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Participating in a World Scout Jamboree or World Scout Moot

World Scout Jamborees and Moots are the centerpiece of International Scouting. Scouts who participate in WSJs and WSMs often reflect that the event was the ultimate Scouting experience, and transformative in how they view sother cultures.

I've met many Scouts and Scouters who have attended WSJs. Everyone has a story about how the Jamboree experience resulted in life-long memories, insights, and friendships that changed their life. Many of us who volunteer in international scouting do so because we want others to experience the magic that happens at World Scout Jamborees and Moots.

Adult unit leaders play a critical role in these events by:

- Recruiting Scouts who would benefit from World Scout events and encouraging them to register for the events.
- Assisting Scouts with fundraising activities, including unit fundraising, grant and scholarship writing, and finding work opportunities that might help with their funding.
- Promoting these events 2+ years in advance so Scouts and their families can plan (and save) accordingly.
- Considering volunteering as a Jamboree unit leader.

[World Scout Jamboree](#)

The World Scout Jamboree is a 10 – 12 day camping experience that is held every four years. The 25th World Scout Jamboree will be held August 1-12, 2023 in SaeManGeum, South Korea. The 24th World Scout Jamboree was held in the summer of 2019 at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia, USA. The 25th World Scout Jamboree host, the Korea Scout Association, expects more than 50,000 Scouts and adult volunteers from more than 170 countries to attend the next Jamboree.

At the Jamboree, Scouts camp in contingent units of 36 Scouts and 4 adult leaders. The United States typically fields about 25 – 30 units, totaling about 900 -1,000 Scouts. Unit camps make up mini-cities that provide food, bathrooms, showers, health care, transportation, and entertainment services.

Jamborees offer a wide range of activities, including:

- Program activities unique to the site, such as swimming, hiking, boating and other high adventure activities
- Global Development Village – exhibits and activities from global NGOs that partner with WOSM, highlighting activities Scouts can do to promote sustainability.
- WOSM Tent – exhibits and programs promoting the various WOSM programs, including Scouts for SDGs, Messengers of Peace, Dialogue for Peace, and others.
- NSO Exhibits – countries have a tent and program to educate about their country and culture, along with music and cultural performances
- Shows – Arena-style shows, often with top-name music acts, pageantry and ceremonies.

Usually the USA contingent will tour the host country for a few days prior to the Jamboree.

But the magic of World Scout Jamborees often happens on the personal level, when a unit shares a meal or campfire with Scouts from another country.

Jamborees can be expensive. The cost for a Scout to attend the 2015 WSJ in Japan was about \$5,500 USD. This included all travel costs and the Jamboree registration. Planning (and saving) a year or two in advance is critical for many Scouts.

World Scout Moot

The World Scout Moot is a “mini-Jamboree” for young adults age 18 – 25. It is held every four years, on the “odd, off-years” of the World Scout Jamboree. The next Moot will be held in the summer of 2022, in Ireland. It was planned for 2021, but the Covid-19 Pandemic forced a postponement to 2022. There will be another Moot in 2025. Between 5,000 and 6,000 young adults participate in World Scout Moot.

Many NSOs have programs for young adults age 18 – 25. In the United Kingdom this program is called “Network”. In Australia and many other countries they go by a more traditional name, “Rovers”. The Boy Scouts of America has program options for older Scouts through age 21, such as Venturing, Sea Scouts and the Order of the Arrow. BSA has made a goal to develop a “Rover” type program for young adults age 18 – 25 in the future.

Moots are different to Jamborees in several ways. First, participants camp with patrols and units that are made up of participants from different countries, encouraging international relationship building from the start.

Second, the Moot has two phases:

- Field Camps – Ten to twenty “field camps” of 100 – 250 participants around the country. Each camp has a theme and specific activities. Participants choose an adventure that matches their interests at registration. These camps last about four days.
- Moot Camp – At the end of the trail camp phase, all participants travel to the main camp, where they participate in Jamboree type activities, as well as forums to discuss global issues. Participants remain with their international units.

Moots are designed for college-age+ participants, and the program options reflect a more mature audience. Many participants spend their evenings at some of the Moot cafes meeting new friends or playing games. Some choose to dance at the Moot Club past midnight.

Moots tend to be less expensive than Jamborees, but still require financial planning for most participants. The last Moot was held in Iceland in 2017. Participants (who were all over the age of 18) were responsible for their own transportation to and from the Moot site. The contingent gathered in Reykjavik the night before the opening ceremony. The cost was about \$2,000 USD, which included the Moot fee, Moot Swag Kit (patches, neckerchiefs, pins, shirts, daypack, etc.), insurance, and some contingent expenses. Airfare for most USA participants cost around \$800 USD, round-trip.

USA Contingent Trips

The Boy Scouts of America organizes contingent trips for the World Scout Jamboree and World Scout Moot. These trips are organized by volunteers who have experience with World Scout events. Volunteers are part of the Contingent Management Team (CMT) and are led by the Head of Contingent (HOC). The CMT determines the trip plan, logistics, communications, schedule, budget and safety plan. Jamboree unit leaders coordinate with the CMT and receive logistical support from them.

The BSA also sends contingent trips to other international Scouting events. In the past, these have included:

- Inter-America JamCam, a jamboree for NSOs in North, Central and South America
- Inter-America Moot, a moot for NSOs in the Americas
- CariJam, a jamboree for Scouts in the Caribbean
- EuroJam, a jamboree for Scouts in Europe

Information about these contingent events can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

International Service Team (IST)

Another opportunity for adults, is to serve on the International Service Team (IST) for World Scout Jamborees and Moots. IST jobs range from staffing a program area to logistics to staffing the World Scout Shop. IST will have time off to enjoy the programs, as well as special programming just for IST members. Often, the cost to attend is discounted from the participant price. As an IST member, you will build friendships with other adult Scouters from around the world, help deliver the program and have a lot of fun.

For more information:

2022 World Scout Moot

<https://www.worldscoutmoot.ie/>

2023 World Scout Jamboree

<http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/html/index.html>

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