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WE ARE VERY CLOSE ...

... to assigning our participants to the roster of specific units as part of our USA contingent to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

Within the next 45 days, you should be receiving a call from your unit leader introducing himself or herself and welcoming you to your assigned unit. In most cases, all of the participants assigned to a given unit will be from the same geographic area. We will do our best to make sure that you and your buddies are assigned to the same unit. So, if you have a buddy who has been thinking about signing up, it is time for him or her to make the decision. Yes, we are THAT close.

Once you are assigned to a unit, expect to be inundated with information from both our Contingent Management Team (CMT) and your unit leaders. There is a LOT you need to know and it will be our mission to educate you and your family. You can always ask any questions that you may have in the meantime. The answer may be, "We will be sharing that information soon." Please understand that there is an order and a purpose to our information flow developed through numerous prior World Scout Jamborees.

In the months after the units are formed, your unit members and leaders have much to do. Patrols have to be formed. The youth leadership of the patrols and the unit have to be selected. The unit has to decide what will be its theme. There will be a lot to accomplish in the six months leading up to the event.

So what can you be doing right now while you are patiently waiting to hear about your unit assignment? Here are just a few things for your consideration:

- Educate yourself about Scouting in the rest of the world. There are numerous online resources you can use to do this. You will quickly find that there are many differences among the various National Scouting Organizations (NSOs).
- Learn some basic phrases in a number of languages. English, French, and Spanish are the "official" languages of this World Scout Jamboree, but there will be participants from over 160 different countries speaking many different languages. "Hello", "Goodbye", "Please", and "Thank You" are four great phrases to cram into your brain in as many languages as you can hold.
- Study a world map and be able to locate other countries and their capitals in relation to the United States. You probably think you know Europe...but I bet you don't know as much as you think you do about some of the smaller countries. And there will be many, many Scouts from the African and Asian continent from countries you probably did not know about at all.
- Stop thinking of yourself as an "American." The Scouts from Mexico are also American...North American. The Scouts from Brazil are also American...South American. You are a citizen of the United States of America...or USA. Start thinking GLOBALLY.
- Prepare yourself to expect the unexpected. The World Scout Jamboree experience is TOTALLY different than our National Jamborees. When you get home, it is almost guaranteed that your most favorite memory from this World Scout Jamboree will be something you could not have anticipated. That's the MAGIC of a World Scout Jamboree.

Next issue....a "TOP TEN" list of specific things you and your leaders can do to make this jamboree a great experience for all.

Thank you for making one of the best decisions that you will ever make...to be a part of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. The entire CMT promises that we will do everything we can to make this a truly life changing experience for you.

****Editor's Note: With this issue of the WoJam Unlocked, we have added a new feature. After each article we are providing links to posts on social media. Just click on the links to read more on each topic.****

<https://wsj2019.us/2018/07/16/one-year-to-go/> (What else do I have to look forward to in the coming year? i.e. beyond unit creation and stuff) Just got your unit assignment? Tell us about it on facebook! fb.com/wsj2019usa

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Unit theme creation, Unit elections, etc

By Emily Mausshardt and Kandra Dickerson

The World Scout Jamboree is just eleven months away and you will soon hear which unit you are assigned. When that time comes, here are several things that will happen as you start your World Jamboree experience.

First, your unit will decide who will serve as the Senior Patrol Leader, Crew President, or Ship Boatswain. This might be done via elections, either in person or online, or selected by Unit Leaders. Just like in your home unit, having a youth leader is a perfect way to ensure that your unit operates efficiently and the youth have an opportunity to share their leadership skills.

In addition to a youth leader, you may wish to elect a Chaplain's Aide to lead daily religious or spiritual time. A Wilderness Gaia promotes the principles of Leave No Trace and the importance of living a sustainable lifestyle while at the World Scout Jamboree. Many past Jamboree attendees remember this experience.

Another item that your unit may start working on is declaring a unit theme. Choosing a theme for your unit can be a fun way to celebrate the spirit of Scouting and promote unit pride. Unicorns, minions, dragons, and beach themes are all ideas used before to have fun and promote unit uniqueness!

There is more, much more, to prepare for this adventure that needs to take place before we get to meet thousands of our closest friends in July 2019. But for now, you can look forward to finding out your Unit Leader's name, hearing of other scouts joining you, organizing leader positions, and creating a theme in the upcoming few months.

It's the beginning of a GRAND Adventure!

