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The USA Contingent Official Newsletter **Issue 1, March 2018**

Greetings Contingent Participants, Unit Leaders, and International Service Team members, from Rachel Eddowes, Young Adult Contingent Leader.


We would like to warmly welcome you to the USA Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree!


We want to acknowledge that each of you have taken a courageous step in applying to be a member of our USA Contingent. Together, we will welcome the World Brotherhood of Scouting to the United States of America during the summer of 2019. You will be joining thousands of scouts from across the world at the Summit Bechtel Reserve for 11 days of friendship, adventure, and learning.


You will each return a different person, and I cannot wait to hear about your stories in the months following the event.

I want to share a little bit about the behind the scenes of the USA Contingent. Our Contingent is being organized by a Contingent Management Team (CMT), which consists of volunteers from across the country who have been working hard for the past year to market, recruit, and organize your involvement at the World Scout Jamboree. Half of our CMT consists of wonderful adult volunteers who are using their years of experience and expertise to make this contingent the biggest it can be.

The other half of the CMT are young adults between the ages of 18 and 26, just like me. Each of us grew up with Scouting as an integral part of our lives and have the desire to stay involved and volunteer our time throughout college and our early careers. We each have been impacted by Scouting and want to pay it forward to each of you.

 **To the Youth:** We encourage you to make the most of your experience as you are attending this World Scout Jamboree. Strike up a conversation with a scout from another country, try something you've never done before, learn what scouting is like in other countries, and keep a record of your memories as each day goes by. This World Scout Jamboree will truly be a memorable and life changing experience for you, and I cannot wait to hear how this experience will inspire you in the years to come.

 **To the Unit Leaders:** Thank you for volunteering your time and energy into helping thirty-six youth from your area experience an unforgettable adventure. You will truly have an impact on these youth. I encourage each of you to have a wonderful experience at the Jamboree as well, become friends with Unit Leaders from other countries, and make an impact in the lives of scouts from other countries.

 **To the International Service Team members:** Thank you for volunteering your time and energy into making the World Scout Jamboree an unforgettable experience to those participating. No World Scout Jamboree could happen without you. Your selfless service will change the lives of scouts from the USA and other from around the world. While working hard with a cheerful spirit, I encourage you to make friends with your fellow IST members and to have fun in the evenings with the programs the Host Team will have planned for you.





To the Third Assistant Scoutmasters and International Service Team members who are between the ages of 18 and 26:

We want to especially thank each of you. As a fellow young adult, I can understand the challenges of balancing life, school, work, and branching out into the world on your own path. Thank you for taking the time to make this commitment to Scouting. Whether you are close to aging out of your Scouting program as a youth or have already aged out, I want you to know that there are ways for you to remain in Scouting, even if you are not directly engaged with a unit. I encourage you to become friends with and learn from young adults from around the world. I hope this experience will inspire you to continue your involvement in Scouting.



To each of you: Thank you again for applying to be a member of the USA Contingent. As you make preparations for your journey to West Virginia, I am calling each of you into action to help the CMT recruit others to join our Contingent. We need you to reach out to your sisters, brothers, friends, and leaders to invite them to also experience the World Scout Jamboree. Our Contingent is not yet filled; there is still plenty of opportunity for more scouts, scouters, and scouts-to-be to join us and come see the world!

I look forward to joining each of you at the Summit next Summer!

Yours in Scouting,



Rachel Eddowes
Young Adult Contingent Leader
USA Contingent, World Scout Jamboree

Registration 101: **What Comes Next?**



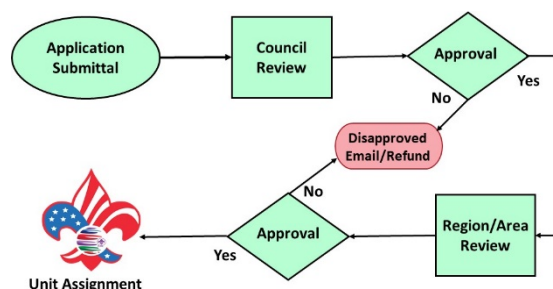
Unit Participant Registration

Congratulations! You've applied to the 2019 World Jamboree and the USA Contingent as a unit participant. We're looking forward to having you join the Contingent and have a great international jamboree experience.

