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Let's Take A Walk Around The Jamboree!

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Where does one begin to explain the massive program at the next World Scout Jamboree? If a circus has three rings, the 2019 World Scout Jamboree will have more than a dozen! Let's go for a virtual walk - scratch that, hike - around The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia to get an idea of what a typical day might look like at the 2019 WSJ.

First, a disclaimer. The program is still developing and not everything here may be 100% accurate at the time of the Jambo, so **be prepared** for change!

We're going on a virtual hike because this place is HUGE. I hope you are wearing a good (and waterproof) pair of boots, because we'll be walking about 10 miles (16 km) today. I'll meet you at your sub-camp HQ (the big white tent by your camp site). The Jamboree is really a city of 47,000 people camping in six basecamps with about four sub-camps per basecamp (a total of 19 sub-camps). If you do the math, that is about 2,500 Scouts per sub-camp.

As we walk down the hill to the main program area, we pass units on their way to one of the many adventure experiences at the Summit. The Summit claims the longest zip line in North America and the second largest BMX bike center in the world. Some units will be going to Boulder Cove, the largest man-made outdoor climbing facility on the planet. Others are dressed to get wet, and are following us to the waterfront to learn how to SCUBA dive and kayak. I hear that they intend to get the dragon boats out for a race later today. Other units are heading over to the Bows and Barrels area to try their hand at shotgun shooting and tomahawk throwing. My favorite adventure is the canopy tour, which is a zip line course that takes you tree-to-tree, across rivers and ravines, through the thick deciduous forest of the Summit.

These high adventure experiences, from mountain biking to white water rafting, are what the Summit is known for, and Scouts will have a chance nearly every day to try something new. The World Jamboree, however, offers so much more than high adventure and what you might find at your National Jamboree.

Now that we're down by the Summit Center (or Centre, if you are from Canada), let's walk around the Global Development Village (GDV). There are hundreds of tents and displays put on by various Scouting organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Here you will learn about how Scouts can support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the initiatives of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The village has three main areas: Sustainable Development, Environment, and Peace. Scouts will learn how they can create a better world by reducing hunger, improving education, preserving the environment, working towards gender equality, and reducing inequalities, among other goals. Most of the GDV exhibits and tents are abuzz with activity - this is an area to roll up your sleeves and participate with Scouts from all over the world.

Let's go over to the Centro Mondial (World Center) now. There are three activities here that I want to show you. The first is the Faith and Beliefs area. We'll have a chance to worship here on "Scouts Own" day on Sunday, but today we can stop by and learn about a faith that we don't know much about. All major religions are represented here. Nearby is the North American Dream area, where Canada, Mexico and the United States have exhibits and activities that highlight our history and unique cultures. On the other side of Centro Mondial is a futuristic program area where Scouts can learn new skills and create new ideas about food, exploration, communication, media, transportation, work and how to be a better global citizen.

Time for lunch? I think so too. We packed a sandwich and a couple of water bottles for our trek, but let's save the PB&J for later and head over to the Food Houses. Food Houses are mini-restaurants sponsored by different Scout organizations. They serve food indigenous to their country. What are you in the mood for today? Mexican burritos? British tea and biscuits (they look like cookies to me)? Ethiopian injera and stew? Indian curry chicken? Or a burger from the USA Food House? You choose. It's all good to me.

Let me explain some of the random things you are seeing as you walk around. Yes, a lot of Scouts are on their smart phones. The WIFI is strong at the Summit, and the Jamboree has an interactive app that helps you connect with Scouts from other countries and keep track of your busy schedule. It also helps with hazardous weather alerts and information about special events. Also, Scouts LOVE to trade just about any kind of patch and neckerchief (and uniforms, and practically anything else). That's why you see so many Scouts gathered under shade trees with twenty or thirty patches in front of them on the ground.

Oh, and the music? That is a performance of the Indonesian Contingent down at World Point. Every day different contingents will put on concerts, dance performances and other shows. Let's head over there now. This is also the place for the Festival of Nations, where every country has an opportunity to put on a display or experience to showcase their culture and uniqueness of their country. This is a great place to get some cool SWAG and meet the contingent leaders from other countries.

Let's head back up the hill for dinner at our sub-camp. Some nights after dinner there is a stadium show or a basecamp "bash", but tonight there is no formal program. It will give us a chance to visit some of the other contingents which camp near us. We've invited the Czech Contingent over for dessert (they are bringing trdelnik pastries and medovnik honey cake) and afterwards I think we'll head over to the UK/Scotland Contingent for their Ceilidh/Awesome Dance Party by the sub-camp tent. Then, let's get together with those Scouts from South Korea that we met at the GDV.

