



Alps 22 – Jamboree in the Mountains

Frequently Asked Questions v4 (Feb 22)

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. We expect participants to be away for up to 14 days including travel
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)
What are the booking arrangements for Network / 18-25 age group	Bookings are officially closed for Network members. However we encourage anyone who is interested to contact us at alps22@berkshirescouts.org.uk
What about Covid 19?	The Scouts have opened up International Scouting again. We will continue to monitor the position with Covid both here and in France as part of our planning for the event.
Do you have terms and conditions agreed for the event?	Yes, these have been shared with all Unit Leaders and can be found on our website – Unit Leaders will have advised all participants and parent of the T and Cs as part of the booking arrangements

Event Eligibility

Who is the event aimed at?	Members of an Explorer Unit or Scout Network Members at the time of the event.
Is the event open to Scouts or just explorers and is there a minimum age?	You must be an explorer or be aged 18-25 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 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!
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 safely.

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. We want Scout Network members to be able to attend as participants themselves. But you can come as Delivery Team instead if you want to.
I don't know who my District Contact 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 and on the River Durance
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.
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?	Scout permits will be needed for all those wishing to lead the adventurous activities. If you do not currently have a permit, but would like to get one please contact us.
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 though.
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!

<p>What training, if any, do we need to do before the event?</p>	<p>Most of the activities we are providing won't need any previous experience or expertise; if you are reasonably fit and are prepared to try something new and challenging, the instructors will ensure you know what to do and have a great time.</p> <p>However, there are a few activities where some skills and experience before you go are essential for your safety or will enable you to participate in more advanced activities.</p> <p>White water kayaking - While there will be kayaking at different levels, if you want to take up the challenge of navigating safely down rapids at Alps 22, i.e. white water kayaking, it is essential you are already at least a competent paddler on slow moving flat water and can rescue yourself if you come out of your boat. Accordingly, we will ask you about your paddling experience and qualifications and arrange training. Please note that white water rafting is very different and does not require previous experience.</p> <p>Mountain walking - We will also be offering mountain walking at different levels to suit the ability of those taking part. However, we will not be able to take you on the more challenging trips unless we are confident that you are capable of enjoying them. Therefore, we will ask you about your hill walking experience including D of E expeditions in the New Year. If you need more experience, probably the best way forward is to arrange your own hill walking with your Explorer Unit or Scout Network. However, we will organise some hill walking on local hill for those who cannot do that.</p>
<p>How much will the training cost?</p>	<p>Costs of training are included in the participant fee</p>
<p>Do you have dates for the training?</p>	<p>Dates will be advised in due course</p>

Travel and Logistics

<p>How will we get there?</p>	<p>Units will be arranging their own travel so talk to your local unit leader about your local arrangements</p>
<p>How will Units get from stations/airports to the camp site?</p>	<p>The Event Delivery Team will be organising local transfers from St Crepin to the campsite, but units will need to get themselves to that point.</p>
<p>How will participants get around once at the location?</p>	<p>The Event Delivery Team will be arranging all transport to and from activities.</p>

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 as we need to make sure insurance is in place before you book.
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 and times before that.
Can you provide advice and guidance on travel to the event?	Units will be supported by their Districts and our central unit 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

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.
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Event Cost

How much will the event cost?	Participants - £1150 plus travel to/from the event. Unit Leaders – circa £250 plus travel to/from the event (Districts will be encouraged to help with financial support). Event Delivery Team – circa £250 (inclusive of travel if you travel with the Event Delivery Team).
Do I need to pay the fee in one go?	No, you will have paid a deposit of £150 on booking and the balance will be payable in 3 instalments November £200 Feb £400 June £400
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 are available for the Event Delivery Team and Unit Leaders from the Roger King Fund
Can we fundraise for this event?	This is actively encouraged and should help participants to meet most of the cost of the event.
If the event is cancelled because of Covid, do I get a refund?	No, please refer to our Terms and Conditions

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.
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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. You will be covered for medical treatment if you catch Covid-19 while on the trip as well as if you have no choice but to cancel because you are positively diagnosed with Covid-19 and either you are compelled to quarantine/self-isolate or a qualified medical practitioner advises against going because of continuing symptoms from Covid-19. We continue to seek further improvements.
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 is clearly covered in the event Terms and Conditions that have been shared with all Unit Leaders and participants. The Terms and Conditions can be found on our webpage Alps22 – Berkshire Scouts

Health and Welfare

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 up to date with mandatory training required for their scouting roles.
What Covid Vaccinations will I need	Yes. All adults will need to have had their booster jab. We will update details on the requirements for

	under 18s as they become clearer. We are working closely with the French Embassy on all entry and testing requirements.
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 its 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.

General

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 in due course.