which can be found [here](#), by Friday 14th January 2022. You will be asked to fill out a few basic questions, as well as a short summary explaining why you would like to be selected to attend the 25 WSJ in Korea, 2023.

What happens next?

This year we will be running a process that combines a ballot and a final selection process. We believe that in doing this we will achieve a more inclusive unit than by a selection process alone. You will be notified of the outcome of the ballot by Monday 17th January 2022, and if you are lucky to be invited to the selection event, you must make yourself available for both the Saturday 29th January and Sunday 30th January 2022, in the Reading area as you will be invited to attend the event on one of those two days. You will be notified soon after the selection event if you have been offered a place in one of the Units and will have a few days to decide if you would like to accept the place.

How much will it cost?

Attending a World Scout Jamboree does for most people require a commitment to fundraise a good deal of money in order to meet the cost of the trip. The expectation is that most, if not all the cost can be raised in this way - money should never be a reason not to apply. The overall cost for participants from Berkshire will be £3,995, this includes the costs of flights, insurance, compulsory uniform items, some UK Contingent branded kit, and all costs from when the unit assembles at a UK Airport until our return. In addition, the cost also includes training camps and all the pre-Jamboree activities between now and the event.

Why should I go?

Each Jamboree journey is different, every individual gets something different from the experience. Here are two quotes from previous participants that have summarised their experience from being part of a Berkshire Jamboree Unit, one who went to Japan in 2015 and another who went to the USA just two years ago:

“In 2015 I attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan and, looking back, I can say with confidence that my Jamboree experience really helped shape the person that I am today. Between the fundraising, preparation camps and the Jamboree itself, I gained skills, experiences and lifelong friends which helped mould the Jamboree into a really unique and special experience. I feel so fortunate to have been able to attend and I would truly encourage those who are able to apply.”

Sophie Remillard, Unit 20/TwoCANS, Bracknell

“Going to America in 2019 was a life changing experience, giving me a chance to make long-lasting friends in my unit and amazing memories to last a lifetime. I would highly recommend the Jamboree to everyone, as I believe it would be a unique experience and a different outlook on the cultures, we share the world with.”

Andrew Manley, Unit 62/Berkshire Blue Bears, Slough

How can I find out more?

[Berkshire Scouts Website](#)

[UK Contingent Website](#)

[25 WSJ Website](#)

We will also be hosting webinars to talk more about the 25 WSJ, how to apply, what to expect and answer any questions you may have. Please see the Berkshire Scouts website [here](#) for the Zoom links and to register your interest to attend a webinar. Below are the intended dates, all of which will commence at 7:30pm and should finish around 8:30pm

Webinar 1: Thursday 16th December

Webinar 2: Tuesday 21st December

Webinar 3: Wednesday 5th January

Webinar 4: Monday 10th January

Still have unanswered questions?

Contact the Unit Leadership team via wsj2023@berkshirescouts.org.uk