<https://wsj2019.us/2018/02/19/a-community-of-scouts/> (What are other scouts/units going to be like at the Jamboree?) Have a great idea for your campsite gateway (or other campsite attraction?) Share a pic of your idea with us on insta: instagram.com/wsj2019usa



BE PREPARED!

Hello! My name is Tom Ryan, and I am a member of your Contingent Management Team for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree! Today, I'm here to convey some information about some of the physical preparedness aspects of coming to the Jamboree next year.

So, with all your preparation for the World Scout Jamboree that you may have started working on, you may not know about some of the physical challenges that may present themselves to some upon arrival at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Mainly, these challenges revolve around the size and elevation of the Summit itself.

The primary mode of transportation throughout the camp is hiking. At 14,000 acres, the Summit is no small area of land. So, you will be doing quite a bit of hiking while at the Jamboree next year. For example, and as shown in the chart on the next page, it can take upwards of two hours to walk between different activities and events across the Summit's property. As with any High Adventure Base, it is highly recommended to take the time to prepare and train for the strenuous activity that may present itself.

Take the time to go on practice hikes with a buddy, carrying some weight on your back including the ten essentials as a safety precaution. Always make sure someone is aware of your itinerary, that Youth Protection is followed, and be sure to check the weather before going on your outings.

APPROXIMATE WALKING TIMES

(Based on 3.5mph pace) (In minutes)

CODE	AREA	BARE	BARW	BOW	CAN	KAY	LG	HG	PARK	ROCK	ROPE	TRAX	BZIP	BCA	BCB	BCC	BCD	BCE	BCF	AP	BC	HL	SVC	TPTS	GGM
	ADVENTURE AREAS																								
BARE	The Barrels (East end)	0	10	20	70	50	50	70	30	60	50	35	70	65	65	55	45	65	50	55	45	40	40	50	125
BARW	The Barrels (West end)	10	0	10	80	55	60	80	20	70	55	30	80	70	70	50	35	55	40	60	35	50	50	40	130
BOW	The Bows	20	10	0	70	50	60	80	15	60	55	20	75	60	60	40	25	45	30	55	25	40	40	30	120
CAN	The Canopy	70	80	70	0	40	50	60	65	50	45	75	60	10	10	45	55	90	75	20	45	35	30	40	70
KAY	Kayak at Lake B	50	55	50	40	0	15	40	45	10	15	55	40	25	35	25	35	60	55	25	25	10	15	20	85
LG	Low Gear	50	60	60	50	15	0	55	50	20	5	60	55	35	45	35	40	60	55	35	35	20	20	30	95
HG	High Gear	70	80	80	60	40	55	0	70	50	45	80	5	50	60	55	60	80	75	55	55	40	40	50	110
PARK	The Park	30	20	15	65	45	50	70	0	55	55	10	70	50	50	30	15	35	20	45	20	35	35	25	110
ROCK	The Rocks	60	70	60	50	10	20	50	55	0	20	60	50	35	40	35	40	60	60	35	35	20	20	30	95
ROPE	The Ropes	50	55	55	45	15	5	45	55	20	0	60	45	35	40	30	40	55	55	30	30	15	15	25	95
TRAX	The Trax	35	30	20	75	55	60	80	10	60	60	0	75	55	55	35	20	40	25	55	30	45	40	35	115
BZIP	The Zip (Big Zip) Launch	70	80	75	60	40	55	5	70	50	45	75	0	50	60	50	60	80	75	50	50	35	40	45	110
	BASE CAMPS																								
BCA	Base Camp A	65	70	60	10	25	35	50	50	35	35	55	55	0	10	35	45	65	60	10	30	25	25	25	60
BCB	Base Camp B	65	70	60	10	35	45	60	50	40	40	55	60	10	0	35	45	65	60	10	30	25	25	25	70
BCC	Base Camp C	55	50	40	45	25	35	55	30	35	30	35	50	35	35	0	15	35	30	30	25	15	15	25	95
BCD	Base Camp D	45	35	25	55	35	40	60	15	40	40	20	60	45	45	15	0	20	15	35	10	25	25	15	110
BCE	Base Camp E	65	55	45	90	60	60	80	35	60	55	40	80	65	65	35	20	0	20	55	30	45	40	35	125
BCF	Base Camp F	50	40	30	75	55	55	75	20	60	55	25	75	60	60	30	20	20	0	40	25	40	40	30	120
	SUMMIT CENTER																								
AP	Action Point/Consol Bridge	55	60	55	20	25	35	55	50	35	30	55	50	10	10	30	35	55	40	0	30	15	15	25	70
BC	Boulder Cove	45	35	25	45	25	35	55	20	35	30	30	50	30	30	25	10	30	25	30	0	15	15	5	90
HL	Health Lodge	40	50	40	35	10	20	40	35	20	15	45	35	25	25	15	25	45	40	15	15	0	5	15	85
SVC	Scott Visitor Center	40	50	40	30	15	20	40	35	20	15	40	40	25	25	15	25	40	40	15	15	5	0	10	80
TPTS	Twelve Points	50	40	30	40	20	30	50	25	30	25	35	45	25	25	15	35	40	25	5	15	10	0	85	
GGM	Garden Ground Mtn (Central)	125	130	120	70	85	95	110	110	95	95	115	110	60	70	95	105	125	120	70	90	85	80	85	0
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In addition, especially for those living on or near the coast, the Summit is at approximately 2,000 feet of elevation. While you most likely won't have to deal with anything related to altitude sickness, the difference in elevation can make it slightly harder to breathe and you may find yourself out of breath much easier than you would at home. This can be especially true when the mountainous region of West Virginia and the steepness of some of the paths around the Summit are considered. General fitness levels will help Scouts and Scouters acclimatize more quickly, but ultimately everyone will need to ensure they are drinking plenty of water before and during the Jamboree. In addition, please be understanding of your own limits, and those of others, during your time at the Summit. Scouters at the Jamboree will have different physical abilities and watching out for one another will help mitigate any issues that may arise.

