



**Hampshire County Scouts**

**European Scout Jamboree**

**Gdansk, Poland 2020**

## **Leaders, IST and Team Members Questions and Answers**

### **What is a European Scout Jamboree (ESJ)?**

It is essentially the same as the World Scout Jamboree (WSJ), but is organised and run by the European Scout Region, for Scouts from Europe. Therefore, is a bit smaller than a WSJ, normally around 15-20,000 people.

### **How often are they held?**

There is not a specific time table, the last one was held in the UK in July 2005, as a trail event for the World Scout Jamboree in 2007. So there will have been a 15 year gap. We have no idea when the next one will be.

### **How has this one come about?**

Essentially, Poland launched a bid to hold the 2023 World Scout Jamboree, but lost to South Korea. Afterwards, the European Scout Region asked Poland if the plans could be amended as a European Scout Jamboree. As a result, the ESJ for 2020 was born.

### **Whereabouts is it being held?**

It is being held in Gdansk in Poland.

### **When is it being held?**

The official dates of the Jamboree itself is 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

IST will be needed for 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Some days will be needed either side for travelling, and for any pre / post events.

### **What activities will be at the Jamboree?**

We have scarce information on this at present, but we believe all of the normal activities that take place at a World Scout Jamboree. So this will include different zones for activities, world development, adventure etc. The documentation says there will be 6 on-site modules, and 4 off-site modules.

### **How large is the European Scout Jamboree?**

We believe it is aimed at 15,000 - 20,000 Scouts and Leaders from across Europe. There is sometimes visiting groups from outside of Europe.

### **What age groups is it open to?**

Team members will need to be aged between their 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday as of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (so born between 27<sup>th</sup> July 2002 and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006).

Leaders and IST must be a minimum of 18 as of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (so born 26<sup>th</sup> July 2002 or earlier).

### **Do I have to be a Scout?**

Yes, everybody must be a member of the Scout Association.

For Team Members, this can be a Scout, Explorer or a Young Leader.

For IST / Leaders, this can be a member of Network, SSAGO or any Scout Adult Role.

### **Will we be mixing with Scouts from other Countries?**

Yes, very much. As a unit, you will be camping on a subcamp, next to units from other European countries, and therefore, you will get to know your neighbours. For the activities, your patrol will mix with patrols from a number of other Countries. So you could be camping next to Irish and Polish scouts, but for an activity, you could be climbing and abseiling with Scouts from France and Belgium, or discussing world development issues such as refugee migration with Scouts from Hungary and Estonia. This is what a jamboree is all about, having fun, and meeting and making friends with Scouts from other Countries.

### **How are the ESJ units made up?**

Just like the WSJ, the ESJ has a setup of

A Patrol – consists of 9 team members and 1 leader

A Unit – consists of 4 Patrols (so 36 team members and 4 leaders – one of which will be the Unit leader).

### **How many places does Hampshire have?**

Hampshire Scouts have been allocated a whole unit, so places for 36 team members and 4 Leaders. We have also been allocated 5 IST places.

Whilst we can bid for more places, with other significant Internationals on offer for 2020, we have decided to accept the single unit.

However, if we have a lot of people apply by 15<sup>th</sup> September 18, we can reconsider (**therefore, get your applications in early!**).

### **What about Training, Pre-Jamboree, Home Hospitality and Post Jamboree activities?**

The plan will be for the ESJ unit to have a training program to bring the ESJ unit together, with the 4 leaders before the Expedition. This will consist of various day and weekend camps and events.

Poland have already confirmed that there will NOT be Home Hospitality in Poland. This means that if we want to do Home Hospitality, it will need to be outside of Poland.

In terms of Pre and Post events, this will be down to the ESJ unit to decide and organise.

### **So what about a UK Contingent?**

Technically, all those going from the UK will be part of a UK Contingent (just like the WSJ), but, unlike the WSJ, there will be no centrally organised program this time, or activities or even clothing being provided (although Scout Shops will be launching optional themed clothing).

### **What is the Cost?**

The cost of the Jamboree itself, is around £376 for leaders and team members, and £255 for IST (both subject to exchange rate variances). However, this is just the cost charged by the Polish organisers.

Unlike the WSJ, HQ are leaving everything to each unit to determine. So on top of this, we will need to add

- a. Cost of Training Weekends
- b. Cost of any kit and Uniform
- c. Cost of Insurance
- d. Cost of travel to / from Gdansk (including any transfers)
- e. Cost of any Pre / Post / Home Hospitality activities

However, this means that it is up to the Hampshire ESJ and IST to decide what they wish to do, and what the cost will be. The more items they want, the higher the cost. The fewer items, the lower the cost.

Depending on what the unit / IST chooses to do, we estimate the total cost per person will be between £1,200 and £1,700 for the ESJ unit, and around £800 to £1600 for the IST members.

This will be a great opportunity for Youth Shaped Scouting to determine the program.

