



# **25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree – Korea 2023**

## **Youth Participant Selection Information for Applicants – Staffordshire**

*This document is based upon information provided by the UK Contingent Management Team*

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## Introduction

### The World Scout Jamboree

A World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is a gathering of Scouts and Guides from all over the world for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, friendship and fun. They are usually held on a 4 yearly cycle and move around the world. To date every continent except Africa and Antarctica has hosted the WSJ.

The Scout Association (TSA) has a long history of sending groups of Scouts, known as a Contingent, to represent the UK at the WSJ. TSA hosted the 21<sup>st</sup> WSJ at Hylands Park in Essex in 2007 and in 2011 the UK Contingent to the 22<sup>nd</sup> WSJ in Sweden was the association's largest ever overseas expedition. A smaller but still substantial Contingent travelled to Japan in 2015 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> WSJ and to North America in 2019 for the 24<sup>th</sup> WSJ.

Building on this success TSA intends to form a Contingent to attend 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree to be held in Korea in 2023

### 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Korea 2023

WSJ25 will be held on a site in Korea.

Many of the details are still to be confirmed but the key facts are:

**Venue:** Saemangeum, Korea

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Note: the UK Contingent are likely to expand the trip to include other elements such as a pre or post event experience and participants may be overseas for up to 3 weeks.

We recognise that these dates could require departure prior to the end of the school Summer term for some. We will provide support for contingent members needing to apply for leave of absence from school to attend the event.

**Theme:** Draw your dream

**Programme:** Zones include Scouting for Life, Smart & Scientific, Safe & Secured, Sustainability and ACT.

## The UK Contingent

The UK Contingent has a clear vision for the Jamboree:

*“The UK Contingent will deliver a unique and sustainable international adventure shaped by young people. Rising to the challenges faced, we will facilitate the development of all participants and strive to be the most inclusive UK Contingent ever. Through engaging the whole of The Scouts on the journey, we will have a positive longer-term impact both on Scouting and the local communities where we live”*

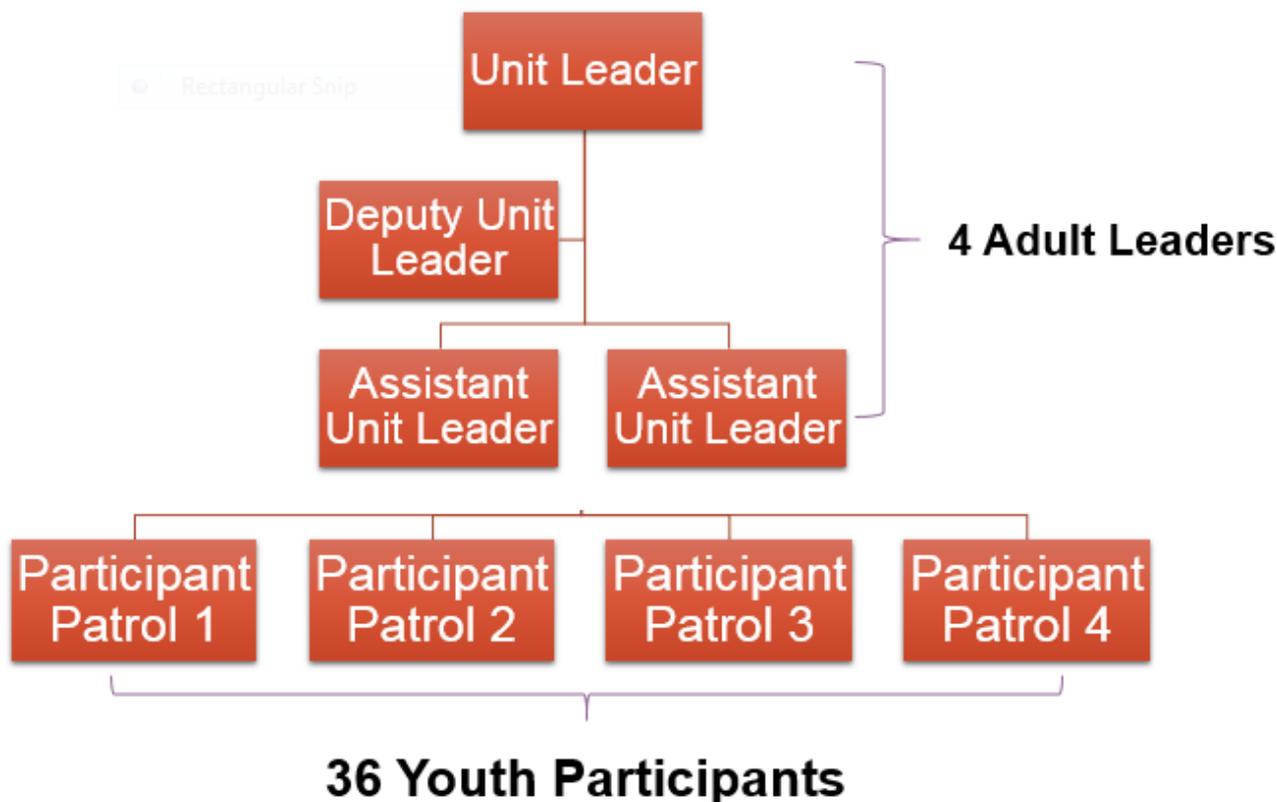
The UK Contingent will comprise a number of elements:

