



### 26th World Scout Jamboree 2027 – Crawley Scouts

## Participant Q&A and Selection Policy

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. However, ALL and ANY information may be changed by HQ.

If there are any questions that you cannot find answers to on this Q&A form, please e-mail your Group Lead Volunteer, Scout Leader or Unit Leader.

#### Where and when will the 26th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) be?

The World Scout Jamboree will be held from 30th July to 9th August 2027 at 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?

The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years in different locations and is truly international and inclusive. Scouts from nearly every Scouting nation attend to share fun, adventure, world issues and friendship. Around 30,000 Scouts are expected in Poland. The event lasts 12 days, with sightseeing and cultural experiences before and after.

#### Who can apply to go as a participant?

You must be born between 31st July 2009 and 30th July 2013 and be a member of UK Scouting.

#### Do I have to be a Scout?

Yes – you must be a member of UK Scouting to attend. If you leave Scouting, are suspended, or stop being an active member, your place may be withdrawn.

#### What happens if I was born outside of these dates?

If you were born after these dates you should be eligible for the 27th WSJ in 2031. If you were born before, look at other international activities such as Roverway or the International Service Team.



### What will the selection process be?

The selection process will be in three parts:-

- 1) An application form.
- 2) A selection weekend. (Details below)
- 3) An interview with a parent / carer representative

### What are the deadline dates?

- 1) Late August – Applications Open
- 2) 19<sup>th</sup> September – Application process closes.
- 3) 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 28<sup>th</sup> September – Applications marked
- 4) 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Invites sent out to successful applicants.
- 5) 11-12<sup>th</sup> October – Selection weekend
- 6) 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October – Interviews in Evening

### How do I fill in the application form?

You can fill the application form online. Your parent or guardian can help you fill in the form. We will not be judging grammar or spelling.

We ask you to be honest in your answers as these are what will be used to make an initial assessment.

When answering the questions we are looking for one or two specific examples of when you have done something. Best practice is that you try and outline who was involved, what was involved (Set the scene), how you did things and why you did things, Finally tell us what you achieved.

For the final question please be honest about your hopes and what you hope to get out of going to the World Scout Jamboree.

### Who will mark the application forms?

The application form will be marked by two/three people from the district team who will mark the questions independently. The marking team will come together and agree a final score for each application. We will take up to 20 members through to the selection weekend.

### When is the selection weekend?

11<sup>th</sup> and 12 October 2025 at Beacon Hill Campsite, Colgate. **Attendance for the whole event is compulsory.**



### How many people will attend the selection weekend?

We will take 20 Young people to the selection weekend.

### What is the cost of the selection weekend and expectations?

The cost of the selection weekend is £15, which is non-refundable. The selection weekend is compulsory for the whole weekend and you will be expected to be actively participating throughout.

You are expected to uphold the Scout Values at all times:

- Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

Any breach of these values, including but not limited to the use or possession of alcohol, smoking, or drugs, will result in your immediate removal from the selection weekend and you will not be considered for the Jamboree .

### What is the selection weekend?

The selection weekend will consist of two days and one night camping in patrols made up of the applicants for the Jamboree. Throughout the weekend there will be activities and meetings which will need to be attended and applicants will be assessed throughout the weekend and the best scoring 6 will be selected to progress to interviews.

We are hoping that the selection panel will be independent people from outside of the district who have no prior knowledge of our young people.

The Jamboree is a unique opportunity for personal growth, cultural exchange, and adventure, and we're looking for a diverse mix of young people who are ready to embrace that challenge.

Participants will be assessed on the following criteria during the weekend:-

#### **Personal Qualities**

- Willingness to try new things and step outside their comfort zone
- Open-mindedness and respect for others, especially those from different backgrounds and cultures
- Resilience or a willingness to develop it through new experiences
- Curiosity about the world and a desire to learn.

#### **Teamwork & Communication**



- Ability to work well with others, contribute to a team, and support peers
- Good listening skills and the confidence to share their own ideas
- Positive attitude towards collaboration and group challenges

### **Commitment & Responsibility**

- Reliability and a willingness to commit to the full Jamboree journey, including training, fundraising, and preparation
- Understanding of the scale of the experience, with support from family/carers
- Readiness to represent their local community and the UK internationally

### **Growth Potential**

- May not have had many opportunities like this before, but shows enthusiasm and potential to benefit from the experience
- Likely to return with new confidence, skills, and perspectives that will benefit their wider Scouting journey

### **What equipment will be required for the selection weekend?**

This will be communicated prior to the event.

### **How many spaces are there for Crawley Scouts?**

Crawley has 2-3 spaces available.

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

Between £3000 and £4000 – covering all main costs from the UK departure point to return, compulsory uniform items, and some kit. Other costs include personal kit, passports, visas, vaccinations, and travel to training events are not included.

### **Are there any other costs?**

Yes – passports, visas if required, vaccinations, personal kit (e.g., sleeping bag, mat, footwear), optional extra kit, and travel to training events.

### **Where will the Jamboree be?**

At Wyspa Sobieszewska, within Gdańsk, on the Baltic Sea coast in northern Poland. Visit <https://www.jamboree2027.org> for more information.

### **What is the Jamboree theme?**

“Bravely” – inspiring young people to act courageously for the future of humanity and the planet.

### **What makes a Jamboree special?**



It's more than a large gathering – it's a place where Scouts from around the world live, work, and have fun together, sharing cultures and making lifelong friendships.

### Can I join the expedition late or leave early?

No – the Unit will travel to and from the UK together.

### I have special needs / disabilities, can I still go?

The Jamboree is intended to be as open and accessible as possible. Reasonable adjustments will be considered to enable participation.

### Can you accommodate special dietary requirements?

Yes, many dietary requirements can be catered for, though flexibility is appreciated when travelling.

### What faiths and cultures are represented?

All – the Jamboree welcomes Scouts from all around the world, from all faiths and none.

### What is the UK Contingent?

The UK Contingent is all UK participants, leaders and International Service Team members – about 3,500 people.

### What makes up a Jamboree Unit?

A Unit is made up of 4 leaders and 36 participants, organised into 4 patrols.

### Am I allowed to fundraise?

Absolutely – fundraising is encouraged and can be an important part of your Jamboree journey.

### Does Crawley Scouts organise any fundraising?

No specific District-organised fundraising is planned, but opportunities may arise and will be shared. **It is expected that participants will join together to arrange fundraising opportunities through the time.**

### When is the Jamboree?

30th July–9th August 2027, plus travel and cultural experiences before and after.

### Will I know my Unit before we go?

Yes – you will get to know them during multiple training events before the Jamboree.

### How many training weekends will there be?

Usually 6–10, and attendance at all is expected.



### **How do I apply?**

Applications will be via an online form.

### **What happens after applying?**

You will get confirmation that we've received your application. Details for the selection weekend will be shared when the application form closes.

### **What about reserves?**

A reserve list will be held but not published. If a place becomes available, it will be offered based on age, District and other factors.

### **What happens if I need to withdraw?**

Refunds depend on filling your place and deducting non-refundable costs. Full details will be in the financial policy.

### **Will we be insured?**

UK HQ will arrange insurance, usually through Unity.

### **Will I need vaccinations?**

Possibly – requirements will be confirmed closer to the time.

### **Final decision authority**

All places are granted at the discretion of the Crawley Scouts Lead Volunteer, who may withdraw a place at any time without right of appeal.