



# Bulletin 1

Occasional news and snippets for participants, leaders, and supporters of Project Africa 2024

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This *Bulletin* is the first in a series of occasional and informal communications to supplement our other channels of keeping participants, leaders, and supporters, in touch with the plans and progress for **Project Africa 2024**.

The focus of *Bulletin 1* is to bring together a summary of the initial plans which will help lead to the fourth successful visit to Africa by Berkshire Scouts. Another great opportunity for **young people to support young people** through an international community project.



## Uganda

Uganda is our first choice country in order to continue the hugely successful programme that has taken place since 2011. However, at the time of publishing this *Bulletin*, there are issues which might cause us to switch to a different country but the aims of the **Project Africa** programme will remain unchanged.

The Core Team will continue planning for Uganda in order not to lose valuable planning time. The planning is being done in such a way that we can hopefully switch to an alternative country if required.

## Uganda continued

Leaders and participants will of course be signing up and paying deposits for Uganda. If the project is switched to a different African country there will be an opportunity to reconsider your options and all deposits will be refunded in full.

The hope is you are signing up for **Project Africa** to take part in an international community programme. A very special experience offered by Berkshire Scouts.

## Introductory webinars

Separate webinars have been held for both leaders and participants. These webinars give a good overview of the plans and organisation required to get us to Africa. Recordings of the webinars can be seen via the following links:

[Participant/Parent webinar](#)

[Leader webinar](#)



## Participant applications

A reminder the deadline for participant applications is **30 April**. An invoice for the first stage deposit of £300 will be sent in time for payment by **14 May**.

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### Leader Briefing

The first Meeting and Briefing for all leaders will take place on **Sunday 30 April** at Sindlesham Court from 10.00 to 13.00 hours. Details will be emailed nearer the date.

The main purpose of the day will be to get to know each other and to allocate roles, etc.



### Participant & Leader Day

Participants and leaders will join together for the first time to enjoy a day of activity and information sharing on **Sunday 14 May** from 10.00 to 16.00 hours (venue tbc).

Parents will be invited to join their first Briefing at 15.00 hours. Again, details will be sent out nearer the date.

### Core Team

The Core Team responsible for planning and organizing the project is now in place. Each member of the Core Team has a specific responsibility covering tasks such as programme (join-in and event); safety and welfare; finance; logistics; communications; support services; training; and fundraising.

Members of the Core Team will be introduced in forthcoming editions of the *Bulletin*.

There is also a **Governance Group** which acts on behalf of the Trustee Board to keep an overview on governance matters such as finance; safety; risks; and reputation.

### Training and preparation

Training and preparation is key to being ready and getting the most out of being part of an international community project in a country with a very different climate and culture.

Every effort must be made to attend all briefings and training sessions. If there is an unavoidable clash of dates this should be made known to a member of the leader team.

The first scheduled training weekend is **15–17 September**. Details of venue and programme will be circulated well in advance.

There will be two other training weekends taking place in March and June/July 2024.

In addition to the above, there's likely to be other occasions when all, or small groups, get together for fundraising and other purposes.



### Useful links

[Project Africa 2024 web page](#)

[Project Africa 2024 Facebook page \(public\)](#)

[Project Africa 2024 Facebook page \(group\)](#)  
(Leaders, participants, parents and relatives)

[Project Africa Programme Facebook page](#)  
(GAP resources, PA Challenge Badge)

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