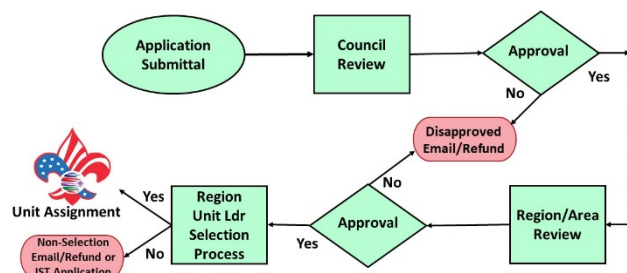
Here is what to expect next. Your initial application has been sent to your local Council office. The Scout Executive or her/his designate will screen your application which involves assuring that applicants meet the basic eligibility requirements and have support from the local council. These council-screened applications are then passed on to the appropriate

Area/Region team for review of unit youth and adult participant applications. The USA Contingent Management Team will make final approval of unit participants, with notifications going to participants (youth and adults) as soon as they are fully approved to join the 2019 USA Contingent.

Unit participants (youth and adults) who are approved will be assigned to a Region unit - a group of 36 Scouts and four adult leaders (one of whom must be an adult aged 18 - 21). The unit leader (Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor) will contact the participants in her/his unit once these assignments are made. It is anticipated that initial unit assignments for youth participants will commence in late March or early April. We feel fairly confident that all youth who have applied will have a slot in a unit, so be patient as the unit leaders are being selected now.



Similar to youth participants, adults applying to be unit leaders will go through the initial council and Area/Regions reviews and approvals, and then they will be interviewed for one of the positions they have requested. All Regions/Area teams have commenced the unit leader interview and selection process, which will continue until leaders are selected for all four positions in the Contingent's 180 units. Right now, Region/Area teams are focusing on the key Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor of each unit, so that once selected, these leaders can really jump in and help Recruit youth participants. If an adult who has requested a unit leadership position is not selected for that position, they will be notified and asked if they would like to serve as an International Service Team (IST) member. If they ultimately chose to attend as an IST they will be asked to modify their application so that they can be put into the IST position selection process.

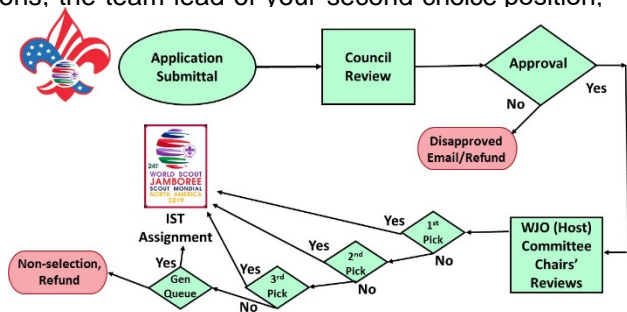


So, please stay patient, keep up with your registration payments, and you will be hearing from a new Unit Leader or the Contingent team about your selection. Thanks for wanting to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. It will be a great experience!

International Service Team (IST) Registration

Congratulations to all of you who have applied to serve at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree as an International Service Team (IST) member. We're looking forward to having you join the Contingent and have a great international jamboree experience.

Similar to the selection process of Contingent Unit participants, all IST applicants will be screened for approval by their individual home councils. Once they are approved and reviewed by the USA CMT, their names will be sent to the HOST Operation group for specific position selections. Your name, once approved by your Council, will be entered into the position selections process. Team leads will then start selecting their teams of qualified ISTs and making specific position offers to registered ISTs applicants. If you are not selected for your first choice of positions, the team lead of your second-choice position, will have the opportunity to review your application and select you. Similarly, if the lead of your second-choice team wants to make you an offer to serve on their team, the offer will be official and formal. The same action would occur if the IST's application is looked at for their third choice of positions. If not selected initially for any of the applicant's first, second, or third choices, their name will be placed in a general queue for position selection by any of the Host team leads.



