

POLAND 2027 - 26th World Scout Jamboree

# USA CONTINGENT UPDATES

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**POLAND 2027**

**26TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE**

**UNITED STATES**

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# Spirit of "Bravely"



*WSJ DATE*

**07/30 - 08/08  
2027**

*SITE*

**GDANSK,  
POLAND**

*THEME*

**BRAVELY**

# Why attend the 2027 World Scout Jamboree?



## BRAVELY GO WHERE ADVENTURE AWAITS.

Because it's a once-in-a-lifetime adventure where you'll join thousands of **Scouts from around the globe** to **explore new cultures, build lasting friendships**, and **live the Scouting spirit on a world stage**.

In Poland, you'll experience the best of international Scouting—**hands-on challenges, outdoor adventures, and opportunities to lead and learn**—all while representing the USA as part of a worldwide movement of unity, peace, and service.

The 2027 World Scout Jamboree is more than a trip; it's your chance to **discover who you are, how you can make a difference, and how Scouting connects us all**.

# Contingent Management Team – Executive Leadership



**Bill McKinney**, Head of Contingent ([usapoland2027@gmail.com](mailto:usapoland2027@gmail.com))

**Greg Szczęsny**, Finance Lead

**Szymon Łączny**, Communications Lead

**Ron Ratto**, Logistics and Registration Lead

**Michael Files**, Personnel and Training Lead

**Ella Ozier**, PMO and Commissioner Lead



# Itinerary and Participation Status

# Your 2-Week Adventure (Tentative Date)



## Departure from USA airports:

- 24 July 2027 (may be +/- 1 day)

## USA contingent pre-tour:

- 25 - 29 July 2027

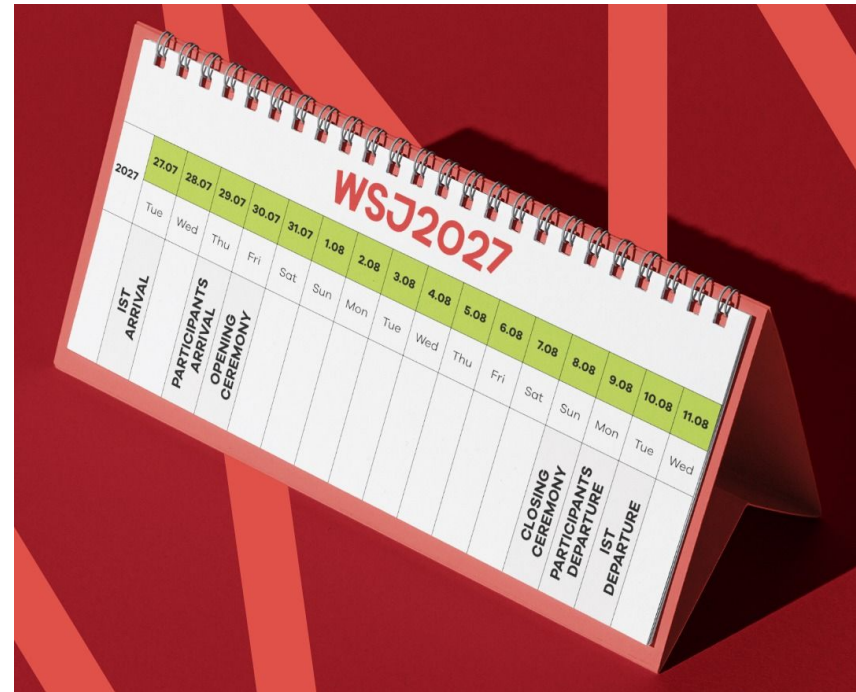
★ Arrive at the WSJ site 29 July 2027

## Jamboree event:

- 30 July - 8 August 2027

## Depart Poland:

- 9 August 2027



# The Details – Departure & Pre-Tour



Depart from multiple USA Gateway cities – participants select their gateway city

Pre-tour throughout Poland (potential sites)

- **Krakow:** a city whose historic center was left largely undamaged during WWII.
- **Auschwitz:** a solemn memorial and museum to the victims of the Holocaust.
- **Warsaw:** a city whose historic center was meticulously rebuilt after being almost completely destroyed in WWII.

