



Hampshire County Scouts

European Scout Jamboree

Gdansk, Poland 2021

Team Members Questions and Answers

What is a European Scout Jamboree (EJ)?

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, it is a bit smaller than a WSJ, normally (around 15-20,000 people).

How often are they held?

There is not a specific timetable, 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 16-year gap. We have no idea when the next one will be.

What do we do at a Jamboree?

A Jamboree is built around a Patrol of 9 Scouts, with Patrols coming from across Europe (and there will be some from further afield). At the Jamboree, the Patrols will undertake a wide variety of activities, including loads of adventure activities, science-based activities, world issues activities and environmental activities. So one day you could be doing things like climbing, biking, kayaking etc., and the next day you could be trying to put the world to rights and discussing the causes and effects of war with other young people from different countries.

The Jamboree programme is organised into on-site activities, with activities from across the world and a challenging and exciting programme in the Jamboree village, and off-site activities which involve visiting nearby communities, discovering Poland and its history and culture and taking advantage of the fact the Jamboree takes place on an island with lots of adventurous and water activities.

A lot of the time at the Jamboree, the Scouts will go to their activities as a Patrol, or in a small group. Sometimes the leaders will be with them, and sometimes not. One of the best things is simply meeting other similar young people from other countries and the international community of Scouts.

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 EJ for 2020 was born.

However, Covid-19 came along and the Jamboree for 2020 had to be cancelled. The Hampshire unit that had been formed (consisting of Scouts from Hampshire and Surrey) then had to be closed down.

The European Scout Jamboree then announced that it was planning a Jamboree in 2021. As a result, a new Hampshire European Scout Jamboree 2021 unit is now being formed.

Whereabouts is it being held?

It is being held in Gdansk in Poland, the sixth largest Polish city, based on Sobieszewo Island: a purpose-built Jamboree island between the Vistula River and the Baltic sea, an area of natural beauty with terrain ranging from meadows and forests to beaches and water.

When is it being held?

The official dates of the Jamboree itself is 2nd August 2021 to 13th August 2021. To accommodate for travelling the provisional dates of the trip are expected to be from the 31st July 21 through to the 16th August 21.

What activities will be at the Jamboree?

During the day, there will be a modular programme, including key themes of:

- Powers: Science, Sport, Arts, Traditions, Health, Community and 21st Century Skills
- Scoutcrafts: Developing and applying Scouting and Guiding skills from building canoes to making belt buckles to cooking on fire
- Earth 2030: Discovering the UN Global Goals through workshops, debates, challenges and games
- Fusion: Exploring the Jamboree site, the island itself and the city of Gdansk
- Marina: Activities on and off the water at the local Harbour District
- Splash!: Time on the beach with beach games and activities on the sand and in the water
- Service Expedition: A journey into the Pomerania region to camp, hike, cook and experience life as Polish Scout and visit local communities and take part in a service project
- Discover Gdansk: Exploring the history and culture of Gdansk city, taking part in a big city game

Throughout all these activities, patrols will have the freedom to choose and develop their own program of activities based on their interests. In addition to the modular programme, there will be various drop-in activities and workshops across the Jamboree site, as well as special events such as the opening and closing ceremonies and the international evening – the big celebration of the Jamboree.

During the evenings, you will be free to engage with a special evening program of walk-in activities, shows, performances, talks, games and food offered by all the different countries and contingents, or to relax and explore with new-found friends.

Minimum Swimming Standard

Each participant needs to be able to swim a minimum of 50 mtrs unaided to be able to participate in the water based activities.

How large is the European Scout Jamboree?

The Jamboree is aimed at 15,000 - 20,000 Scouts and Leaders from across Europe, with visiting groups from outside of Europe.

What age groups is it open to?

Team members will need to have been born between 3 August 2003 and 31 December 2007. This is approx. 13 and 8 months to 18. These dates are fixed by UK HQ, and cannot be changed.

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.

How are the EJ units made up?

Just like the WSJ, the EJ 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.

Who can apply for the Hampshire 2021 unit?

The 23 scouts who were in the Hampshire 2020 unit (who were from Hampshire and Surrey) and are still of the correct age will be given first priority for 2021 places. This is only fair as their unit was cancelled due to Covid-19.

After this, Scouts, Explorers and Young Leaders from Hampshire who meet the age restrictions, can apply. If we do not receive enough applications (with positive references) by the closing date, the unit may be cancelled.

Will we be mixing with Scouts from other Countries?

Yes, very much. As a unit, you will be camping as one of eight subcamps, next to units from other European countries, and therefore, you will get to know your neighbours. Scouts and Guides from different countries will live together, cook together, work together and relax together.

For the activities, your patrol will mix with patrols from many 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 will Patrols work?

