United States of America Contingent 24th World Scout Jamboree 1325 W Walnut Hill Ln Irving, TX 75038

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Who, What, When, Where, Why and How

What is the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

It's a place for friendship, fellowship, and particularly at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, adventure! It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for BSA youth and adults to get engaged with the global Scouting community; this is truly something you won't want to miss.

A World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is the World Organization of the Scouting Movement's largest event with nearly 50,000 scouts and scouters from over 169 countries in the world.

• How is it different from a NSJ?

The focus at a WSJ is more on meeting people from different cultures and countries than doing high-adventure activities. While you will have plenty of chances to zip-line, ride mountain bikes, and take advantage of the adventure programs at the Summit, you will also have many opportunities to meet new friends and learn what Scouting and life are like in other countries.

The WSJ has unique programs for participants to learn about different cultures, sustainability, peace and community service. These activities are intended to give participants an opportunity to learn new things and to build new friendships.

Additionally, most Scouting programs around the world have both men and women participants, so about half of the WSJ participants are girls and women.

Who gets to go?

We want as many people to attend the WSJ as possible – all eligible male and female scouts and scouters in the USA are encouraged to apply. This will be the largest contingent the Boy Scouts of America has ever sent to a WSJ!

- Youth participants and unit leaders
 - Youth 14-17 (birthday between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005)
 - o Unit Leaders (SM, 1st ASM, 2nd ASM over 21 and 3rd ASM ages 18-21)
- International Service Team (IST) members (18 and over)

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To find out more about the USA Contingent to the WSJ, visit our website: wsj2019.us.

When and Where?

The WSJ will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia July 22 to August 2, 2019.

Please note the USA Contingent will arrive on site a day prior, on July 21, 2019.

Why go?

A World Jamboree in the USA is a once-in-a-generation event. The 24th WSJ (held in 2019) will be the first held in North America in 36 years (1983, Alberta Canada) and the first in the United States in 52 years (1967, Idaho). It's an opportunity for BSA scouts and scouters to get engaged with the global Scouting community. While Scouting is a worldwide movement, the program is slightly different in each country based on their history, cultures and customs, but we are all united through the world brotherhood of Scouting. To learn more about Scouting around the world, visit this website: scout.org.

How do I apply?

Applications can be submitted on the contingent's website: wsj2019.us/apply.

What does it cost?

- Participants and Unit Leaders
 - This includes a SWAG package, as well as transportation for your unit to and from the WSJ site.
 - Northeast, Central, and Southern regions: \$2,500
 - Western region: \$2,800
- International Service Team (IST, or Jamboree staff)
 - This includes an IST SWAG package but <u>does not include</u> transportation to the WSJ site.
 - All regions: \$1,800



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Are scholarships available?

- Yes, and the scholarship deadline is July 31, 2018.
- A needs-based scholarship has been developed to potentially cover up to half of the posted attendance fee for youth and young adults.
- Any accepted member of the USA Contingent under the age of 27 is considered a "youth and young adult," including participants, IST members, and CMT members.

More details on the program and application can be found on the contingent's website: wsj2019.us/scholarships.

If you have questions, the Contingent Management Marketing Team is available to help you. Feel free to reach out to us at <u>uscontingent2019@scouting.org</u>.