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The 24th World Scout Jamboree: Frequently Asked Questions

Following are some frequently asked questions to be shared with members of the media who are visiting the jamboree or are inquiring about Scouting's biggest event:

What are the dates for the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be held from July 22-August 2, 2019.

What is a World Scout Jamboree?

Held every four years, the World Scout Jamboree is the largest outdoor educational event organized by the Scout Movement, gathering as many as 40,000 Scouts and leaders every four years from 170 National Scout Organizations. The event brings together the world's young people to promote peace and mutual understanding and to develop leadership and life skills.

A staff of 9,000 volunteers will deliver a life-changing experience to the Scouts from around the globe to the world's most sustainable campsite, the 10,000-acre Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia for this once-in-a-lifetime event from July 22 to August 2, 2019.

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will feature the hallmarks of past world jamborees, including:

- The Global Development Village (GDV) is an interactive space designed to raise awareness of global issues, encouraging Scouts to create a better world. The GDV's focus will be on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Centro Mundial is an educational area with three components: Faith & Beliefs, Living in the 21st Century and the North American Dream.
- World Point will be hub of excitement and activity during the 24th World Scout Jamboree. Here, National Scout Organizations are encouraged to highlight their culture and demonstrate the uniqueness of their countries. Scouts will explore the different cultures and how what makes us different can actually draw us together.
- World Scout Centre, a special sustainability initiative, and the socialization elements that allow participants to make lifelong friends from around the world.
- Additionally, programming throughout the Jamboree will incorporate an emphasis on cross cultural respect and engagement, as well as gender equality.

Who is hosting the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

The 24th World Scout Jamboree is being jointly hosted by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Is this the first World Scout Jamboree held in the United States?

This is the first World Scout Jamboree held in the United States in over 50 years. The last U.S.-based World Scout Jamboree took place held in Idaho in 1967.

How many people are attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

While numbers won't be final until the World Scout Jamboree concludes, we are on pace for approximately 40,000 attendees and staff members, from over 170 countries.

Will this be the biggest World Scout Jamboree in history?

Yes. The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be the largest World Scout Jamboree in the history of Scouting.

Who attends the World Scout Jamboree?

The 24th World Scout Jamboree is an official educational event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. It is specifically designed for young people ages 14 to 17 years old from National Scout Organizations, which are members of WOSM.

What is the theme of the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

Our theme, *Unlock a New World*, invites Scouts to unlock new adventures, new cultures, and new friendships. The theme was originally designed by youth representatives from our three host countries, also known as the “Dream Team,” who were responsible for presenting the original bid for the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

Where is the 24th annual World Scout Jamboree being held?

The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve (or, SBR, for Summit Bechtel Reserve) in the New River Gorge region of West Virginia, which sits on more than 14,000 acres of forested mountains spanning parts of Fayette and Raleigh counties. The facility shares more than 13 miles of border with the New River Gorge National River and its 70,000-plus acres of managed wilderness. In addition to serving as the home of the 24th World Scout Jamboree, as well as BSA’s National Jamborees, SBR also houses the James C. Justice National Scout Camp, the Rex W. Tillerson Leadership Center, and the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base.

Past world scout jamborees have been held at sites across the globe, including:

- 1920, 1st World Scout Jamboree, London, United Kingdom
- 1924, 2nd World Scout Jamboree, Ermelunden, Denmark
- 1929, 3rd World Scout Jamboree, Upton, Merseyside, United Kingdom
- 1933, 4th World Scout Jamboree, Gödöllő, Hungary
- 1937, 5th World Scout Jamboree, Bloemendaal, Netherlands
- 1947, 6th World Scout Jamboree, Moisson, France
- 1951, 7th World Scout Jamboree, Bad Ischl, Austria
- 1955, 8th World Scout Jamboree, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada
- 1957, 9th World Scout Jamboree, Sutton Park, Warwickshire, United Kingdom
- 1959, 10th World Scout Jamboree, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines
- 1963, 11th World Scout Jamboree, Marathon, Greece
- 1967, 12th World Scout Jamboree, Farragut State Park, Idaho, United States
- 1971, 13th World Scout Jamboree, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka, Japan
- 1975, 14th World Scout Jamboree, Lillehammer, Norway
- 1979, (15th World Scout Jamboree), Nishapur, Iran
- 1983, 15th World Scout Jamboree, Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada
- 1987–1988, 16th World Scout Jamboree, Sydney, Australia
- 1991, 17th World Scout Jamboree, Seoraksan National Park, South Korea
- 1995, 18th World Scout Jamboree, Dronten, Netherlands
- 1998–1999, 19th World Scout Jamboree, Pícarquín, Chile
- 2002–2003, 20th World Scout Jamboree, Sattahip, Thailand
- 2007, 21st World Scout Jamboree, Chelmsford, Essex, United Kingdom
- 2011, 22nd World Scout Jamboree, Kristianstad, Sweden
- 2015, 23rd World Scout Jamboree, Kirarahama, Yamaguchi, Japan

