

World Scout Jamboree



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The 2007 World Scout Jamboree will see over 40,000 Scouts arriving in the UK from nearly every country in the world to mark the largest event in Scouting history. This global event will be bigger than the Olympic Games. To help maximise positive media coverage of the Jamboree in your area, we have created this fact sheet.

When:

The Jamboree starts on Friday 27th July when participants arrive from all over the world. UK Scouts will arrive a day earlier to welcome and help the others set up. It lasts until Wednesday 8th August.

Where:

The Jamboree is taking place at Hylands Park in Chelmsford. It spans across 574 acres of woodland, grassland, lakes, ponds and gardens surrounded by 9.5 km of fencing. The size of the park can be compared to the following well known places in the UK:

England

12 times the size of the National Gallery;
2.5 times the size of Crystal Palace National Sports Centre;
1.5 times the size of Hyde Park;
5 times the size of Gilwell Park.

Scotland

17 times bigger than Hampden Park;
7 times the size of Edinburgh Zoo.

Wales

6 times the size of the Museum of Welsh Life;
5.5 times the size of the Welsh Mountain Zoo.

N. Ireland

1.5 times the size of Ashford Castle Parklands;
11.5 times the size of the Belfast Zoo.

Across the world

8 times the size of Disneyland in California.

Size:

As there will be more than 40,000 Scouts from nearly 200 countries attending the Jamboree, this number of people is the equivalent in numbers to the following towns across the UK:

Ayr - 46,431
Banbury - 42,802
Brentwood - 44,800
Durham - 42,939
Folkestone - 45,708
Lancaster - 45,952
Merthyr Tydfil - 55,000
Portadown - 30,000

Food:

With so many people attending the Jamboree over a 10-day period, over 1.2 million meals will be eaten! During the Jamboree, Scouts will consume:

60 tons of apples
133,334 heads of lettuce
567,812 litres of milk
33,333 loaves of bread
100,000 lbs of chicken
12,500 lbs of cheese
16,000 bottles of ketchup
800,000 carrots
26,667 bunches of bananas
800,000 eggs

Equipment:

Every participant at the Jamboree will be camping in one of 16 sub camps. Throughout the 12 day event they will be using:

9,600 tables and benches;
2,200 gas burners;
14,000 cooking pots and frying pans (the cost of steel on the world market actually increased when the order was placed);
31,200 cooking utensils;
5,600 mixing bowls;
5,600 cutting boards;
38,400 bin bags;
1,350 fiesta tents complete with 30,000 poles and 2 million tent pegs.

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Adult Support:

Thousands of adults are involved in some way with the Jamboree:

International Service Team:

A team of 8,000 adults from across the world working as the backbone of the Jamboree. Tasks will range from running activities, working with transport, food distribution and providing medical services;

Organising/Delivery Team:

A team of around 250 volunteers who will look after the management and delivery of various elements of the Jamboree. Many of these volunteers have been working on this project for the past five years;

Build/Take Down Team:

From the beginning of July 2007, this team has been working on all aspects of preparing the site for the Jamboree. Some tasks include putting up tents, laying cables, building gateways, and sorting out banners and fabrics;

Off-site Programme Team:

A team of 1,000 specialist activity instructors will look after activities at Splash! and Gilwell Adventure. These people will have skills in kayaking, pulling, abseiling, high ropes and much more;

Home Hospitality:

This team will host over 8,000 Scouts wanting to experience what it is like to live in the UK. From trying tea for the first time to riding on the wrong side of the street, participants are looking to see a culture in a way that most won't! The home hospitality (or 'Ho-Ho') usually lasts for 3 days and will take place in homes all over the UK;

Contingent Management and Support Teams:

These teams will provide information and support to Contingents from around the world and the International Service Team leading up to and during the Jamboree. They will also take on additional areas of responsibility as needed;

Day Visitors:

A day visit to the Jamboree is a one-off chance to experience the unique atmosphere of this special global community, where world Scouting, cultures, faiths, cuisine and performance will combine to form the biggest ever Scouting event. Day Visitors will be able to take part in a range of activities, take a tour of the site, and watch a special show in the main arena.

Ceremonies:

The ceremonies and celebrations at the World Scout Jamboree will be the major high points of the camp, through amazing spectacles that will be shared by every participant. There has been a wide range of performance opportunities for Scouts who can sing and dance. There will be performances taking place in the opening and closing ceremonies, Scouting's Sunrise on 1st August, plus shows for daily visitors.

Celebrations:

Saturday 28th July, Opening Ceremony:

This huge coming together marks the official opening of the 21st World Scout Jamboree with a memorable ceremony when all participants meet up altogether for the first time;

1st August, 0800 hours, Scouting's Sunrise:

The campsite will take part and help lead a worldwide celebration called Scouting's Sunrise, where the Jamboree participants join 28 million Scouts around the world to celebrate their first centenary. The day of activities will culminate in a firework performance to herald the next centenary of Scouting;

7th August, Closing Ceremony:

A spectacular performance and firework display will mark the Closing Ceremony to help capture the memories of adventure and friends at the Jamboree.

The Jamboree Song:

The official Jamboree song "Jambo" has been released, sung and performed by a band of four Scouts who have called themselves "The Adventure".

Traffic Hotspots:

There is likely to be increased traffic in the vicinity of Hylands Park at the following dates and times:

Arrivals:

21st July to 23rd July, 0800 hours to 2000 hrs; 24th July, 0800 hours to midnight; 27th July, 0600 hours to 28th July, 0200 hours; 28th July, 0800 hours to 2000 hours;

Visitor and Activity Days:

29th July to 7th August, 0800 hours to 1200 hours, 1600 hours to 1900 hours;

Departures:

8th August, 0001 hours to 1200 hours; 9th August, 0100 hours to 1200 hours; 10th August, 0800 hours to 2000 hours.