- Units – comprising YP and leaders
- Contingent Support Team (CST) – adults who provide support to units before and during the trip
- Contingent Management Team – adults who lead the UK Contingent and manage various elements including logistics, travel and liaison with the Jamboree organisers
- International Support Team (IST) – adults who attend the Jamboree to work as staff and provide the resources that enable the programme and support functions to operate effectively

The total size of the UK Contingent to WSJ25 is yet to be confirmed but it could be around 3000 people!

The participants will be formed into Units each formed of 36 young people in 4 patrols of 9. Each patrol will have an adult leader making a total unit strength of 40. Each Leader within a Unit will be designated as either Unit Leader (1), Deputy UL (1) or Assistant UL (2).

## Unit Structure



## The Staffordshire Unit

### Introduction

Staffordshire Scouts will contribute a number of patrols (YP and leaders) as part of the UK Contingent.

### Timetable

- We will be running online “road shows” with young people from previous World Scout Jamborees talking about their experiences as well as leaders who can answer questions.
  - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 7:30pm
  - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 7:30pm
  - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 7:30pm
  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 7:30pm
    - Zoom links for all the above = <https://zoom.us/j/95035457095>
      - Passcode: 0108190723

- Young people interested in being considered for youth participant places should complete the application form [also available to download from the International page of the Staffordshire Scouts web site ([StaffordshireScouts.org.uk/international](http://StaffordshireScouts.org.uk/international))].
- Completed applications should be returned by midnight on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 via email to [WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk). Anyone needing to submit applications by post, seeking an extension to the submission deadline or with other queries should use the contact details listed in this document for advice.
- Staffordshire Scouts will run a selection weekend, which will be held at Beaudesert Activity Centre over the weekend of 5-7 November 2021 – so please keep this date free if you apply.
- Young people will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by the end of November 2021
- Unit training in preparation for the event will commence early in 2022

## Finances

The fees are yet to be confirmed **but we don't want this to prevent anyone from applying**. There will be two elements to this fee, a UK Contingent fee and a Staffordshire fee. We have found it is better to put these together from the start, with regular payments set in advance.

What will be included?

### *UK Contingent fee*

- All flights and transfers during the WSJ25 Experience in summer 2023, including UK airport transfers from and to an agreed point in Staffordshire
- WSJ25 fees
- Other elements of the UK Contingent WSJ25 Experience e.g. pre/post event element (scope and details subject to confirmation)
- Kit – uniform and selected key personal equipment, unit equipment including tentage, camping equipment
- All food/meals and accommodation during the WSJ experience in summer 2023
- Insurance

### *Staffordshire fee*

- Unit training and preparation events (4 or 5) including camp fees, food and equipment but participants will be responsible for making their own way to and from events
- Unit equipment to take to WSJ25
- Leader training
- Some Staffordshire branded activity wear.