Thanks for walking the Jamboree with me. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Summit in 2019!



USA Contingent Registration is Going Strong, with PLENTY of Slots Still Available

Congratulations and thanks for applying to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree as a member of the USA Contingent! We certainly look forward to you participating as either a youth or adult unit participant, or as an International Service Team (IST) member. We are well on our way to fill up the contingent of about 9,600 participants.

But PLEASE be aware, that there are still slots available for your friends, associates, parents, and/or your leaders to join in the fun. With those slots available we would like to ask you all to help us recruit to fill our contingent. Ask one of your friends to come along; go out and brief your home units or councils about how great the 2019 WSJ will be. We want to help the Host team make their target of lots and lots of attendees, so please get out there and Recruit, Recruit, Recruit.

As a reminder, let us clarify your specific application process, and where you may stand.

If applying to be a **Youth Participant**:

- First, your application goes to your home council for initial approval.
- The Scout Executive or their designate screens your application to assure that all 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.
- While the USA Contingent Management Team will eventually make final approval of all participants to join the 2019 USA Contingent, youth can assume that once you have received notification from the registration system that you have received local council and Area/Region approvals that you will be assigned to a unit.
- Once specifically assigned to a unit, you will then be contacted by your new Unit Leader.



Hopefully, this will mitigate any concerns from parents as to when their son or daughter will know they are going. We are trying to take all youth who are interested!

If applying to be a **Unit Leader**:

- Your application will go through the initial council and Area/Regions reviews and approvals, and then you will be interviewed for one of the positions you 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 170 units.
- While Region/Area teams have been 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, the selection teams have also been assigning other leaders to units.
- If an adult who has requested a unit leadership position is ultimately 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.

If applying to be an **International Service Team (IST)** member:

- Your application and approval process is slightly different.
- First, although you submit your registration and identify your job preferences, all IST applicants are screened for approval by their individual home councils before they can be placed into the applicant pool. How long an IST must wait for approval is up to the council. IST candidates should contact their council first if they do not know their approval status. If the council has already approved an IST applicant, the applicant can direct their questions to: Registration@2019wsj.org
- Once approved and reviewed by the local council, your name will be sent to the HOST Registrar for entry into the specific position selections process. At this point, the Team Lead over the area is responsible for selecting the candidate's application. If not selected by the time limit, the Registrar will move the applicant to their 2nd, and then 3rd choice.
- Host team leads have begun the process of selecting their teams of qualified ISTs and making specific position offers to approved registered ISTs applicants.
 - o The Team Lead has 15-days to select you for their team. This step is a new part in the process and will begin in July.
 - o If you are not selected for your first choice of positions, you will be placed into your second choice and the process repeats to your third choice. You will receive notifications from the Registrar when you are approved by your Council and then when you receive an offer.
 - o If you are selected, you will have 15 days to accept the offer. This is a new part in the process and will begin in July.
 - o If not selected for any of your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, choices, or you do not accept an offer within the 15 day timeframe, your name will be placed in a general queue (Free Agent) for position selection by any of the other Host teams.
- Please be aware that IST position offers are formally extended to individual IST applicants and will include instructions for accepting or declining the formal offer of position.
- 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, for all you unit participants and IST applicants who have received confirmation of your application and one or two levels of approval, please be patient, watch your email for updates and notifications, keep up with your registration payments, and you will be either hearing from your new Unit Leader about a unit assignment, or from a Host team lead with a formal IST position assignment offer.

Thanks for wanting to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. It will be a great experience!

What Is World Scouting?

A textbook definition answer would be it is any Scouting program or activity that falls under the umbrella of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). If you Google "World Scouting", you would come across www.scout.org as the first option. If you ask your friend, "What is World Scouting?", they may think of it as Scouting in other countries. Other responses you might get are the World Brotherhood of Scouting, or Messengers of Peace. The actual answer? Well, all of these responses and more.

In the Boy Scouts of America, we think of William D. Boyce as our Scouting founder, as he was the one who was lost in a London Fog and was helped by the Unknown Scout. But we need to realize that that Unknown Scout was a Scout before William D. Boyce brought Scouting to the United States. Scouting as the nonformal, educational program that we understand it to be was founded by Sir Robert Baden-Powell in England in 1908 when he published the book *Scouting for Boys*. From that point onward, it spread worldwide, to include the Boy Scouts of America that we are members of today.



