



## Hampshire County Scouts 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, South Korea 2023



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## Participant Questions and Answers

With more than 2 years to go until the Jamboree the specific details are not yet available and will be confirmed to the units nearer the time. Below we have provided answers to questions you may have, and we have provided as much information as we can at this point.

If there are any questions that you cannot find answers to on this form, please e-mail [wsj@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:wsj@hampshirescouts.org.uk)

**Where and when will the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) be?** The World Scout Jamboree will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August in 2023 in Saemangeum, Jeollabuk-do Province with dates either side for travel and UK contingent events.

**What is a World Scout Jamboree?** The World Scout Jamboree is a bit like the Olympics' – it is held every four years at different locations around the world. Scouts from every Scouting nation (about 226 countries and territories) attend for an event to share fun, adventure, world issues and friendship. Approximately 30,000 Scouts are expected at the next event to be held in South Korea. The Jamboree lasts for 12 days, and on top of this is sightseeing, and hosted hospitality to form a 3 week expedition. The World Scout Jamboree is seen as a pinnacle event for Scouts.

**Who can apply to go as a participant?** To apply to be a participant you must be born between 00:00 on 22nd July 2005 and 23:59 on 31st July 2009. These dates are set by the UK Contingent and are out of our control.

**What happens if I was born outside of these dates?** If you were born after these dates you should be eligible for the 26<sup>th</sup> WSJ in 2027. If you were born before these dates then you should look at other international activities, such as Roverway, or the International Service Team for the Jamboree.

**Where will the Jamboree be?** The Jamboree will be held in Saemangeum, Jeollabuk-do Province. Find out more about the site by visiting the Jamboree website at <http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/>

**What is the Jamboree theme?** "Draw your Dream!" expresses the desire of the members of the Scout Movement to transform the World Scout Jamboree into their own festival and to grow their dreams through it. Saemangeum, which will be shaped into a spacious recreational ground (10 km<sup>2</sup>), where young scouts from around the world will pursue their dreams throughout the World Scout Jamboree.

**What makes a Jamboree special?** The Jamboree is not just a huge gathering of Scouts and Guides from all around the World, it is more than that. Scouts from around the world living, working and having fun together. When a member of the United Nations visited the Jamboree in Japan he described it as "the way the World should be". It is truly a special place where Scouts can share their cultural and national backgrounds and words cannot do it justice.

**Can I join the expedition late or leave early?** The Jamboree unit will leave the UK and Return to the UK as a whole unit. It will not be possible to join late or leave early.

**I have special needs / disabilities, can I still go?** The ethos of the Jamboree is that it should be open and accessible to everyone of the correct age. As a result, every effort will be made in to accommodate young people who are differently abled wherever and whenever reasonable adjustments are possible. This may be simple physical or environmental changes through to more complex adjustments, including allowing a carer / helper to attend. Whilst these can cover a wide range of requirements, obviously this is a very complex area. We would suggest that if you have any particular questions relating to personal adjustments then please contact us on [wsj@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:wsj@hampshirescouts.org.uk)

Fundamentally, all participants in the Jamboree, young person or leader, must be aware that it is a 3 week expedition, mainly camping overseas, with a wide range of activities. It is loads of fun, but it will also be very tiring at times and can have an element of stress relating to logistics, cultural differences and time zones.

**Can you accommodate special dietary requirements?** A lot dietary requirements can reasonably easily be catered for, as long as you are prepared to be as flexible as possible. Dietary requirements based on religion, and for example Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free are routine. The WSJ itself will be set up for these. However all participants need to be aware that access to particular foods whilst travelling can be more challenging so a degree of flexibility is appreciated. Other dietary requirements will need more work to be achieved. If you have any concerns, then please contact us on [wsj@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:wsj@hampshirescouts.org.uk)

**What faiths and culture's are represented at the WSJ?** Essentially, ALL. The event is aimed at everywhere in the world that has Scouting, and this includes all faiths and cultures. At the Jamboree, you could be queuing for an activity and talk to somebody from virtually anywhere in the world. A lot of the activities are aimed at interaction with others. At the WSJ, there will be chances to learn and join in with other faiths and beliefs. With the ethos of the Jamboree being open to all, the Hampshire WSJ will be open to applicants from all faiths, no faith and cultures.

**What is the UK contingent?** The UK contingent is the name for all of the participants, leaders and the International Service Team who will attend the event from the UK. The entire contingent will contain about 4,500 people!

