

Application Form

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Webinar Dates

To be announced – September 2025

Selection Weekend

11–12 October 2025 at Earleywood Scout Campsite

The 26th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) will be held from 30 July to 8 August 2027. The WSJ site will be located in Wyspa Sobieszewska within the borders of the city of Gdańsk, on the coast of the Baltic Sea in northern Poland.

What is a World Scout Jamboree?

A World Scout Jamboree 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 four years in a different country and is open to Scouts and Guides. The first WSJ took place in England in 1920 and since then, 25 such events have been held. The most recent in South Korea in 2023.

In order to prepare participants for the Jamboree, there will be 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.



Who can apply to go as a participant?

Berkshire Scouts will be sending one unit (Unit 56) to the Jamboree. Each unit has 36 young people and 4 adult leaders. To apply to be a participant you must be born no sooner than 30 July 2009 and no later than 30 July 2013. You must also be a member of a Scout Troop, Explorer Unit or be a Young Leader in Berkshire Scouts.



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

(https://forms.office.com/e/nVJJCr1rTe), by 1 October 2025. 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 26th WSJ in Poland.

What then happens?

We can only take 36 young persons, in order to ensure that we have a fair selection and a balanced unit from across the county we will be running a selection weekend over 11–12 October. This is a compulsory event to attend in order to be included in the selection process.

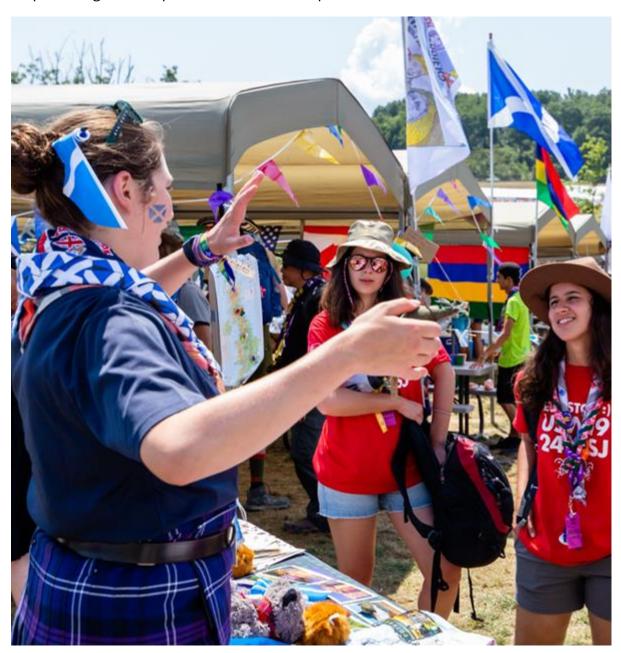
Following the selection weekend those young persons that are successful will be personally informed. Due to the anticipated number of applicants those not successful will receive an email from the leadership team.



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 overall cost for participants from Berkshire will be £3,650, 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.

Don't be put off applying by the cost... there are many ways to raise the money and this will normally be via various different sources. As part of the preparation training, help will be given on options that could be explored.



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 maybe tell you what they got from being part of a Berkshire Jamboree Unit, one who went to Japan in 2015 and another who went to the USA:

Quote 1: Sophie, Unit 20/TwoCANS.

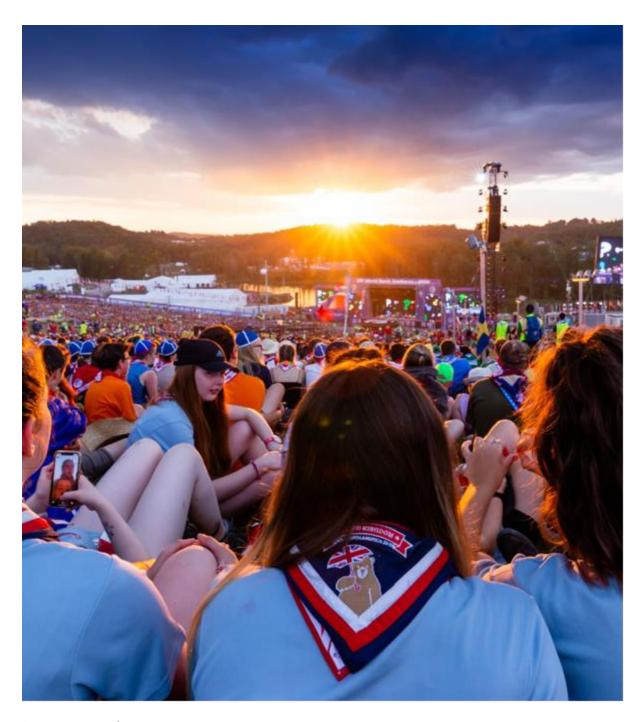
In 2015 I attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan and, looking back, I can say with confidence that my Jamboree experience really helped shape the person that I am today. Between the fundraising, preparation camps and the Jamboree itself, I gained skills, experiences and lifelong friends which 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.

Quote 2: Andrew, Unit 62/Berkshire Blue Bears

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.

Berkshire Scout Unit – Leadership Team

Richard Andrews (Unit Leader) – 1st Aldermaston, Pang Valley
Lauren Bird (Deputy Unit Leader) – 14–24 Team, Wokingham
Emma Pullinger (Team Member) – 14–24 Team, Taceham Hundred
Adam Oliver (Team Member) – 1st Cookham, Maidenhead



Important links

Berkshire Scouts Unit web page

UK Contingent website: WSJ | Scouts

26th WSJ website: 26th World Scout Jamboree Poland 2027

Berkshire Scouts Unit FAQs