Position offers are formally extended to individual IST applicants and will include instructions for accepting or declining the formal offer of position.

While specific dates for the commencement of formal IST position offers has not been announced at this time, it has been made clear that the Host Operations team is eager to get the process commenced and get as many ISTs into positions that will serve the Jamboree effectively, as they can. While many positions will be offered (and accepted) in 2018, there remains some quantity of positions that may not be offered officially until early 2019. There are a number of factors that will drive this timing.

So, as indicated to Unit Participant applicants, please stay patient, keep up with your registration payments, and you will be hearing from a Host team lead as soon as it is appropriate for the formal offer to be made. The Host team needs a significant number of personnel to staff the WSJ, so we have all the confidence that they will manage the selection process as effectively and efficiently as possible. Thanks for wanting to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. If you haven't served as an IST previously, trust us that it will be a great experience! And for those of you who have served in an IST position before, how about helping us Recruit, Recruit, Recruit.



Youth Protection and WOSM Safe-from-Harm Training

As part of any Jamboree event, all unit participants and IST will be required to be trained in youth protection. The BSA has just rolled out its newest Youth Protection training (called YPT-2), which replaces all previous training courses. All registered adult leaders and adult participants are required to take this new training prior to October 1, 2018. Once this training is complete, your YPT certification will be good for two years, which will cover the

WSJ. In addition, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) Hosts will be developing a new Safe-from-Harm training course, which is a WOSM requirement for youth protection training of all NSO contingent participants at the Jamboree. A future USA Contingent Newsletter will let you know when that Safe-from-Harm training is available for registrants to take.

Payment Schedule

Regardless of applicant type or current approval status, the next payment for all applicants is due on March 15, 2018. Subsequent payments will be due according to the payment schedule detailed below.

If necessary, please click the following link ([SUBMIT A PAYMENT](#)) to submit your payment in time for the next deadline. You will need your **My.Scouting credentials** to proceed.

Payment Schedule

	Application Deposit	1st Payment	2nd Payment	Final Payment	
				w/ Early Bird Discount	w/o Early Bird Discount
Due Date		3/15/2018	9/15/2018	3/15/2019	
Participants / Leaders					
Northeast	\$250	\$850	\$700	\$600	\$700
Central	\$250	\$850	\$700	\$600	\$700
Southern	\$250	\$850	\$700	\$600	\$700
Western	\$250	\$850	\$850	\$750	\$850
IST (staff)	\$250	\$600	\$600	\$250	\$350

It is important to note that ALL applicants must continue to submit payments prior to the payment deadline for their application to remain active, regardless if you have been officially accepted yet.

Refund Policy

We have developed a comprehensive refund policy, which can be found on the contingent website here:

[WSJ USA Contingent Refund Policy](#)

Please note that the policy is defined for two separate groups: Participants (Youth and Adult) and IST (International Service Team). While similar, there are differences in the policy for the two different groups. We encourage you to read and understand the requirements associated with your requested position.

If you are not chosen to be part of the 24th World Jamboree Contingent as a participant (Youth or Adult) or as IST, you will receive a FULL refund. You will find additional, detailed information at the link above on how to request refunds due to personal cancellations, the amount of refund available (dependent on the timing of the request), and the timing for the processing of refund requests.

