

To all Scouts, Explorer Scouts & Young Leader Explorer Scouts born between 30 July 2009 and 30 July 2013

This is for you!

Young Person Application Pack

We would like to invite you to join us for the 26th World Scout Jamboree taking place in Gdańsk, Poland in summer 2027. This is a once in a lifetime experience to share a camp with 50,000 Scouts from across 150 countries and territories from around the world!

The World Scout Jamboree is one of the most significant events in the global Scouting movement, bringing together thousands of young people from around the world to celebrate unity, adventure, and cultural exchange. Held approximately every four years, the Jamboree is a gathering unlike any other, offering Scouts the opportunity to experience a world of diversity while participating in activities that foster personal growth, leadership, and global citizenship.

In West Lancashire, we have 36 places available for you to become a part of our unit which will travel and represent Scouting in this area of the world, along with four leaders. Chorley has 5 of these places to allocate.

The information in this pack will give you much more detail about the experience and the opportunity, that you should not miss!

The Jamboree will take place from July 30th to August 8th 2027. (This is flight/transport dependant and may fluctuate by a couple of days either side) Further activities will be built around these core dates.

This application pack starts by giving you some information about the once in a lifetime experience of the World Scout Jamboree. Being held in the stunning **Wyspa Sobieszewska (Sobieszewo Island) in Gdańsk, Poland.**

The 26th World Scout Jamboree will be a gathering of Scouts from almost every country in the world, and it really will be the experience of a lifetime for those lucky enough to take part. It's bigger than the Olympics, in terms of participants and the countries represented. You'll live and take part in adventurous activities alongside Scouts from all over the world, making new friends and experiencing different cultures you never knew existed!

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Information about the site.

The 26th World Scout Jamboree Site is located on Wyspa Sobieszewska within the borders of the city of Gdańsk, on the coast of the Baltic Sea in northern Poland.

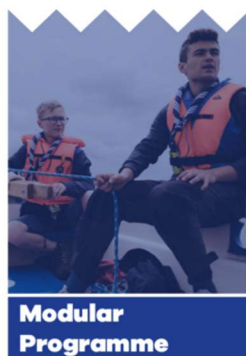
Gdańsk has 1,000 years of history and has been influenced by many cultures, religions, and events through the ages. It is the birthplace of the Solidarity Movement, which began as a labour union led by the later Nobel Peace Prize laureate Lech Wałęsa, and evolved into a protest movement that contributed to the fall of Communism in Poland and Eastern Europe.

Scouts will enjoy exploring the natural wonders of Wyspa Sobieszewska. It is surrounded by the sea and rivers and is a 20-minute drive from the historic centre of Gdańsk.

Although Wyspa Sobieszewska is a part of Gdańsk, it has preserved its charming natural environment and is located away from urban development areas. Wyspa Sobieszewska enjoys the status of an ecological reserve and was formed by regulating the estuary of the Vistula River as it flows into the Baltic Sea. Its natural features and microclimate make it an ideal place for outdoor activities during the summer. It offers various landscapes, including the seaside forest, several kilometres of wide beach, picturesque open fields, and farmland. The Jamboree site itself is located on 300 hectares of fields and meadows, with programme activities areas in the forest and on the beach.

Information about the programme

The Jamboree starts with the Opening Ceremony on 30 July 2027 and continues until the Closing Ceremony on 8 August 2027. The educational programme will contain: the main programme modules, plaza activities, programmes offered in subcamps, the International Day, the Inter-Religious Ceremony, Faith & Beliefs Zone and many more activities. Additionally, there will be a programme designed for the IST. Educational activities during the programme modules will be supported by other non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The off-site modules will involve local communities in the host area, allowing Scouts to explore the history and culture of the Kashubian and Pomerania regions near Gdańsk. The Jamboree programme will consist of four components:



Subcamp Programme

Life in subcamps is a huge part of the Jamboree experience. We want to ensure the participants thrive in a safe environment, building strong friendships and having fun. To that end, we will have special free time activities and the one-of-the-kind Solidarity Badge that will encourage Scouts to explore how bravery, peace, and friendship can change the world.

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Modular Programme

The Modular Program will follow our “Bravely” theme. Participants will embark on adventures on-site, close-to-site and off-site, encouraging them to be courageous in their lives and communities. Every day will bring something new, allowing the participants to explore different areas and grow physically, spiritually, socially, and mentally. Participants will roam through forests, play on the beach, run around the city of Gdańsk, visit a Polish Scout camp, and much more.

Plaza Programme

The Plaza Programme will help participants experience different cultures and ideas. In the national tents, the participants will see presentations and displays from every contingent. The Faiths and Beliefs Zone will address their spiritual needs, while the Equality Zone will introduce them to friends from diverse communities, allowing them to exchange experiences without judgment.

Supporting Events

The Jamboree will feature several events that explore the “Bravely” theme in the past, present and future. During one of them, Youth Forum – a model UN debate, the participants will discuss ongoing issues and find real-life solutions to these problems. The 120 Years of Scouting Celebration will familiarise them with great figures who have brought change to the world. Also, a unique opportunity, the participants will be able to play a special Jamboree board game.

IMPRESSED YET?

Cost...