As a venue for extreme sports, some of the activities at the Summit will also require differing levels of physical fitness. Some of these activities may include mountain biking, rock climbing, archery, and white-water rafting. It is important for each Scouter to know their own limits. For water-based activities, please make sure to administer a BSA swim test for all members of the contingent before arrival, as all participants who desire to do aquatics activities must be classified as a "swimmer". In addition, for those interested in the Summit's Aerial Sports, certain weight guidelines must be adhered to (e.g. climbing and ziplines) which are that participants must be between 50lbs. and 250lbs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Jamboree next year and can't wait to experience the international spirit of Scouting with all of you! Prepare for what is to come, and I'm sure we'll all have a wonderful time together!

References

Jamboree 2017 Council Guide (Use this for general information about Summit only)

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<https://wsj2019.us/2018/06/08/walking-around-the-jamboree/> (What will all this physical preparedness enable me to do?)

Tom Ryan

Safety and Security Team

Medical Information Requirements

by Brad Valdyke and Emily Goelzer, USA Contingent, Safety & Security Team

Attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree is going to fill participants days and evenings with fun and new experiences - which can be physically and mentally demanding. BEING PREPARED, the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) host team has readied Jamboree Medical and EMS Services that will support all the National Scout Organizations (NSO's) attending. The medical staff has been working hard to BE PREPARED for what we all hope will not be needed—relief of injury and illness.

Part of the host team's preparation is collecting the relevant health history of every participant – as many as 50,000 scouts and scouters from 169 countries in the world.



As a USA contingent member, you will receive an email in the near future from the Jamboree Registrar with instructions to submit a **World Scout Jamboree Health History (WSJHH)**. The email will provide instructions and a link for on-line submission. The WSJHH asks the same information found in Part B of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR). Once email with portal access is received from the registrar, BSA participants can immediately access the WSJHH portal to submit their health history information or wait until they have their completed BSA AHMR to reference it as a source document. Participants WSJHH information will be entered in the WSJ Electronic Medical Record and be available to the Jamboree Medical Staff should the individual become ill or injured at the Jamboree. Consent for Medical Treatment and release of Protected Health Information (PHI) were completed by the individual at time of Jamboree registration.

The BSA also requires **all participants in Scouting** to have an **Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)** which serves many purposes. Completing a health history promotes health awareness, collects necessary data, and provides medical professionals critical information needed to treat a patient in the event of an illness or injury. It also provides emergency contact information. Important for these reasons, all BSA Contingent members are also required to have completed an AHMR Part A, B and C (and BSA Immunization Exemption form if immunization exemption is claimed) in preparation for attending the World Scout Jamboree. Use and availability of the AHMR is for members and unit leaders during shakedown events as well as travel to and from the WSJ.

So, WHO DO YOU TURN YOUR AHMR INTO? This outline answers that for you.

- 24th World Scout Jamboree application process will collect a WSJ Health History (WSJHH) from all participants.

- National Scout Organizations (NSO) are responsible for establishing any additional policy or requirement for medical evaluation of participants, i.e. as required by their NSO program.