You will be part of a patrol of 9 members of the unit across the whole age range of the unit. Each patrol will have a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader responsible for their patrol. These patrols, along with their leaders, will be developed over the training weekends and activities as friendships and teamwork come together.

Camping and Accommodation

During the Jamboree itself, you will be camping. The tents will be provided by the expedition and you will be sharing with a small number of other Scouts from the unit. The Hampshire unit will have its own allocated camping space, and in this you will need to also have a cooking and eating area (the unit will go shopping at the Jamboree shop for food and will need to cook).

During the travel phases, you may be spending some time in indoor accommodation in hostels.

Food

You will be provided with the means and ability to cook during the Jamboree and while camping before and after. During the Jamboree, patrols will be expected to shop for food and supplies and cook for themselves on their site. Dietary needs and requirements will be met by the Jamboree team and leader team.

What equipment will I need to have?

You will need to have the usual items for an expedition camp. So this will include a sleeping bag, sleeping mat and appropriate clothing (you will need to carry your own kit for a couple of miles when you arrive and leave the Jamboree site). You will also need a Uniform (either Scout or Explorer). A kit list will be provided.

The weather over the Jamboree period is expected to be similar to a British Summer, with an average high temperature of 21 degrees.

What equipment will the unit provide?

The unit will provide day bags, main kit bag, a UK Expedition Scarf and unit clothing included in the price. Tents will be provided to be shared between Scouts.

What about Training?

The EJ unit will have a training program to bring the EJ unit together, with the 4 leaders before the Expedition. This will consist of various day and weekend camps and events. These are essential in forming the bonds and friendships within the unit and the patrols.

How will the unit be travelling to the EJ?

The Hampshire unit will be travelling by coach to and from the EJ. This could be either

- a. With multiple drivers, and will drive through the night
- b. With single driver, with an overnight stay

Hampshire Expedition Dates and Program

We still have confirmations to make, but the PROVISIONAL program is as follows

Date	Day	Action	Overnight at
31/07/2021	Saturday	Depart UK	
01/08/2021	Sunday	Arrive just outside Gdansk	Hostel
02/08/2021	Monday	Travel to Jamboree	Gdansk
03/08/2021	Tuesday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
04/08/2021	Wednesday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
05/08/2021	Thursday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
06/08/2021	Friday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
07/08/2021	Saturday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
08/08/2021	Sunday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
09/08/2021	Monday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
10/08/2021	Tuesday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
11/08/2021	Wednesday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
12/08/2021	Thursday	European Jamboree	Gdansk
13/08/2021	Friday	Leave Jamboree, travel to just outside Gdansk	Hostel
14/08/2021	Saturday	Depart Poland	
15/08/2021	Sunday	Arrive UK	

Dates may change by +/- a day.

Please Note : Subject to change and confirmation, as hotels and transport will be booked in Spring 2021.

Do I have to do all of it?

Yes. There will be no opportunity to join the expedition other than at departure point in the UK, or to leave early – everybody comes back to the UK on the last day.

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 or activities this time, allowing units to decide their own activities and tailor their own program. There is still a central UK contingent identity, with clothing and merchandise available from the Scout Shop.

What is the Cost?

Hampshire have set a cost of £1,445 for members of the Hampshire EJ Unit. This covers

- a. Cost of 3 Training Weekends
- b. Cost of any kit and Uniform provided
- c. Cost of Insurance
- d. Cost of travel to / from Gdansk

Deposits and Stage Payments

After the application process, your place will be confirmed once satisfactory references have been taken up. As part of the confirmation, you will be asked to sign an acceptance form, and will need to make a non-refundable deposit payment of £200. After this, there will be stage payments as follows

Payment 1	Non-Refundable Deposit	£200	With Acceptance
Payment 2	Stage Payment	£400	01/11/2020
Payment 3	Stage Payment	£400	01/01/2021
Payment 4	Stage Payment	£445	01/04/2021

It is the participant and their parent's responsibility to ensure that stage payments are made on time.

How do I make payments?

All payments will be made into the Hampshire County Scouts bank account. You will be provided with a sheet "How to make EJ payments".

Electronic payments are by far the most popular, and our preferred method.

We will NEVER accept cash payments to the Unit leaders. If you need to pay in cash, then you will need to take it to a HSBC bank and pay it in over the counter (details will be provided).

An instruction document (how to pay EJ), will be issued giving all of the details when we send out your place confirmation.

Fundraising

You are officially allowed to fundraise for the expedition. However, fundraising during the Covid-19 restrictions will be very difficult. As restrictions are lifted, more opportunities will occur.

It is NOT the leaders' responsibility to organise any fundraising or opportunities, although they can help provide some suggestions etc.

We recommend that you set up and use a Web-donation portal to raise funds. We do not recommend which one, this will be down to yourselves. Funds go to your own bank account, and then you transfer payments into the Hampshire County Scouts account.