If you have any questions throughout the payment process, please contact Member Care at (972) 580-2489 or via email at uscontingent2019@scouting.org

Check Out The Scholarship Program

A World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is a once in a lifetime experience for any Scout who attends. With opportunities for camaraderie with Scouts from around the world, the WSJ is a unique cultural immersion experience that supports the World Organization of the Scouting Movement's mission to create global citizens and educate young people. The Contingent Management Team (CMT) of the USA Contingent to the 24th WSJ is committed to expanding this unique opportunity to as many young people as possible, regardless of their socioeconomic background or ability to pay the cost of attendance. Therefore, a USA Contingent Scholarship program, based on financial need, has been developed to assist youth and young adults in their quest to attend a WSJ. The scholarship could potentially cover up to 50% of the published fee.

Those eligible to apply for a scholarship include:

- Youth Participants – Any youth who has been approved to be a USA contingent member (ages 14-17 during the time of the Jamboree).
- 3rd Assistant Scoutmasters that have been approved to serve and are between the ages of 18-26.
- International Service Team (IST) and Contingent Management Team (CMT) members that have been approved to serve as either IST or CMT and are between the ages of 18-26.

The Scholarship application process will include an online application to allow each potential recipient to demonstrate their financial need. During this process, the local council will have the opportunity to review the application, give their consent to the scholarship application, as well as a suggested scholarship amount.

Additional information on the Scholarship program, including the timeline for the program, can be found on the USA Contingent website at <https://wsj2019.us/scholarships/>.

IMPORTANT - Applicants should ensure they are prepared to complete the application process once they login to the system. You will only be allowed to enter this form one time. You will need your **My.Scouting credentials** to start the Scholarship Application Process. For assistance with your My.Scouting credentials, contact the Member Care Contact Center at 972-580-2489, available Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 7:00pm CST.

Additional questions on the Scholarship Program can be directed to uscontingent2019@scouting.org.



"The more, the merrier!"

PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE / RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT

Now that registration is open and we are starting to fill up our units and IST requirements, we'd ask that you all take some time to continue PROMOTING attendance at the World Scout Jamboree, as well as doing some active RECRUITING. We want to ensure that all 180 of our contingent units are filled up with youth and adults who are looking forward to having a great international experience along with a bunch of FUN! We still have room in our units, and are looking for everyone to think about asking a "buddy" to come along with them.

**WE NEED
YOU**



So...We Need You...to Promote and Recruit!

The Boy Scouts of America is one of three host countries for the 24th World Scout Jamboree which means we have some big shoes to fill - we are sending 10,000 scouts and scouters to an incredible experience! However, we need your help to fill up the contingent with excited scouts, especially young people under the age of 26.

It's our goal for every person in BSA to know about this incredible experience, and we need your help to spread the word. Below are 3 simple things you can do to help do that!

1. **Talk to your friends/fellow scouters.** The best way to get people excited about the WSJ is to share your excitement! Tell others about the great people you will meet, the delicious food you'll eat, and all of the awesome memories you'll have for the rest of your life.
2. **Learn more about it.** The USA contingent has made different items for you to use in promoting the WSJ. From Powerpoint presentations with notes, to beautiful flyers, pictures for social media, and even talking points (plus so much more), there is something for everyone to spread the word in their own way. Still use carrier pigeons? We have something for our feathered friends too.
3. **Make a presentation.** This can be done in person or online through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, or wherever else you want. We challenge you to talk to five people about the Jamboree in the next few weeks. If everyone tells a five friends and they tell five friends, soon everyone in the USA will know about the Jamboree!

For all of our great content and so much more, [visit the Resources page on our website](#). And if you don't see something, drop us a line and we'll create it for you!



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Trivia

What year did Scouting begin?

Tag us @WSJ2019USA with your answer! We'll reveal the story behind the question in April.

It is intended the WoJam newsletters will be published on a quarterly release, or as other critical information is identified for release. Future articles will include Head of Contingent meeting results; initial unit travel planning and Hub city identifications; Unit assignments and development schedule; What's new from the WSJ Host team; Introduction of one of more key CMT leads or groups; Contingent patch and neckerchief; Recruiting status; Description of logo; and more.

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