

Are you ready to “Unlock a New World? The USA Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019 is accepting applications for participants, adult volunteers, and International Service Team (IST) members.

The World Scout Jamboree is the largest camping event organized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), gathering as many as 50,000 Scouts and leaders from 169 National Scout Organizations. The 24th World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is co-hosted by Scouts Canada, Association de Scouts de Mexico, and the Boy Scouts of America. The last time the United States hosted a WSJ was in 1967 in Idaho.

The WSJ is an educational event bringing together young men and young women from around the world to promote peace, mutual understanding, and to develop leadership skills. The Jamboree will feature the hallmarks of past World Jamboree programs, such as the Global Development Village, the World Scout Centre, a special sustainability initiative, and the socialization elements that allow participants to make lifelong friends from around the world.

Participation is open to eligible men and women who are registered members in the Boy Scouts of America. World Scout Jamboree units will be organized on a regional (not Council) basis.

Dates:

**July 22 – August 2, 2019** (USA Contingent will arrive on July 21, 2019)

Location:

**Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve, West Virginia, USA**

Eligibility:

**Youth participants (boys and girls) must be age 14-17** - birthday between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005.

**Adult unit leaders must be 18 and older** - birthday before July 22, 2001.

Application Process:

Participants, adult leaders, and IST must **complete an online application at**

<https://wsj2019.us/apply>.

Applications will be reviewed on both a Council and National level.

**Before you start applying, be ready to provide your BSA ID number and a \$250.00 deposit.** If you have trouble with registration, email [USContingent@Scouting.org](mailto:USContingent@Scouting.org) for help.

USA Contingent Cost:

Participants and Leaders – The participant and unit leader fee includes registration for the Jamboree, meals at the Jamboree, tents, and patrol and cooking gear. The fees also cover appropriate travel expenses (including food) between “Hub Cities” and the Jamboree.

Applicants will be responsible for the costs to get themselves to and from these “Hub City” locations. Those Gateway locations are identified as Yeager Airport in Charleston, WV, Charlotte/Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, NC, the AMTRAK station in Prince, WV, and the Ruby Welcome Center in Mt. Hope, WV. The USA Contingent will not have pre or

post touring in order to keep the cost down and allow more participation to this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Fees:

Total fee for Southern Region participants and adult volunteers with **Early Bird Discount is \$2,400.00, regular fee is \$2,500.00.**

Early Bird discount:

To qualify applicants must submit a \$250 deposit when when they apply between November 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018 and make all additional payments on time.

Payment Schedule for Early Bird Discount:

Application Deposit - \$250.00 by January 31, 2018

1st Payment - \$850.00 by March 15, 2018

2nd Payment - \$700.00 by September 15, 2018

Final Payment - \$600.00 by March 15, 2019

Selection Process:

The Boy Scouts of America is limited to the number of participants and International Service Team Members it can send to a World Jamboree. Based on anticipated participation, space could be limited.

Participants – Participants will be notified, by unit leadership, if they have been accepted or are being put on a waiting list. If they are put on a waiting list, they will continue to pay according to the payment schedule. Applicants on the waiting list that are not ultimately selected will receive a full refund (including initial deposit).

Leaders – There will be four leaders per unit and acceptance timing will be based on the filling of youth in the units which have been allocated to each Region. Leaders will continue to pay, according to the payment schedule even if they have not been confirmed. BSA area and regional leadership will select leaders based on the leader qualifications. Leader applicants who are not ultimately selected will receive a full refund.

Other General Information:

Prior to the Jamboree, online training for participants, unit leaders and IST will be required for all in the USA Contingent. This will be identified and provided during late 2018.

A World Jamboree is a coed event and all are encouraged to apply. If a potential participant is currently not a member of the Boy Scouts of America due to current membership age requirements and would like to apply for the Jamboree, they should contact their local council. They will learn how to register in order to apply for the World Jamboree.

The participants and unit leaders from the USA Contingent will arrive on July 21st and depart August 2nd – the arrival day is a day earlier than the other contingents – this is to help the Jamboree Organizers (Host) welcome other participants and leaders from all around the world.

The Jamboree Organizing Committee has the authority to cancel the event due to compelling reasons. If the Jamboree is canceled because of events outside of BSA or the Jamboree

Organizing Committee control (e.g., acts of terrorism, natural disasters), the BSA and Jamboree Organizing Committee may not refund the fees collected.

Any payment made after March 15, 2019 is subject to an additional \$50 late fee.

We hope you'll join Scouts and Scouters from across the BSA for this opportunity to "Come See the World" right in our backyard in West Virginia. If you have any questions, please contact the Piedmont Council International Representative, John Green at [john.green@gmail.com](mailto:john.green@gmail.com).