



# **Fact Sheet – 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree**

## **What is the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree?**

The World Scout Jamboree is the largest camping event organized by the Scout Movement, gathering as many as 50,000 Scouts and leaders every four years from the 165 National Scout Organizations in more than 200 countries and territories. Scouts from our co-hosts, Canada, Mexico and the United States, look forward to welcoming Scouts from around the globe to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree to be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, United States.

## **What is the date?**

Mark your Scouting calendars for July 22 - August 2, 2019.

## **What is unique about this 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree?**

One reason this world jamboree is unique is because it is a team effort by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México and the Boy Scouts of America. The three co-hosts were selected by the 2011 World Scout Conference, which is the governing body of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, ("WOSM"). WOSM is made up of 165 National Scout Organizations.

The last World Scout Jamboree in North America was in 1983 in Alberta, Canada. The last time the United States hosted a World Scout Jamboree was in 1967 in Idaho. Mexico has never hosted such an event.

## **What is the purpose of the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree?**

The World Scout Jamboree is above all an educational event that brings together the world's young people to promote peace, mutual understanding and to develop leadership and life skills. The World Scout Jamboree includes a wide variety of outdoor adventure activities and places a great emphasis on everyday life and social interaction among different cultures that is experienced through the Scouting campsite.

## **How old do I have to be to attend the Jamboree as a participant?**

To be eligible to be a participant at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree you must be born between July 22, 2001 and July 21, 2005. If you are older on the given date you may be able to apply to become a member of the IST, Contingent Team or a Unit Leader. The exact age requirements are subject to WOSM approval.

## **What is the theme for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree?**

Our youth bid team, known as the Dream Team, have chosen, "Unlock a New World" as the theme. This theme speaks to the new adventures, cultures and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world during the twelve day event.

## **What is the concept behind the logo for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree?**

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree logo represents the friendship and unity of World Scouting. The globe-shaped design consists of multicolor ribbons featuring the official colors of the national flags of the three host countries and the purple of the World Scouting movement. The logo symbolizes North America reaching out to welcome the world community of Scouting to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree.



## What is the program for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree?

The 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree will feature the hallmarks of past world jamborees, such as the Global Development Village, the World Scout Centre, a special sustainability initiative, and the socialization elements that allow participants to make life-long friends from around the world.

In addition, the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree is being held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the most advanced adventure camping base for youth in the world. Participants might experience “wild and wonderful” adventures such as whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and mountain biking. From The Rocks, one of the largest man-made climbing facilities in the world, to zip lines that cover 5.45 miles/8.77 km, to The Park, one of the largest outdoor skateboard facilities in the world, or The Trax, one of the largest BMX bike facilities, and three man-made lakes and pools that offer a variety aquatics activities--you can start to get an idea of how unique this jamboree will be for its participants.

## When can I register for the event?

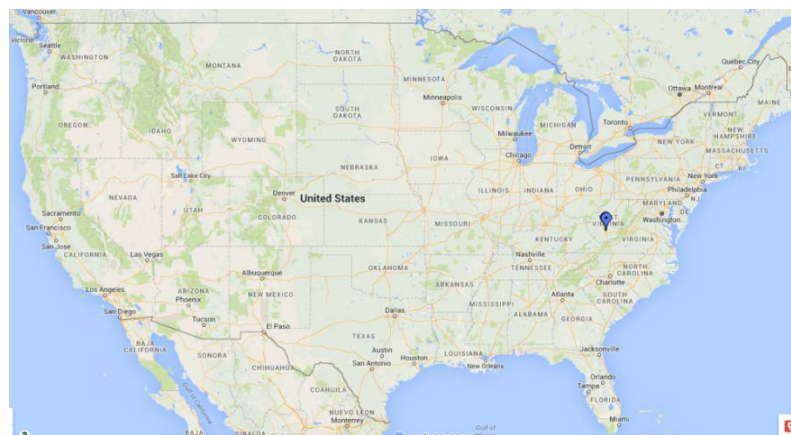
Registration specifics for contingents and IST wishing to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree are being finalized. But those interested in more details can check the web site: <http://2019wsj.org/>; Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: [2019wsj](#); or email: [2019wsj@scouting.org](mailto:2019wsj@scouting.org). As a reminder, National Scout Organizations approve, recruit and organize their contingent Scouts and leaders as well as IST staff for the World Scout Jamboree.

## How can I serve on the International Service Team (IST) staff?

The 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree is seeking to recruit as many as 10,000 staff for the event. Watch the website for information about IST opportunities. The 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree is placing a special emphasis on providing a volunteer experience that is as rewarding and memorable as that experienced by the youth participants.

## Where is the Summit Bechtel Reserve located?

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a 10,000 acre facility located in West Virginia, United States. It can be accessed from North America by car, bus, and train, and a number of airports are within a 300-mile drive from the site. The distances to the airports listed below is shown for informational purposes only. Further information will be provided at a later date about official transportation gateways and travel arrangements.





## **What airports are convenient to the Summit Bechtel Reserve?**

***Approximate miles/kilometers from airports to the Summit Bechtel Reserve, 2550 Jack Furst Drive, Mount Hope, WV 25880***

64 miles/103 km	Charleston, WV (CRW / KCRW) Yeager Airport
174 miles/280 km	Lewisburg, WV (LWB / KLWB) Greenbrier Valley Airport
210 miles/338 km	Charlotte, NC (CLT / KCLT) Charlotte/Douglas International Airport,
227 miles/365 km	Columbus, OH (CMH / KCMH) Port Columbus International Airport
276 miles/444 km	Richmond, VA (RIC / KRIC)) Richmond International Airport
291 miles/468 km	Pittsburgh, PA (PIT / KPIT) Pittsburgh International Airport
309 miles/497 km	Arlington, VA (DCA / KDCA) Reagan Washington National Airport
300 miles/483 km	Dulles, VA (IAD / KIAD) Washington Dulles International Airport
540 miles/869 km	Toronto, Canada (YYZ / CYYZ) Toronto Pearson International Airport
2,186miles/3,521 km	Mexico City (MEX / MMMX) Mexico City International Airport

**We look forward to seeing you at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree.**

Unlike any other youth event, a World Scout Jamboree invites you to surround yourself in the cultures of the world by joining your new Scouting friends at a single destination for 12 unforgettable days. The jamboree experience extends beyond your home—and beyond the boundaries of our host countries—to create a global adventure that will last a lifetime!

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