

POLAND 2027 - 26th World Scout Jamboree

USA CONTINGENT UPDATES

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26TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

UNITED STATES

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Spirit of "Bravely"



WSJ DATE

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

SITE

**GDAŃSK,
POLAND**

THEME

BRAVELY

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Programming Highlights

Official Logo of the 2027 WSJ



The logo is crafted by blending two popular patrol signs— ‘Go Forward’ and ‘Overcome Obstacles’—used by Scouts. These elements are enclosed within a circle, symbolizing perfection and unity.



GO FORWARD



OVERCOME
OBSTACLES



BE BRAVE!

Meet your Companions



Introduce the **10 Companions**, a special group of friends who will be your guides for the 26th World Scout Jamboree Poland 2027.

These ten characters are stepping out to help us discover different ways of being brave in our everyday lives as we prepare for and participate in the Jamboree.



Who are They?



What's happening next?



Sign pointing to the location of every World Scout Jamboree at Gilwell Park.

The Next Steps



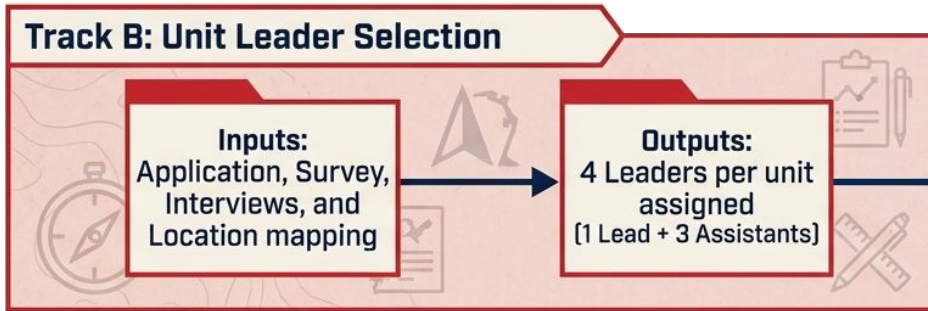
Track A: Unit Formation Process



The Next Steps

1. Unit leaders will be announced on social media and the website.
2. Youth participants will receive a direct welcome email from their assigned unit leader revealing their unit placement.

Track B: Unit Leader Selection





Job Catalog

Registered ISTs should have received a catalog via email. Also available on the

<https://www.jamboree2027.org/ist-volunteer-roles-catalogue/>



Registration

To register in June/July, you must be current (\$1,500 minimum paid). Detail your experience to aid selection.



Job Assignment

Notification starts April 2027. Some may hear sooner. Be sure to confirm your acceptance promptly.

National Jamboree Opportunities



Earn the "Limited Edition" International Spirit Award

Earn this Limited-edition Award!



7/23: 365 days and counting (4-5 p.m.)
7/30: Meet the CMT (8-11 a.m.)



**WORLD
FRIENDSHIP
FUND**



Donate through your unit or as staff



7/24: David Baden-Powell 8-11 a.m.

* Check the NJ app for details.

Payment & Scholarship Information



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

Payment Expectations



Units

Be current **(\$3,000 minimum)** or share a plan by May 31st with usa.cmt-duty@gmail.com.

IST

To register or select jobs in June/July, you must be current **(\$1,500 minimum paid)**.

Waitlist

\$1,500 participant / \$750 IST to hold spot. Refundable if not selected.

Refund Policy Timeline

Through June 14, 2026

\$200

June 15 – Aug 31, 2026

\$300

Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2026

\$750

Jan 1, 2027 onward

NON-REFUNDABLE

Subject to change

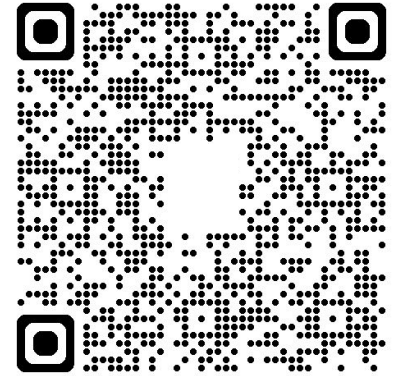
How can you fundraise?



Think about the WSJ cost on a weekly basis—you need to earn about \$120 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

Scholarship Process



- Needs-based application for youth
- Scholarship recipients pay their share first and then the scholarship will be applied
- Timeline:
 - Round #1
 - Application due date: **June 30, 2026**
 - Notification: September 1, 2026
 - Round #2
 - Application due date: **October 31, 2026**
 - Notification: January 1, 2027

Watch for an email with the application link next week.



The Details

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



Conflict with School Dates?



Proven process from previous WSJs

1. Provide registration letter with dates and ask for approval for excused absence from the principal (most schools approve).
2. Talk with individual teachers and offer to proactively complete scheduled assignments (communicate, communicate, communicate).
3. If your principal does not approve, please send an email to usapoland2027@gmail.com and request a letter from Scouting America.



