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INTERNATIONAL

Planning an International Scout Trip

Planning an international Scout trip might not be feasible for all units, but for those who plan carefully and fund-raise effectively, it can be a memorable and impactful Scouting experience. Here are some ideas and tips.

Destinations

Kandersteg International Scout Centre – Located in the Alps of Switzerland, this camp founded by Lord Baden-Powell, is known as the “permanent mini-jamboree”. KISC offers programs year-round, and is a train-ride from sights to Europe.

<https://www.kisc.ch/>

Gilwell Scout Park – Close to London, but with the tranquility of a woodland location, Gilwell Park is famous throughout the world for its Scouting heritage and stunning range of activities. There are activities year-round (except for the December holidays), and it offers camping and hostel type lodging.

<https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/centre/gilwell-park>

WOSM Scout Centre of Excellence for Nature and Environment Camps – WOSM has certified some international camps for their commitment to protect the environment and promote environmental understanding. A list of these camps can be found here:

<https://www.scout.org/scenes>

Blair Atholl Jamborette – This mini-Jamboree in Scotland, held on the property of ancient royalty, is a grand experience for Scouts looking for an easily accessible international experience.

<https://www.jamborette.org.uk/>

Non-Contingent Events – There are many international events that welcome units from the United States, but the BSA does not send an official contingent. These include national and regional jamborees in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Your unit (or group of units) might want to consider attending one of these events, and tag along some sightseeing or high adventure along the way. For more information about these events, go to:

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

Scouting events in Canada and Mexico – Our neighbors to the north and south offer a range of Scout jamborees and camporees, some of which welcome international Scouts. Contact the regional Scouting office in the province closest to you for more information.

Logistics

To properly cover logistics would require a separate manual and training session, but here are some resources that are required if you are thinking about an international Scout trip:

1. Obtaining an International Letter of Introduction and Event Verification Request from the International Committee (see <https://www.scouting.org/international/international-adventure/ili-and-event-verification-101/>)
2. Download the “Guide to International Scout Trips” here from the [Scouting.org/International](https://www.scouting.org/International) site.
3. Contact your International Representative and involve them in your planning.

Resources:

International Adventure and Events – BSA
<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>