

Why Jamboree?



Adventure

From Challenge Valley to appearing on stage in front of your Sub Camp and thousands of new friends, the World Scout Jamboree is packed full of new activities and experiences and new challenges for you to achieve.

"For me the Jamboree has been such an experience, it's been absolutely amazing. I've been so glad I was able to come and experience everyone's different cultures."



International Friendship

Imagine a place where you can walk around and say "hello" to people from over 150 different countries - where they'll smile and say "hello" back to you.

"The Jamboree just goes to show that peace is possible in the world... it goes to show that people can live in harmony if they put their minds to it."



Developing Young People

During your time away from home you'll learn how to be both a team member and a leader, how to make the most of every minute of your day, how to follow your dreams and how to help make others' dreams come true.

"A Jamboree is so much more special than a normal camp - you meet so many people from different countries - it's just like the world world being in one village"



Change the World for Good

During the World Scout Jamboree you'll find out more about the issues and challenges facing our world today, and how together we can begin to solve them and build a better world.

Introduction to the 21st World Scout Jamboree 2007

Young people aged between 14 and 17, who are Scouts in their home countries, have travelled from all over the world to be here.

And now 40,000 people from across the campsite have converged for the [Opening Ceremony](#), the official start of the Jamboree. The arena is full of Scouts as far as the eye can see.



“From day one, even before the Jamboree had started, there was an electric atmosphere, one that you wouldn’t get anywhere else.”

Just a Perfect Day

For the Scouts, everyone was awake early ready for the day’s [activities](#) – a day packed full of shared adventure, discovery about the world, and service projects. As evening approaches, the Scouts return to their [Subcamps](#) which provide a focus for the early evening activities combined with an international melting pot.

“Not until you have been do you fully understand the sheer scale and the adrenaline that is constantly pumping through you.”

Celebrating 100 years of Scouting

Scouts greet sunrise on August 1st to the sound of the kudu horn in a linked series of [Centenary Celebrations](#) around the world, The day continues with an international street party, as new friends are made, different cultures are shared and valued, and a world at peace starts to seem achievable.

“People were cheering and singing as they were walking around and everyone was saying ‘Hello’ to you. There seemed to be no communication barrier.”



Farewell

All too quickly, the 10 days of the Jamboree are coming to an end, and it is time to reflect and look back on what has taken place at the [Closing Ceremony](#).

“This was probably the saddest time of all, was we knew this was the last time that we would all be here together for the same reason. It was around then that it hit me what had happened, and that I would never again be able to experience this indescribable adventure of a lifetime.”

(The quotes on this webpage are from Scouts who participated in the 19th World Scout Jamboree in Chile in 1999)

Programme - key dates

The key dates are as follows:

Date	Activity
Tuesday 24 July 2007	IST arrive
Wednesday 25	IST General Training
Thursday 26	IST Special Training
Friday 27	Participants main arrival day
Saturday 28	Opening ceremony
Sunday 29	Programme starts
Monday 30	Programme
Tuesday 31	Programme
Wednesday 1 August	Scouting's Sunrise and Centenary Celebrations
Thursday 2 August	Programme
Friday 3 August	Programme
Saturday 4 August	Programme
Sunday 5 August	Programme
Monday 6 August	Programme Ends
Tuesday 7 August	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday 8 August	Participants main departure day
Thursday 9 August	IST depart

The time marked as Programme, will be broken down for participants as follows:

Global Development Village	1/2 day
World Villages	6 x 1/2 day
Starburst	1 day
Gilwell Adventure	1 day
Splash!	1 day
Choice time	3 x 1/2 day

Home Hospitality for the 21st World Scout Jamboree

What is Ho Ho?

Home Hospitality (Ho Ho) is an exciting opportunity for Scouts attending the Jamboree to also experience local culture and Scouting – for 3-4 days either just before or just after the Jamboree itself.

Ho Ho is also an exciting opportunity for local Scout families in the UK and beyond to be a part of the Jamboree experience by hosting visiting Scouts for a few days.



Why Ho Ho?

For a few days, Scouts from other countries stay with the families or communities of local Scouts, and gain an insight into the way of life in another country that no ordinary tourist would enjoy.

Many previous Jamboree Scouts have said afterwards that the Ho Ho experience was perhaps the most memorable part of their trip – resulting in lasting friendships with their host family and sometimes follow-on exchange visits.

Who can Ho Ho?

Ho Ho will be available to Jamboree Scouts and Unit leaders.

Some contingents may prefer home-based Ho Ho, with pairs of Scouts staying with each host Scout family (in a separate sleeping area), and the Unit leaders typically staying with the family of local Scout leaders.

Other contingents may prefer community-based Ho Ho – where the Jamboree Unit stays together in community accommodation.



What happens on Ho Ho?

Each host Scout family decides what to show to their guest Scouts – typically this would include local tourist attractions plus the experience of typical daily life.

In addition, it is common for Jamboree Units and all their host families to get together for community activities during the Ho Ho period.

Where will Ho Ho be?

Ho Ho is planned to be offered across the United Kingdom.