**August start date
too early?**

Current Participation Status



	<i>Current</i>	<i>Next Step</i>	<i>Scan for Link</i>
Participant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration still OPEN; when full, there will be a waitlist Best geographical assignment if registered by 5/31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make/catch-up with payments Await unit assignment 	
Unit Leader (Adult Patrol Leader)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS until 5/31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection and announcement Make/catch-up with payments if selected 	
IST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many WAITLIST have been added to the roster (yeah!) Still can register to be on IST waitlist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make/catch-up payment IST job catalog has been shared Job assignment selection in June/July 	



Need more information? Email usapoland2027commissioners@gmail.com



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.

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 / Previously Used Contents



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Programming Highlights

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.



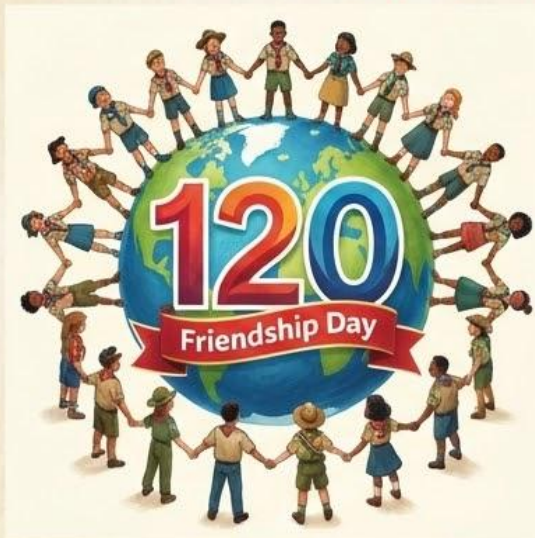
Faith & Beliefs Zone

A space for spiritual reflection and inter-religious ceremonies.

Beyond the Campsite - Major Milestones

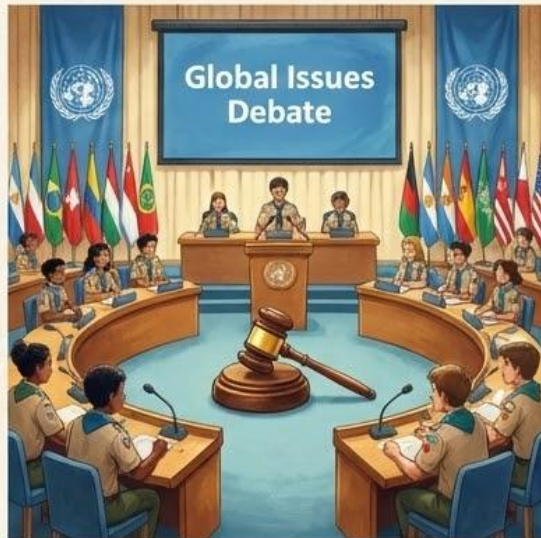


120 Years of Scouting (Aug 1st)



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.



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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

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World Scout Jamboree Participant Fee Breakdown



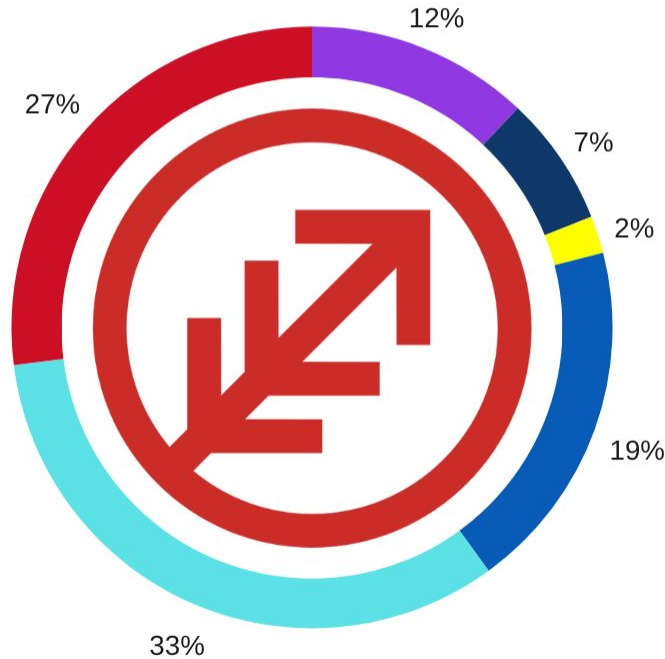
WSJ Fee

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.

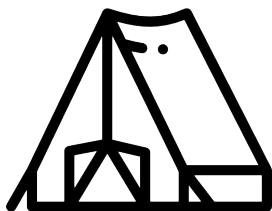


Pre-Tour

Estimated; final costs based on proposals from travel providers.



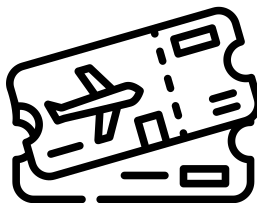
Cost Breakdown for Participants & Unit Leaders



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.

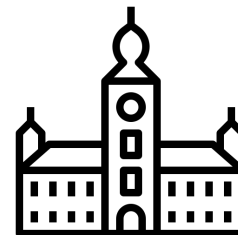


Airfare

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)	✓	✓	✓

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!