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 EJ.

Insurance

Each team member / leader 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.

Like all Insurance policies, the Unity Insurance will NOT cover a cancellation due to Covid 19. The Jamboree fee payable to the Polish Scout Association has to be paid in full by January 2021. Other transport and accommodation expenses will be incurred during the Spring of 2021. While we will endeavour to commit expenditure only when it is necessary to do so, we will have to pay deposits and stage payments for some items which may not be recoverable in the event of cancellation due to Covid 19 or other events out of the control of Hampshire Scouts.

Also, the insurance does not cover the full cost of £1,445. It only covers "non recoverable items" and "items not already received". Therefore, cost of things like UK training weekends, kit and equipment are not covered under the insurance. If we need to make a claim on the insurance, we will need to do work to calculate what can be claimed etc.

We will be aiming to take out the Unity Insurance in March 2021 when the outgoing payments (other than Jamboree Fee) significantly increase.

EHIC

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 handover period in December 2020, we currently do not know what will happen to the EHIC system. However, if the EHIC continues, or is replaced with a similar system, you will be requirement to have this cover.

Passports

Each Team Member and Leader, will require a valid passport. At this point in time, we are assuming it will need an expiry date 6 months after we return (so will need to be valid until at least 16th Feb 2022).

It is your responsibility to provide an individual passport and ensure that it is valid.

We will need an electronic copy of the main passport page (i.e. A scan or clear photo). This will be stored in the EJ data storage area on google docs.

We are not envisaging needing Visa's for Europe, but this is obviously currently being discussed by the Government. If it transpires that we need visa's, then it is up to you to obtain this (however, we will need a copy of it).

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. There will be various adventurous and active activities throughout the programme. Therefore, it is important that everybody has a reasonable level of fitness, as you could easily spend 2-3 hours a day, simple walking across the site.

Also, on arrival and departure at the Jamboree, you will need to carry all of your kit (in a rucksack), including your tents, for several miles from the coach drop off point to the unit campsite.

Health / Medical / Disabilities / Special Needs

The EJ 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 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 (07789 966440) to discuss.

How do we apply as a Team Member?

Complete an application form and send in as soon as possible.

The 23 Scouts that were members of the 2020 unit, will be given priority in the allocation of places.

The remaining applications will be put in application receipt order, and the references taken up.

Leaders / DC References / Other Checks

We will need to carry out references with your Leaders and you DC. The results of these references are confidential. Only once satisfactory references and checks have been completed, will we confirm a place on the team. You will then be sent an acceptance form to complete and return with a £200 non-refundable deposit.

Online Scout Manager (OSM)

We will be utilising the Online Scout Manager system for communications and main personal data store for the EJ. 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.

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Additional data storage

Additional data will be stored in an EJ area on the Hampshire Scouts Google Platform. Access will be limited to the Unit Leaders, ACC(International), Home Contact and senior Hampshire leader team.

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 EJ.

All Data processing will be carried out under the Hampshire County Scouts GDPR Policy.

We will use the following systems for Data Processing

- Online Scout Manager (www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk) – main system for storing personal data, sending E-mails, organising events etc.
- Hampshire Google GSuite – storage system for general documents for the planning and organisation of the EJ.
- Financial System – for tracking all income and expenditure on a per person basis

Data will be primarily used and accessed by the ACC(International) team, and the leaders of the Hampshire EJ unit, and the Home Contact. We will only be holding data that is required for the planning, organising and running of the EJ.

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, Passport details, 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 2021, for Insurance purposes. For any person that makes any payment, will have some details retained for 7 years for financial auditing purposes.

Reporting Structure

The EJ 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 will oversee the running of the expedition.

Behaviour

The team does need to operate as a team, and therefore, we will need to see good Scouting teamwork developing within the unit, with all team members being included. We appreciate that this can be difficult whilst we are operating virtually.

If we see or hear of negative behaviour, especially bullying or isolation of a team member, the leader team will undertake appropriate steps to try and rectify.

If the situation is classed as a major issue, or does not improve, individual members of the unit may be removed from the unit at any time.

All team members are part of the team by permission of the County Commissioner, and the County Commissioner (or their nominee) reserves the right to remove any team member at any time.

Covid-19

The UK Scout Association (along with the National Youth Association) have developed a 4 stage plan for the return to Scouting following Covid 19.

