

Forth Region Scouts

World Scout Jamboree 2019 : Information for Leaders



I am grateful in advance to Forth Region Scout Leaders, Explorer Scout Leaders and ES(YL) co-ordinators for your:

Active promotion to members born 22nd July '01 - 21st July '05.

- Our members may need encouragement and guidance to apply. WSJ is not just for those with the most awards, and equally it is not the best type of event for everyone !
 - Each member has only one chance to attend as a youth !!
 - Being selected is an honour and brings credit on your own efforts.

Want help in understanding the WSJ benefits? Myself or the Unit Leader do a section visit, see you at the Regional AGM on November 1st or at other promotion events still to be arranged for applicant scouts and families.

- A selection process will impact applicants

There are 27 places. Any unsuccessful applicants will need support to maintain their self-esteem and scouting enthusiasm. Those selected face challenges that also need your support later. We want the individual and your local Scouting to gain from the process and events. (Scouting in Forth supports your programme to include other International opportunities for youth and adult members. Again, contact me for more information.)

COST!!!! There is no doubt that the WSJ is mega and expensive event, estimated at £3850. The Unit and families will be doing their own fund-raising. Additionally, and most importantly the Region team and the District Commissioners are anticipating that local Scouting will help their successful applicants with financial support. Most likely this will be new fund-raising activity. Please look to support members across the Group/Unit connections. Additional fund-raising can have many spin-off benefits, not least financial. Those Groups/Units without a direct member in the WSJ Unit can also look for programme involvement and to make some contribution e.g. Friends of the Jamboree sponsorship.

Assisting the application process

- Signing the application form for any applicants in your section
- Separately providing information on the applicants under your responsibility by filling in the Leader Recommendations form and returning it by November 21st.

Consideration of giving assistance to the selection process

- Please inform me if you can help in the selection event on 25th- 26th November.

Or suggest/recruit others who can e.g. Leaders enthusiastic in supporting Scout and Explorer Scouting activities; Leaders used to making contingent selections ; recent WSJ participants (attending as youth, leader or IST members); adults members who have or may be interested in international experience

Selection will be noon to mid-afternoon for the young people with an overnight stay. This will be at The Craigs, or depending on applicant numbers at Barrwood and overnight at local Scout hall(s) if necessary. Some adults will be running activities. Others will help the applicants understand about the WSJ experience. Adults leading the selection decision will be working exclusively within a sub-team responsible for one age year group. Ideally adults will be able to arrive early to set-up and briefing, stay throughout, and stay on to make selections, but the important factor is maintaining continuity within the sub-team for selection amongst that age group.

There will be an event planning meeting, provisionally Sun 29 Oct 7.30pm at Denny Scout Hall .

- Any view point on the process is also welcome and adult members may fill in the separate feed-back form and preferably return it to me by 28th October

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