The Boy Scouts of America is just one of 169 National Scout Organizations around the world that are united as part of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Remember that circular, purple patch you have sewn onto your field uniform above your left pocket? Every Scout around the world who is a member of WOSM wears that same patch.

There is more than just a patch that unites us with every other Scout from around the world. Sir Robert Baden-Powell wrote the original Scout Promise and Scout Law, which reflect the values that all Scouts share:

Original Promise:

On my honor I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and the King/and my country, to help other people at all times; to obey the Scout Law

Original Law:

A scout's honor is to be trusted

A scout is loyal

A scout's duty is to be useful and to help others

A scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout

A scout is courteous

A scout is a friend to animals

A scout obeys orders of his parents, Patrol Leader / Scoutmaster without question

A scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties

A scout is thrifty

A scout is clean in thought, word and deed

Sound familiar? You may recognize its striking resemblance to our own Scout Oath and Law. That is because each National Scout Organization from around the world took Sir Robert Baden Powell's Promise and Law and adapted it to their country. We, the Boy Scouts of America in the United States, have just one way of conveying the same values that all scouts share.

Today, World Scouting encompasses more than 40 million active members around the world, more than 994,000,000 service hours completed, and more than 6,300,000 service actions provided to others. The Mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based of the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. Scouting's current vision is that, by 2023, Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens, creating positive change in their communities based on shared values.

World Scouting has five more years to reach its vision, and this is something you can help out with. Invite your friends, classmates, sportsmates, fellow thespians, your siblings and cousins to a unit meeting and council event. Plan and lead a community service project and log your hours as a Messenger of Peace project at www.scout.org. Bring a sibling or friend to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

World Scouting happens when you interact with Scouts from another country. . . and World Scouting happens when you meet with the Scouts in your home unit. World Scouting is coming together and celebrating everyone's different cultures, languages and customs, and it is coming together based on our shared Scouting experiences in our common values.



At the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, you will be immersed in World Scouting. Make the most of this unique experience by:

- Introducing yourselves to the Scouts in the different units that are camping near where your unit will be camping
- Striking up a conversation with the Scouts you are waiting in line with for the zip lines or BMX
- Bringing something from home to the World Scout Jamboree that represents your culture and sharing it with Scouts from other cultures
- Taking pictures and selfies at the World Scout Jamboree with Scouts from different countries and posting them to your social media with the tags #WOSM #WSJ #Scouts #ScoutJamboree and #WSJ2019USA

So, what is World Scouting? The Scouts from around the world are World Scouting. The members of your unit are World Scouting. You are World Scouting.

Learn more about the World Organization of the Scout Movement and its Mission at: www.scout.org

How Do I Pay For This Thing?

As you begin thinking about the World Scout Jamboree in 2019, you are likely to think about the newfound friendships you will create, the activities that you will participate in, and the many cultures of Scouts from other countries that you will get to experience. As the excitement builds, however, it is also important to think about fundraising. Fundraising will not only help you pay for the World Scout Jamboree, but it will also give you the opportunity to learn an important life skill in the process.

There are many different ways to work towards raising the money to pay for the World Scout Jamboree. Many scout troops do some sort of fundraiser throughout the year, such as selling popcorn or candy bars. Depending on your unit, the money that you raise from this fundraiser could be applied to your World Scout Jamboree fee. Additionally, you could work with a local restaurant to work a "tips night" where you serve as the waiter or waitress for the evening and keep the money earned in tips. Finally, there are quite a few fundraisers that you can sign up to do, such as selling meat sticks from Country Meats (visit www.countrymeats.com) or pizza kits from Little Caesars (visit www.pizzakit.com). Further fundraising opportunities may be available in your area.

Participating in a fundraiser is a great way to build excitement for the Jamboree while meeting other Scouts who will also be attending and earning money towards the registration cost. For more information on financing the World Scout Jamboree, see the article below on scholarships.

Notes From the SWAG Team

Be sure to check your mailboxes next spring as the 2019 World Scout Jamboree draws closer because that is where you will find your official Jamboree SWAG. SWAG is the "stuff we all get", such as the official contingent patches and neckerchiefs, which a portion of your registration fee goes towards purchasing. You will want to proudly wear it because it sets you apart as a member of the USA Contingent. Scouts from all around the world are gearing up and getting excited to come to our United States (many for the first time) to meet new friends, experience a world-class Scouting experience, and hopefully trade for something that will remind them of this once-in-a-lifetime trip. They are bringing their country's SWAG too and will be looking to trade.