# The Details – Pre-Tour Map (Potential Sites)



St. Mary's Basilica, Krakow



Auschwitz-Birkenau (The Gate of Death)



The Crane, Gdansk



Palace of Culture and Science, Warsaw

# Wyspa Sobieszewska – Jamboree Site






The 26th World Scout Jamboree will take place on the stunning **Sobieszewo Island** (Wyspa Sobieszewska), in Gdańsk. Surrounded by the Baltic Sea and the Vistula River, it's a unique location full of natural beauty.

Did you know the island is a protected nature reserve and home to **over 200 bird species**? Get ready to explore this amazing environment at WSJ 2027!



# Current Participation Status



	<i>Current</i>	<i>Next Step</i>	<i>Scan for Link</i>
<b>Participant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registration still <b>OPEN</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Make/catch-up payment</li><li>Awaiting unit assignment in Q2</li></ul>	
<b>Unit Leader</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Early-Leader interviews: COMPLETED</li><li>Additional Leader: STILL <b>ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interview</li><li>Unit assignment in Q2</li></ul>	
<b>IST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WAITLIST (First-come, first-serve)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Make/catch-up payment</li><li>Next-in-line waitlisted IST get notified if space becomes available</li><li>Job assignment selection in March/April</li></ul>	



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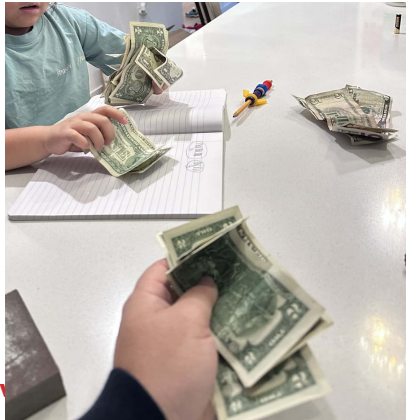
# Payment Schedule & Fundraising



"Two scouts fundraising for World Jamboree 2027" - Photo by Dominique Judge



# Fundraising Success Stories



**Selling goods + Saving + “All I wanted for Christmas is... CA\$H”**  
*business model helped them thru the first deposit.*

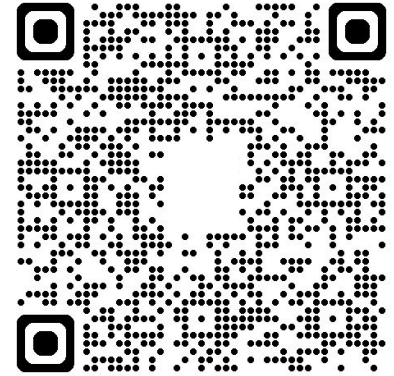
# How can you fundraise?



Think about the WSJ cost on a weekly basis—you need to earn about \$100 per week.

How can you achieve that?

- Scout unit fundraisers
- Individual or buddy fundraisers (food stand, restaurant % night)
- Part-time job or spring/fall clean-up
- Ask local organizations to support you (Rotary, VFW, American Legion)



Scan QR Code for  
**Fundraising Guide**



# Security, Health, and Diplomacy

# Our Top Priority: Your Safety



- **Constant Monitoring:** Scouting America is in direct contact with the U.S. State Department and international security experts.
- **On-Site Support:** Comprehensive medical facilities and 24/7 CMT security presence.
- **Safe From Harm:** Mandatory training for all adults to ensure a respectful environment.

**"We prepare for the unexpected  
so our Scouts can focus on the experience."**

# Strategic Planning Updates



- **HOC Visit:** Our Head of Contingent (HOC) recently engaged with the U.S. Embassy in Poland to ensure diplomatic support.
- **JPT (Jamboree Planning Team):** Updates on site infrastructure, including the sandy terrain of Sobieszewo Island.
- **Logistics:** Transportation and equipment shipping plans are already in development.



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# Programming Highlights

BE BRAVE!

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# Explore, Connect, and Grow



Pillars



## YOU

Self-discovery, mental health, and balancing nature with technology.



## YOU & OTHERS

Embracing diversity, cross-cultural collaboration, and peace-building.



## YOU & THE WORLD

Proactive environmentalism and contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Onsite Modules



## Aquatic Challenges

Water and outdoor scoutcraft along the Baltic coast (yachting, kayaking, and dinghy activities).



## Forest & Meadow

Bushcraft, pioneering, and woodcraft set in the coastal forests of Sobieszewo Island.



## Kaleidoscope

Creative workshops and cultural diversity labs.



## Symbolic Framework

Centered around the **"Solidarity Badge,"** encouraging Scouts to explore how bravery and friendship can change local societies.

