



2011 World Scout
Jamboree –
Parent and Leader
information

Parents and Leaders please read:

***Were your Scouts or Explorers aged between 12 and 16 years old on the 27 July this year?
(this means they will have been born between 25 July 1993 and 27 July 1997)***

Yes? Then they could represent Gravesham at the next World Scout Jamboree

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be in Sweden from 27th July to 7th August 2011 – for Scouts and Explorers aged between 14 & 18 on the opening day - and the process to decide who will go starts very soon!

Commitment once selected, our representatives will join with others from across Kent to form contingent troops. Participants and their families must therefore commit themselves to two years build up to the Jamboree which will involve several events, starting in December with a county wide meeting for all selected candidates. Then regular weekend activities as the new county “troops” develop and get to know each other – these meetings will often involve parents for information sessions etc. Poor attendance or behaviour may result in losing the allocated place.

Participants will be expected to remain an active member of their troop or unit until the Jamboree and may also take part in a period of Home Hospitality (Ho-Ho) either before or after the event. There may be the opportunity for a reciprocal arrangement where you may have the chance to host a foreign scout in your home too. After returning home participants will be asked to deliver a presentation on their experiences to the District.

We will therefore take your consent for your scout to attend the selection as confirmation of your support and commitment to this process.

Selection Camp a selection process will be held over the weekend of Nov 20/22 at Hopehill, Meopham – everybody of the correct age can attend but we ask that you help them to prepare. Scouts/Explorers will camp for the weekend so must bring their own equipment: tent, cooker, personal gear, food etc. Candidates will be mixed in to teams for the weekend and will be expected to pool their equipment and food and will be judged on their team-work and co-operation.

The theme of this World Scout Jamboree is “**Simply Scouting**” – so the selection process will concentrate on basic scouting skills and the scouts ability to mix with others, contribute to the weekend and make the most of the opportunities. **Interview** as part of the selection process a 1-2-1 interview will allow your scout to explain why they want to attend the Jamboree and to demonstrate their scouting knowledge and commitment.

Cost Gravesham has a proud tradition of sponsoring our participants, so don't worry about the cost. However, we do expect that once selected, candidates take part in fund raising to a) replenish our funds to ensure future generations of scouts can take part; b) contribute to additional contingent expenditure; c) raise spending money. There is no charge for the selection camp.

Please submit the attached forms as soon as possible but before Tuesday 17 Nov at the latest.

Contact ddc@graveshamscouts.org.uk for more information.