- The Boy Scouts of America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting activity have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider: a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

- For any and all Scouting activities, all BSA participants must complete Part A and Part B of the Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR). Part C of the AHMR is additionally required for participation in events lasting longer than 72 hours, and BSA participants are encouraged to complete this portion, the Pre-Participation Physical, during an annual physical performed by a medical professional.



- BSA participants to the 24th World Scout Jamboree, are required to have a completed AHMR (Parts A, B, and C) but will not submit their form to the WSJ Medical team; only the WSJHH will be collected by the Jamboree registrar for on-site use by the 24th World Scout Jamboree Medical Staff. All BSA participant's AHMR forms will instead be held for the 24th World Scout Jamboree as follows:

o **Unit Youth Participants and Adult Leaders.** Each unit shall collect and hold a completed AHMR of the unit's membership. Unit leaders should have these forms available to themselves during pre-events as well as travel to and from the Jamboree in case of need.

o **International Service Team (IST) and Contingent Management Team (CMT) members.** Individual should bring a completed AHMR with them, personally holding it for their own reference traveling to and from the Jamboree. IST and CMT members are responsible for holding their own AHMR, as they will not be collected by the BSA contingent.

o **Visitors.** Scouts visiting the 24th World Scout Jamboree will not have a health history or AHMR collected at the Jamboree site. Each Unit or individual is responsible for preparedness under normal BSA membership and medical policy.

- The **BSA AHMR (Part A, B, and C)** form is available at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf, BSA form 680-001. (The "Are You Going to Camp?" form or the "Are You Planning a High-Adventure Trip?" forms all include the required Parts A, B, and C).

- More information about the AHMR is also available at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/>

Summarizing medical forms for the 24th World Scout Jamboree – **every BSA participant, IST and CMT member must complete the following medical forms:**

1. Online -> World Scout Jamboree Health History (WSJHH);
2. Paper form -> BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR), Part A, B, and C,
3. and if immunization exemption is claimed -> BSA Immunization Exemption form.

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SCHOLARLY TOPICS

The scholarship deadline has officially passed, and we thank the over 900 Scouts and Scouters who showed interest in the World Jamboree and applied for a WSJ scholarship! We are committed to disbursing scholarship funds as equitably and efficiently as possible. To that end, we've outlined here the steps of the scholarship review and notification process.

Once a scholarship application was received, it was sent to the applicant's council for approval from the Scout Executive or designee. Scholarship applications that were approved by councils were given to the area and region Jamboree leadership teams for review and recommendation of scholarship award amounts for each applicant. This phase of the process ended on August 31, when area and region teams submitted lists of suggested scholarship awardees and award amounts to the USA Contingent Management Team (CMT) for final approval.



The CMT is currently in the process of reviewing those recommendations, with the goal of notifying scholarship applicants of their status and recipients of their award amounts by September 12, before the second payment due date on September 15.

We would like to remind all applicants that the CMT will award up to, but no more than, half the cost to attend the World Scout Jamboree to scholarship award recipients. It is also important to note that a recipient's scholarship amount may be less than half of the cost of attendance based on demonstrated need. Any award made will be disbursed to recipients via a reduction in the cost of payments three (due September 15, 2018) and four (due March 15, 2019).

We thank the applicants again for their interest in attending this once-of-a-lifetime experience! Stay tuned for the timely notification of your scholarship status!

[Scholarships \(wsj2019.us/scholarships\)](https://wsj2019.us/scholarships) [Paying your last installment? Share how excited you feel with us on twitter!](#) [Twitter.com/wsj2019usa](https://twitter.com/wsj2019usa)



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Trivia

There have been 23 previous World Scout Jamborees. What continent has hosted the most? Extra points if you can tell how many they have hosted!

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

Payment Update!

The next payment for participants and IST is due September 15th! If you haven't made your first payment, please do so, and make sure you pay your second payment next week. As contingent planning moves forward it's crucial that participants stay on time with the payment schedule. To submit your payment head over to the link below and select "Submit a Payment."

wsj2019.us/apply

IST Reminder

You may have noticed that the Jamboree fee is higher for participants than IST. That's because transportation from a hub city is included in the participant fee. Once you get an assignment, check with your team leader to find out when you need to be on-site. Some staff, such as the Medical Team, will need to report to the Summit several days prior to the participants, or stay a few days after the Jamboree to break down camp. IST will not be allowed to travel with participants. Watch Facebook and the web site for more information as travel details become available!

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