# Beyond the Campsite - Off-Site Modules



## Discover Gdańsk

Urban adventures and “City Games” throughout the historic, medieval streets of Gdańsk to learn about Polish heritage and the Solidarity movement.



## Service & Camp-in-Camp

24-hour immersion experiences with local Polish Scout units and community-based service projects.

# Beyond the Campsite - The Plaza Experience



## World Tents

Cultural exchanges and food tasting from over 170 participating countries.



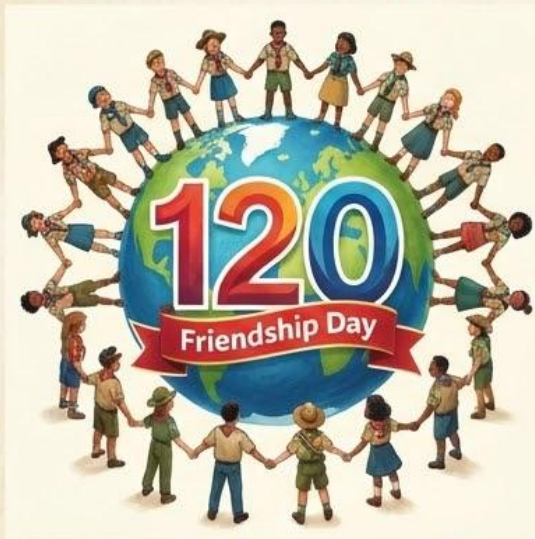
## Faith & Beliefs Zone

A space for spiritual reflection and inter-religious ceremonies.

# Beyond the Campsite - Major Milestones

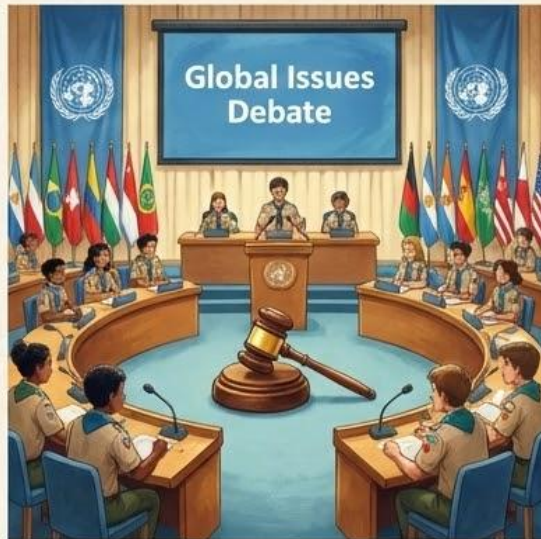


## 120 Years of Scouting (Aug 1st)



A massive global "Friendship Day" celebration marking the movement's anniversary.

## Youth Forum



A Model UN-style debate where participants find real-life solutions to global issues.

## Opening & Closing Ceremonies



Large-scale stadium shows on the beach, featuring international music and performances.

**Bravely Ask...**

# How to follow the USA Contingent



## US Contingent Website

(Information, Newsletter, Registration Process)



## Subscribe to Mailing List

(Get newsletter, information send to your email)



## Join Facebook Group

(Discussion, Q&A)



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# Appendix



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Logo



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## THE CLOUDS

Represents challenges, uncertainty, or the unknown.

## THE BALD EAGLE

Symbolizes strength, freedom, and vision, conveying a message of forward movement. The eagle rising above the clouds symbolizes the courage needed to overcome these obstacles.

## THE STARS

Represent guidance, navigation, and aspiration. They are a nod to the historical practice of Scouts using the night sky to find their way. The stars on a blue field also evoke the image of the U.S. flag.



## PHILMONT

Tooth of Time and Baldy Mountain from Philmont Scout Ranch, which represent the physical and mental challenges Scouts overcome. They symbolize perseverance, resilience, and the spirit of "Overcoming Obstacles."

## PURPLE BORDER

It serves as a protective boundary and a visual metaphor for the worldwide Scouting family that supports every contingent. The color conveys that American Scouts are part of an united, international force for good.