**What makes up a Jamboree unit?** A Jamboree unit is made up of 40 people; this is 4 leaders and 36 participants organised into 4 patrols. The UK contingent will include approx. 90 units.

**How many Jamboree places does Hampshire have?** Hampshire has been awarded 16 patrols, so we will need 144 participants and 16 leaders. This is across 5 units (2 whole units, and three part units).

**Do I have to be a Hampshire Scout to apply?** Yes, you must be a member of a Hampshire Scout Troop, Hampshire Explorer Unit or a Hampshire Young Leader to apply. If you Scout elsewhere, you will need to apply through that County.

**What happens if I move away after being selected?** Providing you join Scouting at your new location, and are prepared to travel back to Hampshire for all training events etc., then you should be able to continue in the Hampshire Jamboree Unit. It is not normally possible to move Jamboree unit to a more local one.

**How much will the Jamboree cost?** The Jamboree fee is made up of two separate amounts.

- a. UK HQ WSJ Fee. UK Contingent Management Team have released a "Not More than" price of £3,495 in early November 2021.  
This amount covers all costs from when the unit assembles at a UK Airport, until their return. Compulsory uniform items and some kit (such as kit bag) are usually included in this.
- b. Hampshire Scouts Training Fee. This is the cost of training and pre-jamboree activities in Hampshire prior to the WSJ. Each unit usually has between 6-10 events (being an evening, a day or a weekend) to prepare for the WSJ, and it also usually includes additional items such as hoodies and unit scarfs. The Hampshire Scouts Training Fee also includes a contribution to the WSJ Grant fund as per the Hampshire Financial Policy, and has been set at £550.

**Are there any other costs not included above?** There may be a few other items such as

- a. All participants will require an individual valid passport in their own name with 6 months expiry from date of return to the UK after the WSJ.
- b. Visa's may be required for the countries being visited.
- c. Compulsory and voluntary Vaccinations may be required for the countries being visited.
- d. Some kit will be required (such as sleeping bags, mats, footwear etc.)
- e. There are usually options to buy additional UK Contingent kit, and Unit kit (so sometimes extra hoodies, badges, or even an additional item that the unit would like but is not in the budget).
- f. Travel and transport to all training events and departure / return airport.

**Am I allowed to fundraise to pay for the Jamboree?** Absolutely, we would encourage you to fundraise to help raise your Jamboree fee, this can be an important part of your Jamboree journey. In the past many participants have fundraised their entire Jamboree fee. However, fundraising may be more difficult in the aftermath of Covid. Essentially, if you work hard at your fundraising, you are more likely to raise more. If you sit back and let others do it, you are less likely to raise the money. Fundraising can be done individually, in small groups, as part of an Explorer Unit / District, or with others going on Project 23 etc.

**Do the Jamboree Leaders help us Fundraise?** The main role of the Jamboree leaders is to form the Jamboree Unit and help the unit bond and prepare for the expedition. They will help with fund raising ideas, and will encourage the unit to talk and chat about what is working, and what is not working for the members of the unit. The leaders may also be offered fund raising activities that they then share out to the unit, and of course, the leaders also need to raise their own funds as well. However, the leaders are NOT responsible to fund raise for you, or to organise any fundraising. Ultimately, this is down to you.

**What are the Jamboree dates?** The Jamboree itself will be held between 1<sup>st</sup> August to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. However, the UK Contingent may be able to provide Hosted Hospitality and/or a cultural experience either before or after the Jamboree. It also takes a number of days to fly everybody out before, and back afterwards. Therefore, we currently do not know the precise dates that will be required. In total, it is likely to be 3 weeks.

**What is hosted Hospitality and where will it be?** Hosted Hospitality took over from Home Hospitality in 2019, and is a unique opportunity to stay with a foreign Scout Group / District in another country. Essentially, the whole unit stays together, but undertakes activities with the host group / district. This is a real privilege to see the country through the eyes of people who live there. At this stage we do not know if Hosted Hospitality will be available to units or where it may be (typically it is in Countries close to the Jamboree Country).

**Will all of the people in the unit be from Hampshire?** We will be sharing three units with Isle of Wight, South London Scouts and South West Guides, so there will be Scouts and Guides from outside of Hampshire.

**Will I know the people in my unit before we go?** The unit is likely to be made up of Scouts and Explorers from across the County and you may not know many people at the start of the journey. However in the build up to the Jamboree you will have a number of training events to get to know your unit and many Scouts tell us that by the time they go to a Jamboree their unit become like a second family.

