



# POLAND 2027

World Scout  
**26<sup>th</sup> Jamboree**  
Scout Mondial



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### **What is a World Scout Jamboree?**

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.

The Jamboree's program includes a variety of educational, recreational, and community service activities, including workshops, team-building exercises, and outdoor pursuits. These experiences help Scouts develop a strong sense of global citizenship and foster a deeper understanding of different cultures, ultimately contributing to a more peaceful and connected world.

### **What are the dates of the World Scout Jamboree?**

The 26th World Scout Jamboree will be held from 30 July to 8 August 2027.

### **Where is the World Scout Jamboree being held?**

The 26th World Scout Jamboree Site is located on Wyspa Sobieszewska within the borders of the city of Gdańsk, on the coast of the Baltic Sea in northern Poland. The Jamboree site spans 3000 hectares across both beaches and forest. It is surrounded by the sea and rivers and is only a 20 minute drive from Gdańsk.

### **How many people will be at the World Scout Jamboree?**

The WSJ usually hosts between 40,000 and 50,000 people from across the world. This includes Explorer Scouts, Leaders and International Service Team (IST) volunteers. The UK Contingent is usually circa 4,000. Shropshire Scouts will send a Unit of 40 people, 4 Leaders and 36 Young People.

### **Can I apply to be a member of Unit 57?**

Youth Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the event (born after 30 July 2009 but not later than 30 July 2013).

Individuals older than 18 (born on or before 30 July 2009) can take part as International Service Team (IST) volunteers. More information can be found here:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/programme-guidance/international-scouts-and-events/international-events/wsj/>

### **Who are the Shropshire Scouts leaders?**

After a rigorous selection process, Liz Kenney is Shropshire Scouts Unit Leader. Liz will be supported by Angie Walshaw as Deputy Unit Leader and James Beyer and Beth Winterbottom as Assistant Unit Leaders. The team will work together to build a cohesive Unit 57 to head to Poland in 2027.

### **How much will the World Scout Jamboree cost?**

The cost of the WSJ is £3,990.00. This includes all travel, accommodation and activities, as well as a range of training and team building sessions, clothing and equipment.

### **Will there be time to explore Poland before or after the Jamboree?**

The UK Contingent are not organising events either side of the Jamboree itself. However, as a Unit we can organise a post event for ourselves, and we are looking at the options that are available to us. For a post event to be a possibility we would need to fundraise further funds, around £500.00 each and therefore it is firmly in the hands of the Young People as to whether this is possible.

### **What is the time commitment for the World Scout Jamboree?**

Youth Participants must be available to attend the World Scout Jamboree between 30 July to 8 August 2027 plus five days after the event for a post event.

In addition, Young People are expected to attend the following training events over the 18 months as well as fundraising events. These are vital to ensuring Young People have the required skills to attend the World Scout Jamboree and build lasting relationships with their peers. The training event dates are:

- Training Event 1 – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Training Event 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Training Event 3 – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Training Event 4 – 29<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2026
- Training Event 5 – 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026
- Training Event 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2027
- Training Event 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2027

Parents/Carers of the Youth Participants are also part of the journey and must be prepared to get involved. This can include getting to know other Young People and their families, supporting the Unit and organising fundraising, driving to and from camps, supporting the leaders and more!

Young People and Parents will be expected to sign a contract of commitment if successful to confirm they are happy to meet these requirements.

### **Can I fundraise?**

Fundraising is an important part of the Jamboree journey. The Jamboree Unit aim to fundraise the cost of attending the World Scout Jamboree. Participants are expected to work as a team and organise fundraising events, these can be individually, as a Group, District or as the Unit.

As well as raising funds, these activities are an integral part of team building, Young People will develop friendships and support networks which will serve them well as they undertake their Jamboree journey.

### **Are there any financial support grants available?**

We want our Jamboree journey to be inclusive and reflect the diversity of our Scouts across Shropshire. We understand that the cost of the WSJ may be prohibitive and therefore we will be applying for The Scout Association and external financial grants to help those who require support.

### **How can I apply?**

The selection process includes an Application Form and a Selection Day.

#### **Application Form:**

Applications will open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and will close on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11:59pm. Applications must be received via the application form.

Applicants can submit a written or video application. Video applications must be within 5 minutes, and should be emailed to [Unit57WSJ@ShropshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:Unit57WSJ@ShropshireScouts.org.uk)

Upon receiving your application, we will contact your Section Leader to confirm you are a member of Scouting and to let your District Lead Volunteer know you have applied.

Questions:

- Tell us why you would like to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Poland
- Tell us about yourself away from Scouting
- How do you think preparing for the World Scout Jamboree would help you to grow as a person?
- Does anything worry you about the trip? Please tell us about it.
- What fundraising ideas do you have?

#### **Selection Day:**

Following a review of the applications, applicants will be invited to attend our Selection Event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Applicants must be able to attend the Selection Event to be considered for a place.

During the day, applicants will take part in some activities to help us select those who will be invited to join the Unit.

### **If I am successful, what are the next steps?**

The successful Young People will be told within two weeks of their selection day and will be invited to the first Unit training weekend on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026. They will work with the rest of the team to begin fundraising and get to know each other to kick start the adventure of a lifetime!