WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE - POLAND 2027

We're excited to share an amazing opportunity for your young person to apply for a place in Unit 12, as part of the UK Contingent to the 26th World Scout Jamboree taking place in Poland in 2027.

WHAT IS IT?

The World Scout Jamboree is a major international event organised by the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Held every four years, it brings together tens of thousands of Scouts, aged 14 to 17, from around the globe to promote cultural exchange, friendship, and adventure.

The Jamboree provides a unique opportunity for young people to learn from one another, develop leadership skills, and engage in outdoor activities while embracing the Scouting principles of community service, personal growth, and environmental stewardship. It's an incredible opportunity for young people to grow in confidence, make global friendships, and experience new cultures.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

The Jamboree will be held from the 30th July to 8th August 2027. Young people aged 14-17 at the time of the event (**born between 30th July 2009 and 30th July 2013**) are eligible to apply to attend. If selected, they'll join Unit 12 and take part in training, fundraising, and team-building activities in the lead-up to the event. There are 36 places available in Unit 12 for young people from across Avon County.

Young people who will be too old to attend as a participant should look at applying to be a member of the <u>International Service Team</u>, and if too young should keep an eye out for information on the 27th World Scout Jamboree in four years' time!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The full cost to attend the Jamboree will be £3750 per participant, which includes all travel, accommodation and food during the event, and the full training programme leading up to the event (Unit camps and monthly meetings). £500 of this has already been paid by Avon County, the remaining cost of £3250 per participant will be spread over a period of 18 months and can be funded by many fundraising events organised individually and as a group.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

The Unit 12 Leadership Team are hosting several information evenings across the County during September where young people and their parents/carers can learn more about the Jamboree, the application process, and what to expect.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

- Monday 15th September, 8:15pm–9:15pm: Northcote Scout Hall, Great Brockeridge, Bristol, BS9 3TY
- Wednesday 17th September, 7:30pm–8:30pm: <u>lst Keynsham Scout Group</u>, <u>Ashton Way, Keynsham, BS31 2UF</u>
- Monday 22nd September, 7:30pm-8:30pm: 81st Bristol Scout Group, 501 Bishport Ave, Bristol, BS13 9LR
- Tuesday 23rd September, 7:30pm-8:30pm: <u>The Campus, Highlands Ln,</u> <u>Weston-super-Mare, BS24 7DX</u>
- Thursday 25th September, 7pm 8pm: Virtual Meeting (link will be sent to people that register their interest)

To help us with planning, **please fill in this <u>form to register your interest</u>** so we know how many people to expect at the evenings.

Slides and FAQs from the information evenings will be posted on the <u>County</u> <u>website</u> after the virtual event for people to refer to.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are now open!

To apply, complete the <u>online application form</u> by **midnight on Sunday 5th** October 2025.

Young people will need to provide details for their Scout/Explorer leader when they apply, so make sure you talk to them about your application first.

All successful applicants will be invited to attend our selection event taking place on Saturday 18th October at UWE's Frenchay Campus (BS34 8RB). You will need to be available for this selection event and will be given a time slot during the day which you must attend to be considered for a place in the Unit, so please take this into consideration when you apply.

At the selection event we will be looking for young people who are ready to get stuck in and try new things, be a team player, and grow through shared experiences, regardless of their background or previous experiences.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M SELECTED?

Joining a Jamboree Unit is a big commitment—in the lead up to the Jamboree, Unit 12 will have a training programme of monthly meetings and camps to prepare you for the event and help build a strong Unit. Attendance at these monthly meetings is essential, and young people who accept a place in the Unit are expected to make every effort to attend them, which might mean missing out on other activities like section camps or Ten Tors.

Our first event will be a weekend camp on the 28th – 30th November, selected young people must be able to attend this weekend as we will be going through the important first steps for joining the Unit, including looking at the training programme dates and signing the participant agreement.

There will be a deposit required in advance of this first camp to secure a place in the Unit—we will talk about this and the payment schedule at our information evenings.

If you have any questions, please contact us at wsj@avonscouts.org.uk.

Thanks, Owen, Joe, Jen & Lizzie (Unit 12 Leadership Team)