Bravely join the US Contingent

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# Costs

# UNITED STATES CONTINGENT

## World Scout Jamboree Participant Fee Breakdown



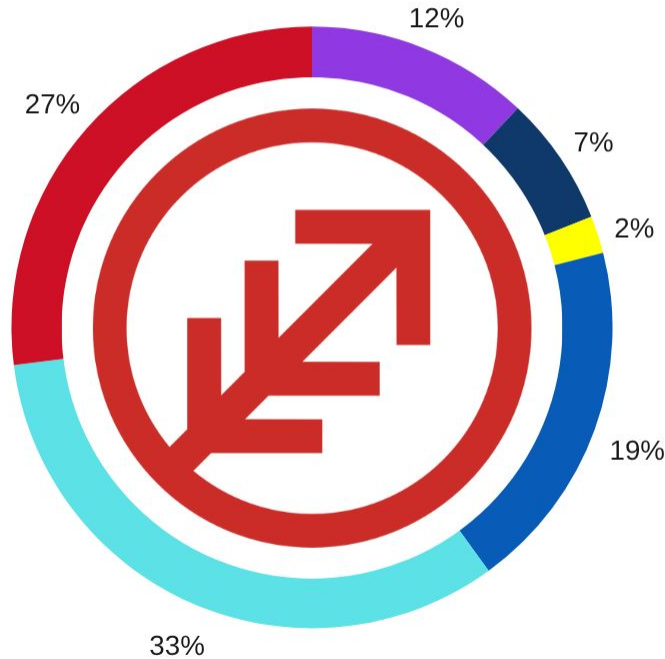
### WSJ Fee

Subject to exchange rate fluctuations at time of payment.



### Flight

Estimated; final flight costs depend on airline schedules and availability.



### Other Expenses

Includes contingency fees and miscellaneous costs, based on prior Jamborees.



### SWAG

Includes official U.S. contingent merchandise, such as patches and neckerchiefs.



### Operations

Covers tents, cots, and gear not supplied by the Jamboree.

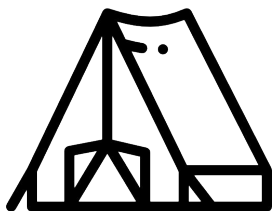


### Pre-Tour

Estimated; final costs based on proposals from travel providers.



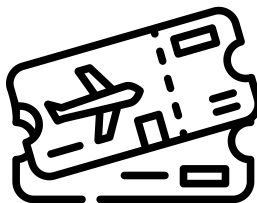
# Cost Breakdown for Participants & Unit Leaders



## Jamboree Fee

Set at **6,400 PLN**, translating to approximately **\$1,770 USD**.

This is a significant portion, noting it is about \$800 higher than the fee for the 2023 South Korea event.

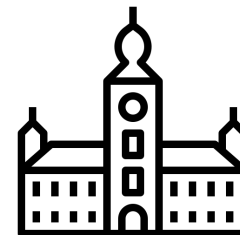


## Airfare

**Flying Scouts from key national hubs**, including Boston (BOS), San Francisco (SFO), and Seattle (SEA).

Costs are highly variable as summer is the peak travel season for Europe.

We are actively working to secure a flight portion that can be included in the overall fee structure for many major departure cities.



## Pre-Tour Experience

A fantastic and crucial **4-5 day tour** scheduled immediately before the Jamboree.

It is designed to give everyone a chance to bond, build friendships, and explore incredible cultural sites before the main event.

## Cost Breakdown for Participants & Unit Leaders (cont.)



- **Swag and Gear:** You'll get items like a travel bag, a day pack, neckerchiefs, patches, T-shirts or similar.
- **Tents & cots:** Unlike in South Korea, the Jamboree is not providing tents or cots, so we have included them as part of our package.
- **Insurance:** This is an essential part of making sure everyone is safe and covered during the trip.
- **Contingency:** A small buffer to cover any unexpected costs.

# Cost Breakdown for International Service Team



## NOT INCLUDED

- **Airfare:** IST members will be traveling on their own to arrive on different days, based on their staff assignments.
- **Tours:** IST pre/post tours may be available for an additional cost. Reserved through the official WSJ travel group.

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# What Does My Jamboree Fee Includes



	Youth Participant (\$6,400 – \$6,700)	Unit Leader (\$6,400 – \$6,700)	IST (\$2,900 – \$3,100)
Jamboree Fee	✓	✓	✓
Airfare	✓	✓	○
Pre/Post Tour	✓	✓	○
Swag & Gear	✓	✓	✓
Tents & Cots	✓	✓	✓
Insurance	✓	✓	✓
Contingency (Buffer)	✓	✓	✓