For more information about international swag trading, see our blog article here: www.wsj2019.us/2018/01/22/a-primer-on-international-swag/



How are Your Foreign Languages?

As Scouts, it's our motto to always *BE PREPARED* and at a World Scout Jamboree, that sentiment doesn't change. Here, meeting Scouts from other places around the globe is an exciting guarantee! To get you warmed up for a deep-dive into meeting individuals from various cultural roots, it's important to first cover three of the most common languages you will encounter: English, French, and Spanish. In any given conversation at a World Scout Jamboree, it's likely one of these languages will be spoken. With that said, you have a year to practice some of the most common phrases that will be helpful on-site. Here's a taste to get you started:

SPANISH

¡Hola! (O-la) | "Hello"

¡Buenos días! (BWAY-nos DEE-as) | "Good morning!"

And for when we're welcoming Scouts the first day to the Summit and North America...

¡Bienvenido! (Bee-en-ven-EE-doh) | "Welcome!"

FRENCH

Bonjour. (bon-zhour) | "Hello"

Merci. (mair-see) | "Thank you"

Au revoir. (oh-reu-vwar) | "Goodbye"

Be sure to look through some books and online databases for full listings of common phrases. As a rule of thumb, it's always best to hear it from a native speaker, so YouTube is a great stop as well! We hope you are as excited for this experience as we all are. In the months to come, we'll be developing and releasing our training for the US contingent which will cover topics such as interacting with international Scouts. Stay tuned!

Check Out This Scholarship Info



A World Scout Jamboree is a unique, often once in a lifetime opportunity for any Scout who attends. The USA Contingent Management Team to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree is committed to extending this opportunity to as many young people as possible, regardless of socioeconomic background or ability to pay. To that end, we are pleased to provide more information about the USA World Scout Jamboree scholarship program!

There are two types of eligibility for a WSJ scholarship. Any youth (aged 14-17) that has been approved to be a USA contingent member is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Any young adult (aged 18-26) who has been approved to join on the International Service Team (IST) or CMT may apply as well. Scholarships will cover up to 50% of the published cost to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, though the CMT reserves the right to disburse any amount up to 50% of the published fee to scholarship recipients based on demonstrated need.

You can access the scholarship application on the USA World Scout Jamboree website (www.wsj2019.us/scholarships). Before you open up the application, which can only be submitted once, we highly recommend that you review the scholarship application guide available on the scholarship and resource pages of the website, which will show you all of the questions that the application will ask. You will log into the scholarship application using your MyScouting credentials.

Hurry before time runs out! The scholarship application will be open until July 31, 2018. Once you have completed the scholarship application, your council will have the opportunity to review and recommend it for consideration by your area and region. The area and region will recommend scholarship recipients and amounts to the USA Contingent Management Team, who will make final approvals and disperse funds to scholarship recipients. Act fast and get your scholarship application in today!

World Scout Jamboree and the Boy Scouts of America

Scouts, Leaders and International Service Team members,

The USA Contingent leadership believes that it is important to understand how a World Scout Jamboree is planned and to also reinforce the expectations of scouts and leaders that will be part of the USA contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

The World Scout Jamboree is an official program of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. As a world Scouting event, WOSM previously established the requirements and guidelines.

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree will focus Scouts from around the world on personal development, faith and beliefs, sustainability, adventure and other topics that cross cultural lines. Scouting's founder Lord Baden-Powell of Great Britain believed that bringing youth of the world together would help foster greater cultural awareness, acceptance and cooperation.

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree is being planned with this spirit in mind and planning is currently underway between the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the three National Scout Organizations who are co-hosting the event - Scouts Canada, the Scout Association of Mexico and the Boy Scouts of America.

The World Scout Jamboree organizing team has worked with the co-host countries to align these previously set requirements, which have been in existence for more than two World Scout Jamborees, in a manner that is respectful to local laws and preferences.

Given that the vast majority of the attendees, adults and youth, male and female, will be from all over the world, the 2019 World Scout Jamboree host countries arranged with WOSM so that the host facility could adhere to the existing health requirements developed to address the needs of international health norms in a manner more aligned with local practices. For instance, alcohol will NOT be offered at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Importantly, our expectation regarding the behavior of BSA youth members and adult leaders remains the same as it is for when they are at every other BSA program or event. The BSA is focused on directing our energy to all our youth and families around the values found in the Scout Oath and Law and what we do best – character, outdoor adventure and leadership.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at uscontingent2019@scouting.org or call BSA's Member Care at (972) 580-2489.



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Trivia

What year was the first World Scout Jamboree?

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

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