



International Service Team (IST) & Jamboree Planning Team (JPT)

Applicant Information Pack and Information for County/ Regional Jamboree Contacts

23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015

Introduction

This pack provides information about becoming a member of the International Service Team (IST) or Jamboree Planning Team (JPT) at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan, 2015. It contains:

- Some background information about the World Scout Jamboree and the plans for Japan
- Some information about what's involved in becoming a member of the IST/ JPT
- Details of how to apply to become a member of IST/ JPT and some key dates

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The World Scout Jamboree is the largest, regular event organised by the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM). It takes place every four years in a different country. The first World Scout Jamboree took place in England in 1920 and since then 22 such events have been held. The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will take place in Japan in the summer of 2015.

The Jamboree has an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, friendship and fun. 30,000 Scouts (and Guides), aged 14-18yrs, from almost every country in the world will come together and camp in a purpose made town for 10 days.

What do we know about the Jamboree so far?

Lots of details about the 23rd WSJ are not yet known but further information can be found at <http://www.23wsj.jp/>.

Theme

The theme for the 23rd WSJ is “WA- A Spirit of Unity”, is described in a Kanji Character, and has many meanings in one word. “WA” stands for harmony, unity, friendship and peace. Wa also means Japan too.

Date

Tuesday 28 July to Saturday 8 August 2015

Venue

Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture
Coordinates: N 34°01' , E131°23'
Altitude: 2.7m - 15.8m
Avg.Temp.:Max30.6°C/Min 25.2°C
Avg. Rainfall: 4.1mm / day



Jamboree Programme

The Jamboree programme is expected to include the following elements:

Peace Programme

A one-day off-site programme to Hiroshima will provide the opportunity for all participants to learn from the events of 1945. Participants may visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park including the museum.

Peace Memorial Ceremony

As 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of cities in Japan, the organisers are hoping that representatives from each country will be able to attend the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima.

Global Development Village (GDV)

GDV is an on-site module programme, which tries to raise awareness of global issues such as peace, the environment, development, human rights and health among participants. As the 23WSJ will be held in Japan, GDV will focus on disaster mitigation. There will be active involvement of the UN agencies, NGOs and NPOs.

Exploring Nature

This is a full day programme that will foster better understanding of the surrounding nature to bring appreciation to the environment. This programme will be held in Yamaguchi City where the Kirara-hama is.

Cross Road of Culture (CRC)

CRC will be an activity to promote the exchange of cultures, and learn respect for the cultures amongst participants. Also in the CRC programme, the organisers will try to have a programme aimed at deepening the cultural understanding of Japan from traditional culture to pop culture among the participants.

City of Science (COS)

COS, a one-day programme in Kirara-hama, will deepen understanding of advances in science and technology and the benefits and problems associated. This programme provides a venue for learning about the development of fuel cells and other energy sources for the future, ecological problems, and robotics and automotive technologies.

Community Services

There will be a day for community service. Participants can compare their own community to another community. This programme includes practical implementation of the “Reaching Out” strategy in the local community. Participants will be able to experience the real Japan by working with local people.

Water Activities

Water activities such as sailing, wind surfing, snorkelling, rafting and fishing will be carried out at lakes, rivers or the nearby coast.



The UK Contingent

The Scout Association has a long history of sending groups of Scouts (and Guides), known as a Contingent, to attend World Scout Jamborees. In 2007 The Scout Association hosted the 21st WSJ at Hylands Park, Chelmsford and in 2011 the UK Contingent to the 22nd WSJ in Sweden was the Association's largest ever overseas expedition with more than 4,000 people.

The UK Contingent is volunteer led by the Contingent Leader, 2 Deputies and a small Management Team including 2 members of staff. Together with a larger Contingent Support Team, they work with the organisers of the Jamboree, travel agents, kit manufacturers and others to put together the UK Contingent package. The packages for IST/ JPT members are detailed further below.

Who's who?

The UK Contingent can be no bigger than 10% of the total Jamboree, to make sure there is a good mixture of countries represented. This means the maximum size of the UK Contingent to Japan is 3,000 people.

This is made up of:

- 2,650 participants and leaders in 67Units
- 30 participants from a solidarity country.
- 26 Contingent Support Team
- 12 Contingent Management Team
- 2 full staff members
- 300 IST

In addition to the members of the Contingent, 500 adults from UK Scouting and Guiding will join the Jamboree Planning Team (JPT)

The Contingent Support Team will also have qualified medics as part of the team. They work closely with and support the UK Contingent to ensure that everyone attending has everything that they need and is prepared to have the experience of a lifetime.

What is the International Service Team & Jamboree Planning Team?

International Service Team

The IST is made up of adult volunteers from all over the world who pay to attend the Jamboree and run all the activities and services on behalf of the organisers. There will be different departments including working on the sub camps, onsite programme as outlined on page 3 (Cross Road of Culture, City of Science and Global Development Village), Faiths and Beliefs Zone, offsite activities (Community Service, Exploring Nature and Water Activities) Site Management, Transport, Food and Trading.

Nearer the Jamboree, we hope have more information about the departmental and job allocations, but it cannot be guaranteed that everyone will be allocated to their preferred department.

IST members will need to be adaptable especially given the location of the Jamboree and the difference in culture and language barriers that this brings. Days at the Jamboree are generally long, sleep is at a premium and IST jobs may be physically and mentally demanding. The size of the Jamboree site will be very large and there is no transport to get around other than by your own means. The climate of Japan will be an additional challenge (average temperature max 30 degrees and humid).