**Do I need to use Social Media?** Whilst it is not compulsory, you will get the most out of the unit team building by joining in on Social Media. The unit will normally decide on one social media platform to use (can be a Facebook group, Whats App group etc.). Normally, there will be one social media channel which is supervised / monitored by the leader team. Participants then usually setup their own independent channels which are not monitored. Official Communication will be via E-mail and/or the one monitored Channel.

**How many training weekends will there be, and do I have to go to them?** Hampshire usually have a number of training events / weekends, usually around 6 to 10 but this will depend on the unit, and we will be looking for you to attend all of these so that the unit can bond together as a unit.

**Where will the training weekends be?** It will be down to the Unit Leadership team to decide on the locations. Most will be within Hampshire, but as some units are being shared with other Counties, some might be located in their home areas.

**Will the cost of travel to training weekends be included?** No, it will be down to yourself to travel to / from the training weekends, but (subject to Covid restrictions lifting), sharing of transport is encouraged.

**Will there be any Virtual Training?** Depending on how quickly we return to normal, there may need to be some Virtual Training / unit meetings (most likely to happen in the beginning, but may be used if new or urgent information comes out).

**How do I apply?** There will be an application form issued by Hampshire County Scouts, and all applications must be made via this application form (by the date on the form).

**What about selection?** Attending Selection is COMPULSARY. You cannot be considered for a place on the WSJ without undertaking the selection process. This time we have added complications due to potential Covid Restrictions. We have therefore listed the plans for selection (which will be confirmed before end of August 2021 – subject to change due to any late Covid restriction changes). These are listed in order of preference

- a. County Selection weekend held from **8pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 12:30pm Sunday 2021** (times to be confirmed). This will be held at Lyons Copse Campsite (Sandy Lane, Shedfield, Southampton, Hampshire. SO32 2HQ). There will be a charge for this weekend of £30. For the selection weekend, participants will be camping. Full details of the weekend will be sent by early September 2021.
- b. Another process to fit Covid Safe Requirements in place in September / October 21. This may mean we have to abandon all attempts of a face to face selection process. We reserve the right to use any process, as approved by the Hampshire County Commissioner. The options include basing selection on the application forms, and / or a random draw.

**Will the Selection weekend be Covid Safe?** All Scouting events have to be run within Scouting strict Covid guidelines, including a full Covid Risk Assessment (approved by the Regional Commissioner). At this point, it is not possible to say exactly what will be required in October 21, and this is why we have option B above to fall back to.

**Do I have to go to the selection weekend to get a place?** Yes – whatever selection process is chosen, you must participate in that process to be selected as a Jamboree participant.

**When will I know what selection process is being used?** This all depends on the Covid Return to Scouting guidance. Hopefully, we will be able to confirm in August 2021, but this may of course change if the Covid Situation changes.

**When will I know if I have a place?** We aim to do this as quickly as possible after the selection process, but it may be several weeks. This should be by the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at the latest.

**Do I have to pay all of the money at the start?** No, we need stage payments to meet the commitment to pay Scout HQ over the next two years. Once we know the HQ payment schedule, we will set the schedule and publish it. All participants will need to keep to this schedule.

**Do I need to pay a deposit?** If you are offered a place on the Jamboree after the selection process, you will need to confirm your acceptance with a non-refundable deposit. The deposit will be for £200, and payable within 2 weeks of the place offer (so November 2021). If you are struggling to organise the deposit, please talk to us.

**What happens if I need to withdraw after paying the deposit?** Refunds of money paid will only be given if we can refill your place on the Jamboree, less the non-refundable deposit, less the cost for training / equipment received or ordered, less the cost of changing names charged by HQ, and any discount needed to be given to fill the place (potentially at short notice). If money has been fundraised, then under

charity commission rules, we may need to return this money to the original source of the funds. If this is not possible (for example it was a bag pack), then it may need to be kept and used for a suitable comparable alternative purpose. Monies will be refunded in the following order (after costs)

- A. Any HQ Grant
- B. Any County Grant
- C. Any District Grant
- D. Any Group Grant
- E. Any other organisation Grant
- F. Any untraceable funds donated (such as bag packs) donated to Hampshire International fund
- G. Any remaining funds returned to source

You may still need to pay money in to go towards refunding grants / cover costs.