The 4 levels are

Colour	Description	Allowed to do	For EJ Unit
Red	Rate of infection is remaining consistent or growing	Virtual Scouting Only	Advertising, Applications, first 4-6 months of the unit.
Amber	Rate of infection is reducing consistently in all parts of the country	Outdoor activities where safe to do so, in small groups.	No change in our program, carry on as Red level.
Yellow	Number of cases low and decreasing, full Track and Trace system in place	Indoor activities in small groups, or outdoor activities in large groups, where it is safe to do so	We may use this if Green is taking longer. 50% of unit could meet on a Saturday, and 50% of the unit on a Sunday, both outdoors.
Green	No new cases or a vaccine is readily available	Return to normal scouting. Overnight activities can return after addition agreement from HQ.	

The sizes of Small and large will be given when we move to these stages. For initial planning purposes, small is considered to be 6-15, and large is considered to be 20-24.

As you will see, the early stages will be carried out under Red. When the levels move to Amber, this does not bring any advantage to the unit. The unit could potentially meet as two halves when we move to Yellow, and this may be considered if Green is taking longer to reach.

The 3 training weekends in full can only occur when we are at Green level, however, we may consider some smaller events if we stay in Yellow for a long time.

Virtual Preparation

With Scouting being at Amber level we can essentially only run Virtual Scouting .

So the Advertising, Application and initial unit meetings, will all be conducted online / virtual.

Obviously, we would really like to be able to meet, but in practice, this is not going to happen until at least the start of 2021.

The unit will use a mixture of platforms to provide Virtual Scouting during the whole of the 12 months.

Social Media

With limited training opportunities, it will be important that all team members make the most of the Virtual platforms that will be set up, along with Social Media groups.

The leader team will set up some formal groups (such as (but not limited to) a Facebook Group, Whats App Group), that will include and will be monitored by the leader team.

We can not stop the young people setting up their own groupings on any social media platform, and these will not be monitored by the leader team.

Across all Social Media, behaviour is expected to fit in with the Scouts Promise and Law.

Training weekends

Three training weekends are planned, and we are leaving these as late as possible, to enable us to be at the Green level.

TW01 – March 2021

TW02 – April 2021

TW03 – July 2021 (Gilwell 24)

If we go Green earlier, then we hope to include an additional weekend.

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If we go Green later, then some of these events may need to be dropped.

You will notice that we are avoiding weekend events during May and June, as it is Exam season.

Photo and Video usage

During the course of the training period and the expedition, the leaders will take photos and video to be used for "Scouting Purposes". This could be on the Hampshire EJ team social media pages, it could be for things such as the Hampshire Annual review etc. The Photos and Video will not identify individuals by name in its usage. If an individual should not be shown, then please inform the leader team so that they are aware. The leader team cannot be responsible for any photo's or video taken by any other individual.

Hampshire Cancellation September 2020

We have to fill the unit in September 2020. Hampshire Scouting reserve the right to cancel the unit in September 2020 if we have not received 36 Acceptance forms and Deposits. In this instance, the deposit would be refunded in full.

EJ Cancellation November 2020

The organisers have stated that they will be looking at the numbers registered for the European Jamboree on 1st November, and if this is under 10,000, they may cancel the event. We will find out about this decision around mid November 2020. In this instance, the deposit would be refunded in full.

Cancellation for other reasons

There are other reasons why we may not be able to take part. The UK Scout Association may decide that the UK Contingent are no longer able to take part (or any specific Unit), or the Polish organisers in connection with WOSM may cancel the event at any point. The most likely reason for both of these is a subsequent wave of Covid 19. Another reason for cancellation could be that Hampshire County Scouts consider that the safety and financial risks are too high to continue. This could be at checkpoints in January 2021 (before the final payment to the Polish organisers) and March 2021 (before we start paying for transportation and hostels), or at any point between March 2021 and August 2021.

Hampshire County Scouts will not be able to make a full refund under these circumstances. Hampshire County Scouts will only be able to refund monies that it has not spent, that can be retrieved from suppliers (e.g. Coach and Hostels) or from any (if possible) insurance claim.

Withdrawal Policy

If a team member withdraws, or is withdrawn by the Hampshire County Scouts, then the following applies

- a. No refund will be made until after the expedition, and the accounts are completed.
- b. The non-refundable deposit is not included in any refund
- c. All costs incurred so far, future costs that can not be cancelled or changed and the cost of withdrawing, will not be included in a refund.
- d. The cost of withdrawing will include costs associated with another person taking their place, this includes possibly having to reduce the price to fill the place, and the cost of changing names over.
- e. If the withdrawal is covered by the insurance (such as death in family), then this will go towards the calculation of the refund. Please Note : Insurance only covers certain items, it does not cover the full price of £1,445.

End of Expedition Refunds

Hampshire Scouts policy is to require a suitable contingency be built into every Expedition budget in order to cater for unforeseen expenses that may arise before or during the event. Where the Expedition final accounts show a surplus, the County will normally return surplus funds to participants, subject to a retention of to £50 per participant (which may be applied either towards its event contingency fund or for County Expedition/event grants).