How much will it cost? The UK contingent set the main fee for the UK participants which includes the Jamboree fee, travel, accommodation, insurance, contingent kit, food and almost all the activities. Training weekends which will be organised by the West Lancashire Scouts Jamboree Unit Leadership Team are also included in the fee which will be approximately £3,350.

This cost is broken down as follows–

- West Lancashire County will fund 1/4 of the cost of each Participant.
- Chorley District will fund 1/4 of the cost for each of the 5 Chorley Participants.
- The remaining 1/2 is funded by the participant. – approx. £1675 plus spending money.

As well as fundraising on your own, we could organise fund raising activities to help pay for the Jamboree as a District, and it is hoped your own Group and Unit will also help with this. We will of course support the fundraising aspect – whether individual or as a group - throughout the preparation and help and advice will be available always, and we mean always!

There is no reason that you should not be able to go to the Jamboree because of money. There will be a lot of support available for you from each other and from the Unit Leaders.

What sort of Young People are we Looking for? ...

The following points will be considered when deciding whether or not a young person is right to attend a World Scout Jamboree:

- An ability to be involved in Youth Shaped Scouting
- An eagerness to develop as a person
- An interest in international Scouting
- An ability to work in a team

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- A commitment to Scouting beyond the Jamboree
- An ability to take responsibility for yourself
- The impact the Jamboree will have on the person
- Whether or not the young person is likely to be able to cope with upto 3 weeks away from home, having been through any organised Unit training

Youth Shaped Scouting...

To meet our Vision, young people within the unit will have the chance to have their voice heard on all aspects of the Jamboree, including programme and activity planning and the way that their unit is run.

This is to ensure that Scouting meets their needs and remains relevant to their interests and aims of the Jamboree.

- Youth Shaped Scouting includes young people doing the following:
- Sharing their ideas
- Learning from and teaching each other and adults
- Taking part in decision making
- Assisting with planning the programme, including activities and camps
- Becoming more involved in all aspects of Scouting

Important Information!

Applications are open now.

The date that applications must be submitted will be 1st March 2026
this includes the date that mail should arrive, not the day of postage.

ALL applicants will be invited to the Selection event under canvas.

This will be held on Friday 27th March till Sunday 29th March 2026

With a prior evening on Monday 16th March at Chorley District HQ

There is an extra cost to this selection weekend that is £20.00 per person.

This date along with the training dates below are pre-requisite conditions that must be met to be considered.

Non-attendance to training or other jamboree organised meetings will forfeit your place if successful.

Please ensure you are available and can commit to **ALL** the dates below before submitting your application.

The Jamboree will take place from approx. July 30th to August 8th 2027. Further activities will be built around these core dates. This will most likely include a couple of days in city and also Hosted Hospitality in Poland to visit to another Scout group.

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MANDATORY TRAINING DATES

2026

- Saturday 4th July 2026 - Training day 1
- Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th October 2026 - Training Weekend 1
- Friday 4th - Sunday 6th December 2026 - Training Weekend 2

2027

- Friday 29th - Sunday 31st January 2027 - Training weekend 3
- Friday 26th March - Sunday 28th March 2027 - Training weekend 4
- Friday 30th April to Monday 3rd May 2027 - Training weekend
- Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th July 2019 - Training weekend 6
- Friday 15th to Sunday 15th October 2027 - Reunion Weekend

Application

- Please make sure that the Young Person completes this application **not** the parents / guardians.
- Complete all parts of the form in the best you can.
- Be sure to tell us what you'll gain from a jamboree experience and how it will help your personal development.

Personal Information (please attach a current photo in uniform)

First Name

Surname

Troop / Unit

Address

Postcode

Date of Birth

Must be between 30 July 2009 and 30 July 2013

Dietary requirements, Disabilities or SEN (to help us plan the selection which will be inclusive to all)

Home Telephone

Parental Mobile

Parental email Address

Time in Scouting

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Please continue on separate sheets if required. You & the Jamboree

Please explain why you are applying to join the Jamboree Unit and what special qualities you could bring to the experience.

Tell us about your previous Scouting experiences and how they have benefitted you.

What is your least favourite Scouting experience to date and why?

TROOP / UNIT LEADER REFERENCE

NAME:

CONTACT EMAIL:

CONTACT PHONE:

LEADER SIGNATURE:

PARENTAL PERMISSION

NAME:

CONTACT EMAIL:

CONTACT PHONE:

PARENT SIGNATURE:

I give my full permission for my son / daughter to apply to take part in the 26th World Scout Jamboree 2027. And that they will be attending all the dates noted in this document should they be successful in selection.

Post your Application to:

Chorley Scouts Jamboree Co-Ordinator.
54 Judeland
Astley Village
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 1XJ

Remember closing dates to **receive** applications is strictly **1st March 2027**

Don't forget to include a current photo in uniform

This is a very exciting and life changing opportunity that for those who attend, will never forget! We look forward to receiving your application and good luck!

The successful applicants will not be informed until several days after selection via email and a phone call. Those not selected will also be informed of the outcome via email.

KEEP UP TO DATE: and find out who the has been selected on the leadership team here :

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Jamboree Website:
[26th World Scout Jamboree Poland 2027](https://www.wlsjamboree.org.uk)

Good Luck, and thank you for applying!

Any questions please direct me at the address below :

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