**What happens if I need to withdraw close to departure?** We will always try very hard to re-fill the place, however, this may be very difficult – especially at short notice. Depending on the reason for withdrawal, there may be insurance cover (for instance, a broken bone or a major illness / death in immediate family). However, we reserve the right to insist on payment in full, even if you do not attend.

**How will money for the Jamboree be handled?** All funds for the Jamboree will be paid directly into the main Hampshire County Scouts bank account at HSBC (either via cheque, cash or electronic transfer). We will issue instructions on this procedure later. No funds are to be paid to any Jamboree leader. For keeping track of each individual participant account, we are looking at appointing a finance point of contact, who will use an accounting system to keep track of all monies and send through statements showing your progress.

**Can we claim gift aid on fundraising?** Unfortunately, the Jamboree does not qualify for gift aid, and therefore, no gift aid can be claimed / reclaimed for Jamboree payments / fundraising.

**Can we claim any grants to attend the Jamboree?** Yes, there are a range of funds and grants that can be applied for.

- a. It is always worth approaching your Group / Explorer Unit / District, as they may have funds in place for this type of event.
  - b. Hampshire County Scouts have a new WSJ Grant fund to support WSJ members.
  - c. UK HQ have a Jamboree support fund
  - d. Other private trusts and organisations – Lesley Sale Trust, Round Table, Rotary Club etc.
- Some of the above are open to all, some can have restrictions (such as location, purpose, financial situation) etc.

**How to apply to the Hampshire WSJ Grant fund?** We are inviting applications to the Hampshire WSJ Grant Fund – NOW. i.e. Apply at the same time as applying for the Jamboree. The application form is available in the same place as the WSJ application form. Applications are considered by a separate Grants committee (the WSJ Managers and the selection process will be unaware of who has applied for a Grant). The Grant committee will meet in the two weeks after the selection weekend, and will independently decide on the grant applications for those that have been selected. They will then notify the WSJ managers, and when the offer letter is sent to you, it will also contain the result of your grant application. You will then be able to decide on accepting your place with the knowledge of the Hampshire WSJ grant.

Grants will be split equally and applied across the stage payments. For instance, a £1,000 grant across 5 stage payments would be £200 towards each stage payment. It will not be a £1,000 grant paid at the beginning.

**Who will know that I have a grant?** Before the 25<sup>th</sup> October 21, only the Grants Committee. After the 25<sup>th</sup> October 21, the WSJ Managers and book keeper will also be aware. However, the WSJ Leaders and local districts and groups will not be notified.

**How can I find out more about what it is like to attend a Jamboree?** The best way to find out about a Jamboree is to talk to someone who has been before, the young people who went to the Jamboree in Japan or USA would be a good starting point.

**Do I have to apply via my Group / District?** No! All applications go direct from the person applying, to the County WSJ Team. The application forms are then checked, and a decision will be taken on inviting the applicant to the selection weekend by the County WSJ Team.

**Do I have to tell my Group / District?** You don't have to, but it might be good to tell your leaders. As part of our checks, we will notify all District Commissioners of the applicants from their District, and after selection and participant notification, the results.

**Do I have to be a Scout?** Yes – you must be a member of UK Scouting to attend. If you leave Scouting / stop being an active member of your Scout group / Explorer unit, your place may be withdrawn.

**What is the Jamboree management for Hampshire?** The Jamboree comes under the Hampshire Assistant County Commissioner (International) - Julian Sore. Julian has appointed Mark Duffy to manage the Jamboree units. Each Jamboree unit will have a Unit Leader, plus 3 assistant leaders, for 36 participants. Julian Sore reports to the Deputy County Commissioner Program, and then the County Commissioner.

**What is OSM?** OSM stands for Online Scout Manager. It is a web based system that enables us to communicate easily with all leaders and participants (and parents) of the Jamboree units. It allows you to update your own information (such as contact addresses, telephone numbers, medical information, doctors contact details etc.). Hampshire County Scouts will be using this to manage its information, and we will be able to issue information on training weekends and fundraising events via OSM, and you will be able to confirm attendance. It will save a massive amount of paperwork flowing in both directions, which will reduce costs!

**When will we start using OSM?** As soon as we receive and process your application, you will be invited to OSM, and to enter your information. OSM will then be used to invite people to the selection processes.

**We already use OSM for Scouts / Explorers, can I just use this entry?** Unfortunately, no, there are a number of technical reasons why we can't share records. A new OSM record is required for the Jamboree.