#### **Will there be a bare bones option for IST?**

Potentially, there could be a bare bones option for IST. Essentially, this could be you just pay the IST Jamboree fee (approx. £255) and pay for insurance. Its then totally down to yourself to get to / from the ESJ, and to purchase any kit / clothing you want. If you were wanting to go down this route, we would adjust the payment schedule accordingly (but the deposit would still be needed).

#### **How will the unit and IST travel to the ESJ?**

Gdansk has a small International airport, that has a few International flights a day. Its not going to cope with everybody flying in. Whilst there is the option of flying to neighbouring airports, there are then transfer costs. Whilst there are some budget airlines available, you need to bare in mind that there will be around 15,000 people trying to get to Gdansk at the same time.

Therefore, the most likely option will be to go by coach (about 20hour journey). If this does happen, then it would also make sense that there is some Pre / Post items that would allow the IST members to travel on the same coach. However, this is all down to the work that the Hampshire ESJ leader team will need to do to explore options.

#### **What if Hampshire County Scouts ends up with more than one unit?**

If we have early indication of strong interest and applications (needed by 15<sup>th</sup> September 18), we can look to bid for an additional unit (or patrols).

Due to the "Do It Yourself" nature of the ESJ, this could mean

- a. Different Units will have very different pre / post activities
- b. Different Units will have very different travel options
- c. Different Units could have different kit / clothing options
- d. Different Units could have different training programs
- e. Different Units could have very different pricing – One could be £1,200 and the other £1,700.
- f. Two people from the same Scout group (or even two siblings) could end up in different units, with the above differences.

### **Deposits and Stage Payments**

After the selection weekend, if you are selected, you will be asked to confirm your place on the expedition. As part of this, you will need to pay a Non-Refundable Deposit. After this, there will be stage payments as follows

Deposit (Non Refundable) of £200 (so December 18 for Leaders / IST, March 19 for team Members)

Payment 2 - 01/06/19 - £200

Payment 3 - 01/09/19 - £300

Payment 4 - 01/01/20 - £300

Payment 5 - 01/03/20 – 50% of remaining amount (so between £100 - £350) IST will be less

Payment 6 - 01/06/20 – 50% of remaining amount (so between £100 - £350) IST will be less

### **Fundraising**

As an expedition, we will encourage everybody to fundraise to help cover the fees of the ESJ. However, this fundraising is down to each individual person taking part. Guardians / Parents of under 18's will need to sign an acknowledgement that they are responsible for making payment in time for the stage payments.

The leaders will give encouragement, and help with suggestions for fundraising, but they are NOT responsible for each individuals fundraising efforts. The leaders may offer access to fundraising events and opportunities that arise, but are not responsible for putting these on.

We obviously encourage individuals to approach their Scout Group / Explorer Unit for grants and assistance.

As a County, we will provide an ESJ page on the Hampshire page of BTMyDonate, which is a fundraising platform similar to GoFundMe / Just Giving, to enable each individual to raise funds through Web donations.

### **Gift Aid**

This expedition does not qualify for Gift Aid donations to be collected. Therefore, no event or fundraising activity can claim Gift Aid for donations for anybody taking part in the ESJ.

### **Insurance / EHIC**

Each team member / leader / IST member will need to be covered by Insurance, which will be taken out by the unit. This will be the standard Scout Unity International Expedition Policy.

In order to take this policy out, we will need to supply relevant medical information, and they may request additional information. If they refuse to cover an individual, we will look at reasonable alternative policies. However, we must have insurance cover for everybody taking part.

The UK currently benefits from the EHIC system (European Health Insurance Card). This card entitles the holder to receive medical treatment, as per a normal citizen of that country. The card is currently FREE to obtain for all British nationals.

As we are coming out of the EU in March 2019, we currently do not know what will happen to the EHIC system. However, if the EHIC continues, or is replaced with a similar system, it will be a requirement to have this.

### **Fitness**

The jamboree site is going to be very large, covering many acres of ground, and it could take an hour to walk from one side of the site to another. Therefore, it is important that everybody has a reasonable level of fitness, as you could easily spend 2-3 hours a day, simply walking across the site.

### **Health / Medical / Disabilities / Special Needs**

The ESJ is essentially open to all, of the appropriate age range.

However, we will need to know health / medical issues, and any disabilities / special needs for various reasons

- a. For planning of the selection weekend / training weekends
- b. Passing on to the Jamboree organisers
- c. For looking into any reasonable adaptations that we may need to make to enable the applicant to gain the most from this experience
- d. Obtaining Insurance – we have to be able to obtain insurance
- e. To enable everybody to be returned safe and well

Please make sure you enter the relevant information on the application form. If you have any questions around this, please contact Jools on [international@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:international@hampshirescouts.org.uk) (07789 966440) to discuss.

### **How do we apply as a Team Member?**

Hampshire County Scouts will run a central application and selection process. Any Scout / Explorer that is of the correct age will be welcome to apply.

