



Jamboree Bulletin #2

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Scouts! Venturers! Plan Now to Attend!

Sign up now to attend the 21st World Scout Jamboree during the summer of 2007. The experience of being with Scouts from around the world is not to be missed. The Boy Scouts of America will have a contingent of 3,200 Scouts, Venturers and leaders in 80 units for the 21st World Scout Jamboree. The units will all be provisional troops and crews organized by the four regions of the Boy Scouts of America.

Youth Participants

Scouts and Venturers must be between the ages of 14 and 17 years old on July 27, 2007—specifically, those born between July 28, 1989, and July 27, 1993, may take part in the jamboree. Age requirements are set by the World Scout Committee and are *not* negotiable.

The WSJ fee of \$3,975 includes travel. Youth participants and unit leadership must travel with contingents to and from the jamboree. Separate travel arrangements are not possible. All youth must attend their unit's pre-jamboree camp in the winter/spring of 2007. The pre-jamboree camps are usually scheduled after the troop or crew is formed in order to make them geographically accessible to the participants.

The Venturing crews are co-ed. Venturers older than 17 who wish to attend the jamboree must participate as members of the International Service Team (IST). As a member of the IST staff, they will be among many other IST members their own age.

Applications can be downloaded here:

- [Scout/Venturer Application \[PDF\]](#) (participants)
- [Adult Application \[PDF\]](#) (unit leaders and staff)

Jamboree Leadership

Unit leadership is currently being selected. Adults age 18 and older wishing to apply to be a member of the unit leadership should do so immediately! Download your application from this Web site ([click here](#)). As a part of the selection process, personal interviews are required. This necessary step takes time but is essential. The interviews are coordinated through the regional World Scout Jamboree committees. It is anticipated that the leaders will be announced as they are selected. The target is to have all provisional units fully staffed by June of 2006.

Adults not selected to be part of unit leadership should consider an International Service Team position.

International Service Team—The WSJ Staff

The International Service Team is the World Scout Jamboree staff. It is comprised of adults age 18 and older. As many as 800 adult members of the Boy Scouts of America may be selected to serve on this staff. Individuals wishing to be IST members must apply and be approved by the Boy Scouts of America. However, the final selection and positions offered to applicants is made by the host country of the World Scout Jamboree. Specific information is listed on the application ([click here to download application form](#)) .

All representatives of the Boy Scouts of America serving as IST members will be provided their own tent as a part of their jamboree fee paid to the BSA. Travel is not included in the fee of \$1,950.

Community at the 21st World Scout Jamboree 2007

The soul of the World Scout Jamboree is the international friendship and understanding between young people from around the world. The catalysts for this are the community and discovery activities within and beyond the Jamboree—combined with the friendships forged in subcamps and adventurous activities between Scouts from different worlds.

Global Development Village

The Global Development Village aims to help Scouts understand the challenges the world is facing today and its hopes for the future. Through workshops, discussions, and interactive exhibits, Scouts can explore how they can make a practical contribution to solving these issues. International and specialized organizations participate in the Global Development Village through exhibitions and staff. Past jamborees have included organizations such as the United Nations, WWF International, and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The themes of the Global Development Village range from peace and intercultural understanding to the environment.

Jamboree Weather

On average, the jamboree site at Hylands Park experiences mild, temperate summers with occasional rainfall. Here are the official July/August averages for East Anglia, courtesy of the U.K. Meteorological Office:

- Average maximum temperature: 73°F (22°C)
- Average minimum temperature: 54°F (12°C)
- Average daily sunshine: 6.5 hours
- Average daily rainfall: 1.5mm
- Average days with more than 1mm rainfall: 1 in 4 days

Jamboree participants should beware of the British weather! These are averages only—the weather may be much hotter during the jamboree (over 86°F/30°C) or there may be thunderstorms, rain and strong winds lowering the temperature. Our advice is to "Be Prepared." Bring both sunscreen lotion and a waterproof coat. Pack a range of clothing that is suitable for either hot sunny weather or cold rainy weather—including sun hats and boots. A good sleeping bag and waterproof tent will be important, as the nights are generally cool and the mornings damp.

Passports

You will need a passport to go to the jamboree. A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. Only the U.S. Department of State has the authority to grant, issue, or verify U.S. passports.

Application for a U.S. Passport

The Passport Services Office provides information and services to American citizens about how to obtain, replace, or change a passport.

You'll need to apply in person if you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time at one of 7,000 passport acceptance facilities located throughout the United States with two copies of a passport photograph of yourself, proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate), and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license. If you are not yet 14 years of age, both parents will have to go with you to make your passport application.

Renewal of a U.S. Passport

If your passport has expired, you can renew it by mail if your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged, as long as you received the passport within the past 15 years, you were over age 16 when it was issued, and you still have the same name or can legally document your name change. You can download a passport renewal application form at <http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport>.

If your passport has been, altered, or damaged, you cannot apply by mail. You must apply in person.

Your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months after our scheduled return date from England, which is August 9, 2007. This will not be an issue for any of you who are getting your first passport for this event.

Make two copies of your passport identification page. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost or stolen. Leave one copy at home with friends or relatives. Your Scoutmaster should carry the other copy.

Travel Tips

Safety begins when you pack. Always try to travel light; you will be less tired. Do not leave your luggage unattended. Carry the minimum amount of valuables necessary for your trip, and plan a place or places to conceal them. When you have to carry a passport, cash, and credit cards on your person, you may wish to conceal them in several places rather than putting them all in one wallet or pouch. Avoid handbags, fanny packs, and outside pockets that are easy targets for thieves. Inside pockets and a sturdy shoulder bag with the strap worn across your chest are somewhat safer. One of the safest places to carry valuables is in a pouch or money belt worn under your clothing. If you wear glasses, pack an extra pair. Bring them and any medicines you need in your carry-on luggage. To avoid problems when passing through customs, keep medicines in their original, labeled containers. Bring copies of your prescriptions and the generic names for the drugs. If a medication is unusual or contains narcotics, carry a letter from your doctor attesting to your need to take the drug. Bring traveler's checks and one or two major credit cards instead of a lot of cash.

Put your name, address, and telephone numbers inside and outside of each piece of luggage. Use covered luggage tags to avoid casual observation of your identity or nationality.

Consider getting a telephone calling card. It is a convenient way of keeping in touch. If you have one, verify that you can use it from your overseas location(s). Access numbers to U.S. operators are published in many international newspapers. Find out your access number before you go.

What to Leave Behind

Don't bring anything you would hate to lose. Leave at home:

- valuable or expensive-looking jewelry
- irreplaceable family objects
- all unnecessary credit cards
- Social Security card, library cards, and similar items you may routinely carry in your wallet

Leave a copy of your itinerary with family or friends at home in case they need to contact you in an emergency.

A Few Things to Take AND Leave Behind

Make two photocopies of your passport identification page, airline tickets, driver's license and the credit cards that you plan to bring with you. Leave one photocopy of this data with family or friends at home; pack the other in a place separate from where you carry your valuables. Leave a copy of the serial numbers of your traveler's checks with a relative at home. Carry your copy with you in a separate place and, as you cash the checks, cross them off the list.