**What is the Jamboree Management System?** This is a web based system used by HQ to obtain information on all participants for their management on the planning and running of the Jamboree, and unfortunately, it is NOT linked to OSM. This system usually starts to be used around 12months prior to the Jamboree.

**Do I have to use OSM and Jamboree Management System?** Yes, you will need to use both systems, and keep both systems up to date.

**Is there another expedition in 2023 if I am not successful?** We are expecting a high number of applications, far more than we can accept onto the WSJ.

- As previous years, we are planning an alternative comparable expedition to be able to offer ALL applicants that we cannot squeeze into the Jamboree units. This has a working title of "Project 23".
- Once you have accepted a place on the WSJ, you will not normally be able to transfer to Project 23.
- There will NOT be an additional selection process, it will be an offer of a place on Project 23 and you can decide to accept or decline. This is likely to be around December 21 or January 22.
- To confirm your acceptance of your place on Project 23, you will need to pay a £200 non-refundable deposit within 2 weeks.
- Project 23 will be based in Europe, and will be for 3 weeks. More details will be released later.

**Is there an option of being a reserve if I am not offered a WSJ place?** There is no option of being a reserve. If a place becomes available, the Jamboree Management team will review the results of the selection process, and will then offer a place accordingly. This may be somebody taking part in Project 23, or it may not be. If this is in the last few months before departure, then the place may be offered to anybody considered to be suitable (even if they did not attend the selection process).

**Will I have a say in which unit I am placed in?** No. Once we have received all of the acceptances of places against the offers, the Jamboree Management team will place everybody into the units as given to us by HQ. This will be dependant on a variety of factors, including age distribution, sex distribution, personality characteristics and district distribution. The WSJ is all about making new friends, and whilst you may know some others in the unit you are placed in, it's a fantastic chance to make new friends!

**How are the leaders selected?** We will be using a similar process to select the unit leaders, that will be running a month ahead of the participant process. In compliance with our national scouting ethos, the selection of leaders will be based on our standard leadership competences, including those relating to resilience and an appreciation of cultural differences, accessibility and inclusion.

**What about GDPR?** As a Hampshire County Scout event, data will be handled as described by the Hampshire County Scouts GDPR policy (available from the Hampshire County Scouts Website). Central Data (such as application forms, selection planning) will be held on the Hampshire County Scouts Microsoft Office 365 account. OSM will be used for the day to day running of the Hampshire World Scout Jamboree. Access will be limited to the Hampshire Jamboree Management team, and the Jamboree Leaders. Financial data will be held and processed in an accountancy system set up for this purpose. Data will also be shared with UK Scout HQ where needed for the planning and management of the WSJ. Data will be destroyed in various stages, up to 11 years after the last WSJ event (for instance general data could be 2 years, financial data will be destroyed after 7 years, medical / insurance information could be 11 years).

**Will we be insured?** The UK HQ will organise the insurance for the expedition (usually through their Insurance arm – Unity). When we have details, we will forward this on to you.

**What about Covid?** The WSJ is over 2 years away, we are continuing on the basis that issues caused by Coronavirus will dissipate over the next 2 years. However, we are not able to predict the future and Covid may become an issue again. We will have to wait to see what Insurance can be put into place, but we think it would be fair to say it is unlikely that insurance for a Covid cancellation would be possible. If Covid were to become an issue, and withdrawal / cancellation occurs, then you will need to expect that it may not be possible to refund some or all of your monies paid due to factors outside of the direct control of Hampshire County Scouts / uninsurable situations.

**Will I need any vaccinations?** Quite possibly yes. You will need to have any vaccinations which are compulsory for the countries we are visiting, or mandated by the Jamboree organisers. Unfortunately, we don't know what these are at present. It is recommended (subject to your Doctors advice) to have your normal UK range of vaccinations.

**What are the other risks of visiting South Korea?** South Korea is a modern, advanced nation, and has recently held a successful Winter Olympics. There is a low ongoing risk of conflict between North and South Korea, since the two countries are still technically at war, but the current armistice has been stable for the past 60 years.

**Who has the final say?** All places in the Hampshire WSJ units are granted by permission of the Hampshire County Commissioner. At any time, and for any reason, an individual's place may be withdrawn by the County Commissioner. The financial consequences of this, will follow the **What happens if I need to withdraw after paying the deposit.**