



FACTS AND FIGURES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CONTINGENT...

Jamboree Flash Update

Travel Credentials

Our focus is on ensuring that as many youth as possible can attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. To that end, we are working to provide support to individuals and contingents that are applying for of Non-Immigrant –Class B-2 Tourist Visas.

Completing the required application processes are the sole responsibility of the NSO Contingents and their participants/IST members.

The WSJ Team continues to meet with officials of the United States Department of State, provide briefings to United States Ambassadors in many countries, and have ongoing discussions with the United States Department of Homeland Security, which is responsible for Customs and Border Protection.

Letters of Invitation for Contingents, including members of the International Service Team (IST) are available by contacting the World Scout Jamboree office.

Travel Documents and Tips

Citizens travelling on the passports of the 38 countries covered by the US Visa Waiver Program (VWP) typically do not need a visa to enter the United States of America as a tourist, <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/visa-waiver-program>

- However, Visa Waiver Program travelers entering the United States of America by air or sea must have an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval, <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>
- If the application for ESTA is declined, the participant will need to apply for a US B-2 Non-immigrant Visa; this can take several months to process
- We strongly recommend that participants from VWP countries apply for their ESTA immediately, to avoid last minute problems
- ESTAs are valid for 2 years, <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

Citizens travelling on passports from non-Visa Waiver Program countries will require a US Non-Immigrant Class B-2 Tourist Visa

- Applications are administered by the United States Department of State
- Completed in your home country or country of residence at a United States Embassy or Consulate
- Application process may be lengthy; start applications immediately to ensure receipt of visa prior to travelling, <https://www.usembassy.gov/>

Citizens of Canada travelling on a Canadian Passport (not Permanent Residents):

- Typically, do not require visas to enter the United States of America as tourists
- Citizens of Canada do not require an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval to travel to the United States of America by air, but must present a valid Canadian Passport;
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/usvisas/tourism-visit/citizens-of-canada-and-bermuda.html>

Participants from Visa Waiver Program countries, participants with visas, and Canadian citizens are all subject to an interview at port of entry by an officer of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), <https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/ports-entry/overview>

- CBP is seeking assurances that tourists entering the USA are arriving for lawful purposes and will leave the USA within the stated time period
- When answering questions about your reasons for entering the United States:
 - **You are participating in a social event, the World Scout Jamboree**
 - **The event is co-hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico**
 - **The event takes place at the Boy Scouts of America's Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia**
 - **You have paid a registration fee to attend this event**
- Be Prepared for
 - United States government initiatives to counter human trafficking and international child abduction
 - Answering questions from Customs and Border Protection agents about the youth members traveling with the contingent

Contingents that intend to enter and/or tour Canada and/or Mexico must adhere to the visa requirements for those countries

- The Government of Canada provides detailed information on visa requirements at (English and French)
 - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>
 - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/francais/visiter/visas.asp>
- The Government of Mexico provides detailed information on visa requirements at (Spanish only): <http://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visas-para-extranjeros-8036>