Initial applications will be via an on-line application form. We will then invite members to a selection weekend around March 2019.

### **How do we apply as a Leader?**

Hampshire County Scouts will run a central application and selection process. Any adult member of Hampshire Scouting that is of the correct age will be welcome to apply.

Initial applications will be via an on-line application form. We will then invite members to a selection weekend in late November 2018.

### **How do we apply as IST?**

The IST process has been given to each County to run. Therefore, we will be running the Leader and IST selection process together. Therefore, follow the “How do we apply as a Leader”, and tick the box for IST on the on-line application form. It will be possible to jointly apply as a leader and IST, as it will all be the same process.

### **Leader / IST Selection Weekend**

There will be a leader selection weekend, held over the weekend of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 18. This will be held somewhere in Hampshire. There will be a small charge for this weekend to cover the costs. Attendance will be compulsory part of the application process.

### **Team Members Selection Weekend**

There will be a Team Members selection weekend, held late February 19 / Early March 19.

The date and details will be published soon after the Leader Selection weekend (as the leaders selected will be in charge of planning and running the weekend).

There will be a charge for the selection weekend to cover the costs. Attendance will be compulsory part of the application process.

## **Finances**

All Finances will be through the Hampshire County Scouts Bank Account.

For this we will be able to accept Electronic Payments (our preferred method), cheques and cash (only deposited directly into branches of HSBC – never give a leader cash).

An instruction document (how to pay ESJ), will be issued giving all of the details.

## **Online Scout Manager (OSM)**

We will be utilising the Online Scout Manager system for communications and main personal data store for the ESJ. This will be right from the start, so as soon as we receive your application, we will create a record in OSM, and then ask yourselves to complete the population of data (such as address, telephone numbers, medical information).

Assuming the applicant is successful, this record will be maintained all the way through the expedition (and will be used for electronic records / E-mails / Permission to Camp etc. etc.).

If the person withdraws, or does not make it through an application stage, the record will be removed.

OSM puts you in charge of updating information. So if phone numbers / addresses / E-mail / medical information changes, you can update this all yourself.

## **GDPR**

We take data security very seriously, however, we do need to have access to data, and share part of this with a number of organisations in order to arrange the ESJ.

We will use the following systems for Data Processing

1. Online Scout Manager ([www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk](http://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk)) – main system for storing personal data, sending E-mails, organising events etc.
2. GoogleDocs – storage system for general documents for the planning and organisation of the ESJ.
3. Financial System – for tracking all income and expenditure on a per person basis

Data will be primarily used and accessed by the ACC(International) and his organising team, and then by the leaders of the ESJ. We will only be holding data that is required for the planning, organising and running of the ESJ.

Some data will be shared with appropriate partners, but only as required to plan and organise the expedition.

- e.g.
- HQ Contingent Team - Passport names, Date of Birth, Medical conditions
  - Travel Agent – Passport names, Date of Birth, Passport Number, Food Intolerances
  - Insurance Company – Passport names, Date of Birth, Medical Information
  - Scout District / County – Name, Scout Group

Any person that attends any event, will have some details retained for up to 7 years after the European Scout Jamboree 2020, for Insurance purposes. For any person that makes any payment, will have some details retained for 7 years for financial auditing purposes.

### **ESJ Unit Leaders**

The unit leaders will have significantly more work to do than for a normal WSJ unit. Not only will they need to run the unit and the training program as usual, they will also need to plan (using youth shaped), negotiate and budget everything around the whole ESJ experience.

This includes transportation to / from Gdansk, hotels, campsites, activities, home hospitality, clothing and kit.

Whilst this will mean a lot of additional work, it could also be easier as there will be less rigidity set around the expedition from HQ and being part of a UK Contingent (compared to a normal WSJ).

Therefore, we will be looking for a Unit Leader that can demonstrate good planning, negotiating and budgeting skills. They will need good assistants to go alongside them.

### **ESJ Leader Training**

All IST and Leaders must have (before the first training weekend)

- a. A Valid Scout DBS Check

The following is a minimum level that all Leaders will need to have before July 2020

- a. A Valid Scout DBS Check
- b. A Valid Safety and Safeguarding Certificate
- c. A Valid First Response First Aid Certificate

Within the ESJ Leader Team, we will also need to have at least one

- a. Nights Away Permit holder (at least to Campsite level)
- b. Wood Beads

The ESJ training weekends will be an excellent opportunity for leaders to obtain NAP's and various training modules, and we encourage this to be taken up.

### **Reporting Structure**

The ESJ is being run under the Hampshire Scouts Assistant County Commissioner (International) – Jools Sore. Jools and his team will organise the application process for all, and the leader selection weekend for leaders and IST.

Once the leaders and IST have been selected, Jools and his team will work with them, so that they can organise the team member selection weekend (which is why we don't know the date or location yet).

Jools and his team will continue to support the ESJ leaders and IST all the way through to after the event.