



## Hampshire County Scouts

### European Scout Jamboree

Gdansk, Poland 2021

## IST 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, 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.

### What do IST do at a Jamboree?

The IST are the adults that effectively run the event. The IST Volunteers can do anything from performing on the main stage, running adventurous activities, running science activities, working in the shops, or even bog cleaning!

There will usually be a method of selecting what sort of job you want to do, and then you will be put into teams with other IST members from different countries to work, eat and have fun.

There is normally a really good atmosphere in the IST, and it is a great way to meet and make new friends from across the world.

### How has this EJ 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 declared that it was postponing to 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.

### When is it being held?

The official dates of the Jamboree itself is 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

IST will be needed on site from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (provisional dates).

Some days will be needed either side for travelling, and you may sign up for pre and post "tours" (at extra cost, paid to Poland, of course).

### 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?

For IST, you must be 18 or over on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **Can I apply even if I am currently under 18?**

Yes, as long as you are 18 by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Whilst some of the processes are set up for all applicants to be over 18, we have also had a route set up for those that are under 18, turning 18.

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

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

### **Camping and Accommodation**

During the Jamboree itself, you will be camping (you will need to supply your tent, or organise a tent share).

### **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, appropriate clothing and a rucksack (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 (Adult).

### **How will I be travelling to the EJ?**

This is down to yourself to organise. You may of course link up with other Hampshire (or wider) IST members to share transport, but you will need to organise and pay for this yourself.

### **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?**

There is a fee of 1,200 Polish Zloty (approx. £245). This will need to be paid to Hampshire Scouts by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and is a non-refundable payment.

Then you will need to pay yourself for

- a. Cost of any kit and Uniform you wish to purchase
- b. Cost of Insurance (allow £20)
- c. Cost of travel to / from Gdansk
- d. Cost of any Pre / Post tour activities

### **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).

### **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.

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.

### **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 / EHIC**

Each IST member will need to be covered by Insurance, which they will need to take out.

We can help organise this through a standard Scout Unity International Expedition Policy.

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, it will be a requirement to have this.

As per all Insurance policies, the Insurance will NOT cover a cancellation due to Covid 19.

### **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.

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, (subject to minimum age).

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

- a. Passing on to the Jamboree organisers
- b. For looking into any reasonable adaptations that we may need to make to enable the applicant to gain the most from this experience

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 an IST Member?**

Complete an application form and send in as soon as possible. Closing date will be 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

We will then check the references and then progress from there.

### **What is the process after application?**

Once we have offered you a place, you will need to pay the £245 to Hampshire Scouts by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This £245 is a non-refundable payment.

We will then create a Compass Role, which will kick off certain Compass functions.

Once these are completed, HQ will then register you with the EJ organisers in Poland.

You should then receive an E-mail, given you access to the IST job catalogue, so you can enter your job preferences.

During this process, we will link all of the Hampshire IST members together.

### **Training and other things**

To be a member of the IST, there are some minimum requirements. Everybody must complete

- a. A UK Scout DBS Check
- b. UK Scout Training Module 1 – Essential Information
- c. UK Scout Safeguarding Training
- d. UK Scout Safety Training

Some of these will need to be completed by October 2020. For those that are under 18, we have ways we can work around this.

## **Finances**

You will need to pay the EJ fee (£245) to the Hampshire County Scouts Bank Account by 15<sup>th</sup> September 20. All other finances is down to you. An instruction document (how to pay EJ), will be issued giving all of the details when we send out your place confirmation.

## **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 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.

## **Additional data storage**

Additional data will be stored in a EJ area on Goggle Docs. 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

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 EJ.
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) 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**

All IST members are part of the Hampshire EJ 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 organise a meet up of IST members, to discuss plans etc.
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 6-8, and large is considered to be 20-24.

### **Start up Virtually**

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

So the Advertising, Application and initial IST discussions, will all be conducted online / virtual.

### **Training weekends**

The IST have no explicit training weekends etc. However, the main Hampshire unit are planning on 3, and may be grateful for assistance.

### **EJ Cancellation**

The organisers have stated that they will be looking at the numbers registered for the European Jamboree on 1<sup>st</sup> November, and if this is under 10,000, they may cancel the event. We will find out about this decision around mid November 2020.

The Jamboree may be cancelled at any point between now and the start of the event for a variety of reasons, the most obvious is a subsequent wave of Covid 19.

Hampshire County Scouts is not responsible for retrieving any fees paid to the organisers on your behalf, or for any knock on or follow on costs that you may have paid in anticipation of attending the EJ, under any circumstances.

### **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. The most likely reason for this is a subsequent wave of Covid 19.

The Scout Covid 19 status has to be at Green to allow International events, and this includes an effective Green in all Countries that the you will be travelling through as well.

Hampshire County Scouts is not responsible for retrieving any fees paid to the organisers on your behalf, or for any knock on or follow on costs that you may have paid in anticipation of attending the EJ, under any circumstances.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

If an IST member withdraws, or is withdrawn by the Hampshire County Scouts, then the following applies

- a. As the only payment to Hampshire is a £245 non-refundable payment, there is nothing to be refunded.
- b. Hampshire County Scouts is not responsible for any knock on or follow on costs that you may have paid in anticipation of attending the EJ, under any circumstances.

### **End of Expedition Refunds**

As the IST only has the one payment of £245 (which is simply passed to Poland), the following text is largely irrelevant, but has to be included.

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).