Jamboree Planning Team

Details of the JPT roles are yet to be fully agreed with the Jamboree roles. There will be some involvement before the Jamboree (working remotely only from home) and the Organisers have suggested that previous experience at other Scouting events would be desirable. Areas of work and other requirements are likely to be similar to those stated for IST.

The UK Contingent will provide the same packages and support for JPT members as for IST.

IST/JPT Options provided by the UK Contingent

The options are as follows:

Option A – Includes the pre-Jamboree experience, as well as the Jamboree. *Pre-Jamboree IST/ JPT Tokyo Experience* - Japan is a long way away, and is very different culturally from the UK. The UK IST/JPT will be offered an optional Tokyo Experience which will include food and accommodation in Tokyo, and the chance to experience a bit of the real Japan before heading to the Jamboree site. All flights and transfers provided (from UK Regional Airport) .

Option B – Jamboree only with all flights and transfers provided from UK Regional Airport.

Option C – Jamboree only (the Organisers will arrange transport from local Japanese airports and/or train stations to be confirmed)

For all of the above options, kit including uniform and a tent will be provided. IST/JPT will be invited to a training event in July 2014 and to an all adult event in May 2015

Exact dates for Options A & B are to be confirmed but the arrival date at the Jamboree for IST is 26th July 2015 with departure on 9th August 2015. JPT are to be confirmed but will be the same or similar

Fees

The fees for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree for IST/JPT members of the UK Contingent are as follows:

Option A £2,800

Option B £2,500

Option C £1,175

More details about the travel options will be issued as soon as they are confirmed..

Applying to become a member of the IST/ JPT

Attending a World Scout Jamboree is the most amazing and fantastic opportunity. Any member of Scouting and Girlguiding who will be over the age of 18 by the 26th July 2015 are welcome to apply to be part of the IST/ JPT.

Who we are looking for

- Active adult member of the Scout Association or Girlguiding (at the time of the Jamboree)
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to inspire and motivate individuals
- A flexible and positive attitude to work
- Sensitivity to other cultures and a willingness to work together with a wide variety of people
- Reasonable level of fitness
- Knowledge and understanding of the needs of 14 – 18 year olds
- Ability to work under pressure in a demanding environment

Please be advised that the IST/ JPT jobs may be physically demanding. The average climate of the Jamboree site is max 30 degrees/ min 25 degrees overnight.

The Application Process

You will be asked to complete an expression of interest form to be completed online and attend a regional selection event on the weekend of 1st or 2nd February 2014 to be held at a venue in your Scouting / Guiding region.

Expression of interest form

Application can be completed online at www.scouts.org.uk/wsj from **16 September 2013** by providing your personal and contact details, current Scouting/Guiding appointment, Scout/Guide Group and your Scout/Guide membership number.

Complete the online form by **23:59 on 21 October 2013** at the latest, but earlier applications would be welcomed to help with the processing procedure.

Selection event

A selection event will be held in each Country/English Scout region on either the 1st or 2nd February 2014. An invitation to attend the selection event will be issued by your County's nominated Jamboree contact with time and location details and any request for further personal information. Girlguiding members from your region will be invited to take part in the same selection procedure on equal terms.

The day is likely to involve a selection of practical tasks and a short interview, all designed to assess your skills and attitude. It will be relatively informal and we hope that you will enjoy it.

After the selection day you will be contacted to confirm whether or not your application has been successful.

Finally

Thank you for considering joining the IST/JPT. Look out for further information, such as the application pack at www.scouts.org.uk/wsji. We look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Summary of Key dates

- Application dates 16th September 2013 - 21st October 2013
- Regional selection event 1st or 2nd February 2014
- IST& JPT gathering – July 4th – 6th July 2014 (Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire)
- All Adults event- early summer 2015 (Gilwell Park)
- IST/JPT dates for the Jamboree:
 - Option A – Including Tokyo Experience- leave UK 22 July and return UK 10 August
 - Option B - Direct to site but leaving UK- arrive at site 25 July and return 10 August
 - Option C - Direct to site, own travel arrangements – arrive at site 26 July and depart 9th August.

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Allocations

Similar to the Unit allocations, IST places will be allocated to Regions and Countries in proportion to the total number of adults registered in that Region or Country on the 2012 census; numbers for each Region and Country will be sent out in due course. Further information on the number of JPT places will also follow as more information about these places is made available to us.

IST selection process

Expressions of Interest for IST will open on the **17th September 2013** and close on the **21st October 2013**.

Please note that there is not a first come first served element to the expressions of interest process. All applications received during the expression of interest window will be accepted equally.

- 1) Applicants will be asked to complete their expression of interest forms online. You will be informed who has expressed an interest to give you an idea of the level of interest and the personnel who are keen to attend the Jamboree from your Region or Country.
- 2) The final information will be collated and sent out to the regions after the 21st October so that you can invite potential IST members to your regional selection event to be held on the weekend of 1st or 2nd February 2014.
- 3) The names of those IST selected from the weekend will need to be with the UK Contingent Office by the end of February 2014.

Regional / Country selection event

It is envisaged that the regional selection event will:

- Take place on a campsite with access to an indoor space from approximately 10-4pm.
- Allow regions to be flexible to reflect the number of applications attending the event. You may wish to consider asking groups to arrive at different time slots to accommodate the numbers and venue arrangements as best suits your region.
- Provide opportunities to see applicants working in small groups on a variety of tasks.
- Include a short interview.
- Be attended and supported by a member of the CMT and CST to help out and facilitate as required. We can provide suggested activities and help with further advice if needed.
- Use a panel of local suitable leaders as a selection panel, including at least one member of Girlguiding.

Prior to the event you may also wish to consider taking up a local reference to help with any pre-selection needed before the day.

Information will be provided about the different roles of IST and JPT before the selection event.