When will the next World Scout Jamboree be held?

The next World Scout Jamboree will be held in 2023 in Saemangeum, South Korea.

What is there to do at the 24th World Scout Jamboree?

In a word: everything! Scouts will connect with the world in thousands of new ways through the amazing technology and happenings of Connected Experience, and they will soak in all the fun and excitement of Mt. Jack and our spectacular Adventure areas. New ideas and learning will be unlocked throughout Centro Mondial, the Global Development Village, and World Point, while inspiration and unity will shine at our amazing Stadium Shows.

Nowhere else can Scouts and Scouters do so much in one place: patch trading in the Scott Summit Center (and every other place that Scouts gather!), working on merit badges, learning about conservation and sustainability, meeting Scouts from all over the world in the many subcamps, and experiencing incredible adventures in the unmatched program areas, which are centered on the Summit Bechtel Reserve's core mission areas of adventure, sustainability, leadership, and service. Here is a sampling of some of the activities available to attendees:

- **The Big Zip** – Riders can reach speeds of up to 50 MPH as they soar over the Summit on one of the longest zip line courses in North America.
- **The Ropes, The Rocks, and The Canopy** – Climbing, rappelling, and more at the largest and most extensive man-made climbing, challenge course, and canopy tour venue in the world.
- **Low Gear** – Mountain biking on 36 miles of forested trails.
- **The Trax** – BMX biking and at one of the world's largest facilities.
- **The Park** – Skateboarding, including introductory, transition, street, and bowls, as well as a training area with mini ramps, banks, quarter pipes, and a foam pit for practicing aerial tricks.
- **The Pools and the lakes** – Water sports at The Pools (think: scuba diving) and Goodrich and Tridave lakes, including water obstacle courses, kayak touring, and stand-up paddle-boarding.
- **The Bows and The Barrels** – Archery and shooting sports programs ranging from trap shooting and compact clays to 3-D archery targets and sporting arrows

Is the WSJ open to the public?

Yes! The 24th World Scout Jamboree is open to visitors that would like to live the adventure for a day or two (or more) as a World Scout Jamboree visitor:

- Visitors are welcome July 24 to 31.
- There are two types of visitor passes available: Adult Single-Day (ages 14 and older) and Youth Single Day (age 6 - 13). Youth under 6 are admitted at no charge.
- Visitors can enjoy the Summit Center, the hub of jamboree activity, with access to World Point, Global Development Village, Centro Mondial, Food houses, Sustainability Treehouse, Scott Visitors Center with Summit Trading Post, Lockers, and Restrooms.
- While day visitors cannot participate to the recreational activities open to World Scout Jamboree participants, they will be able to experience a sampling of Scouting activities and exhibits depicting Scouting around the world and enjoy international food houses that provide the opportunity to buy and try food from other countries.

How can the World Scout Jamboree possibly care for 40,000-plus people with so much happening at once? Will participants be safe?

The Summit Bechtel Reserve will operate a multi-agency system of care with a team of qualified safety and health professionals available before, during, and after the World Scout Jamboree.

- Jamboree Medical Services will have a staff of approximately 450 medical volunteers on site.
- Approximately 30 medical facilities will be located throughout the site.
- Of those, 10 facilities will operate 24 hours a day.