

This is how BSA members can participate in the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve



The 2017 National Jamboree has ended, and the countdown to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree has begun.

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be held at the BSA's permanent Jamboree home, the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. It is actually co-hosted by three Scout organizations: the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México.

A World Jamboree in our country is a once-in-a-generation event. The 2019 World Scout Jamboree will be the first held in North America in 36 years (1983, Alberta, Canada) and the first held in the United States in 52 years (1967, Idaho).

Approximately 50,000 Scouts and Scouters from 167 different countries are expected to attend the event, to be held July 22 to August 2, 2019. They will meet people from around the world while enjoying SBR's world-class adventure offerings.

The promise of the World Scout Jamboree on American soil is encompassed in the U.S. contingent's motto: "The Boy Scouts of America wants you to come see the world!"

Now that you are sufficiently hyped up, your next question is probably: Great, how do I become a part of this moment in history?

Largest U.S. contingent ever

The BSA contingent will include 10,000 people — the largest contingent the BSA has ever sent to a World Jamboree. The total will encompass Scouts/Venturers, adults and staff.

That will break down like this:

- 7,200 youth participants (ages 14 to 17; see details below) and adult leaders
- 2,700 members of the International Service Team (the name for staff at the World Jamboree)
- 100 members of the Contingent Management Team

Even though the BSA's presence at the World Jamboree will be large, we will make up only one out of every five people at the event. That means approximately 80 percent of Jamboree attendees will be from one of more than **160 other countries planning to attend**.

"We're looking forward to everyone who comes to have a global, cultural experience," Eddowes says. "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."

Registration is expected to open in November 2017.

How to be a youth participant or adult leader

Youth eligibility: Ages 14 to 17 by the first day of the Jamboree. This date is set by the World Scout Jamboree hosts, not the U.S. contingent leadership. That means your birthday has to fall between July 22, 2001, and July 21, 2005. (Were you born before July 22, 2001? Try to attend as an adult or IST member.) The council will not approve your youth's application without this form signed by their home Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor and turned into the GSMC office.

Adult eligibility: As required for National Jamborees, prospective World Scout Jamboree leaders will fill out an application. Approval and a final decision will come from the U.S. contingent leadership.

Cost: To be announced, but will be similar to the cost of attending a National Scout Jamboree at SBR. The World Scout Jamboree cost will include transportation and, to keep costs down, there will be no pre- or post-Jamboree tour.

What youth will do: Cook, camp and participate in the Jamboree program with their troop or crew. In addition they will meet people from around the world, participate in high-adventure programs and have a true cultural experience.

What adult leaders will do: Facilitate troop and crew travel, ensure the health and safety of Jamboree participants, and help the youth make the most of their experience.

How to register: Keep an eye on **the U.S. contingent website**, www.2019wsj.org, beginning in mid-November 2017. Register online and then submit the attached request to attend form to the Great Smoky Mountain Council Service Center. The council will not approve your youth's application without this form signed by their home Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor and in turned into the GSMC office.



2019 World Scout Jamboree Request to Attend.

Scout's Name: _____

BSA Membership Number: _____

World Scout Jamboree Registration Code: _____

Home Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor Name: _____
(Please Print Name Clearly)

Home unit type and number: _____
(i.e. Troop 13, Crew 22)

Signature of parent: _____

Signature of leader: _____
(Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor,)

As Unit Leader of Troop/Crew _____, I recommend that
_____ attend World Scout Jamboree 2019.

Once online registration has been completed, return this form to GSMC for approval at
www.2019wsj.org

Attn: GSMC WSJ c/o Jennifer Williams PO Box 51885 Knoxville TN 37950