## Payment Process

The fees are payable in instalments to Staffordshire County Scouts. The payment timetable has yet to be published. Further details will be provided to selected YP in due course.

## Selection Criteria – Youth Participants

### Objectives

The objectives of the selection process are to identify YP who will:

- Benefit from the opportunity;
- Be ambassadors for Staffordshire and UK Scouting;
- Bring something of their experience back to enrich Scouting in Staffordshire on their return – i.e. there should be a legacy beyond their own personal experience.

### Eligibility

All young people who are members of Scouting and were born between 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. i.e. will be 14 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 but not yet 18 on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 when the Jamboree experience could start, are eligible to apply. This age criteria is the same for members of Girlguiding UK and is strictly non-negotiable as it is laid down by The World Organisation of the Scout Movement and applies worldwide.

### Considerations

The following will be considered when deciding whether or not a young person is right to join our Unit for the World Scout Jamboree:

- Interest in world Scouting;
- Ability to work in a team;
- Commitment to Scouting;
- Commitment to the Jamboree experience including training events;
- Communication Skills (including listening to instructions)
- Ability to take responsibility for self;
- The impact the Jamboree experience will have on the YP;
- With the benefit of Unit training to prepare them, will the YP cope with up to 3 weeks away including significant travel, time zones, climate, physical and emotional stress, minimum 12 days camping and possibly a pre/post Jamboree experience.

The Jamboree is a physically, mentally and emotionally demanding experience. The venue for the Jamboree covers a large area. Participants will cover large distances daily moving around the site. It is likely to be hot and humid. Applicants should be aware of the nature of what is expected and be confident that they are able to contribute to all aspects of the Jamboree experience.

Applicants should be aware that the Jamboree experience may last up to three weeks (subject to final confirmation of the makeup of the experience) and so must be sure that they have the support of their family to be able to commit to the event. There will also be a number of weekend commitments in preparation for the journey and they should be confident that they have the time available to commit to these also.

It is recognised that the youth participants within a Unit span an age range of four years. It is not expected that all can perform at the same level, age is a legitimate consideration. Performance will be judged in the context of the age of the individual candidate.

### What will not be considered:

- Whilst the chance to attend a WSJ is an honour and a privilege, it is not a reward mechanism – and we will seek to select candidates who will benefit from and use the experience.
- Academic qualities do not necessarily make a YP right for a WSJ Unit.
- The County is committed to ensuring that a YP's financial situation should not be a factor. If appropriate support is available both to assist with fund raising initiatives and potentially with grant funding. The County wishes to ensure that no young person is put off from applying on financial grounds. Any YP or parent with concerns is urged to contact the County International Team in confidence via [WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk).
- Having a parent who volunteers within Scouting will have no influence in the process, either positive or negative. It is the YP and their suitability that will be reviewed.

## Queries

Any queries should be directed to;

Staffordshire County International Team

[WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk)

Paul Creaser (Deputy County Commissioner)

[Paul.Creaser@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Creaser@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk)

## Timeline

For ease of reference the timeline for the process is summarised below.

Date	Action/Event	Responsibility
20 Sept 2021	WSJ Application form available online at <a href="http://www.StaffordshireScouts.org.uk/International">www.StaffordshireScouts.org.uk/International</a>	County International Team
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct '21	Deadline for receipt of YP applications. Submitted to	YP

	<a href="mailto:WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk">WSJ@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk</a>	
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct '21	Review of applications and invitation of YP to selection weekend	County International Team
5-7 Nov '21	County YP selection event, Beaudesert Activity Centre	County International Team & Unit Leaders
Nov 2021	YP advised of selection process outcome	County International Team & Unit Leaders
Jan 2022	Unit training commences	County International Team & Unit Leaders

Key to abbreviations:

DCC – Deputy County Commissioner

WSJ – World Scout Jamboree

WSJ25 – 25<sup>th</sup> WSJ Korea, 2023

YP – young person/youth participant