



## Stevenage District Scout Council

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Dear Scouts, Explorers, Parents and Guardians

I am writing to you on behalf of Stevenage District to offer you the opportunity to apply for a place in the County Jamboree Units that will be going to the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree to be held in SaeManGeum, Jeollabuk-do, South Korea from 1st to 12th August 2023. There is a World Scout Jamboree every 4 years with the previous one being held in the USA in 2019 and every young person is only eligible once in their lifetime to attend. For Korea, eligible young people are those born between 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. You have been identified as being eligible to apply based on information from your Section Leader.

The District has a limited amount of places and if you apply, you will be invited to attend a selection event that will include an interview and activities and will be holding an evening or weekend, which we have yet to decide what date.

**Please be aware that not all applicants will be successful.**

If you were to be selected you would be one of 108 young people from Hertfordshire, joining approximately 50,000 other young people from over 150 Countries and Territories around the world meeting through the common bond of Scouting in an event which is even bigger than the Olympics.

The theme of the Jamboree is 'Draw Your Dream'

If successful you will need to attend various training sessions, camps and activities to ensure that you are prepared and to get to know the other Scouts in your unit, which will be made up of Scouts from all areas of Hertfordshire. You will also need to be prepared to promote Scouting locally both before and after Jamboree in the form of presentations about your experiences to other members and parents and supporters. This is a big commitment and you will need the support of your Group or Unit and your parents or guardians to ensure that you can attend all of the training events which are usually one per month until the Jamboree.

The cost of the Jamboree will be approximately **£3770**. Usually a portion of this cost is funded by the District, however it is difficult to say how much, if any, the District will be able to put towards it. You will need to speak to your leader with regards to funding from your Group / Unit; however it is usual for them to also contribute or assist with fundraising. There are also grants available nationally for families in certain

circumstances who are unable to fund the trip. In short the money alone should never be a reason not to apply for a Jamboree participant place.

You can find more information about the Jamboree by simply searching "World Scout Jamboree 2023" on the internet. The official website is at <https://www.2023wsjkorea.org/html/2023wsj.html#sec=jamboree>

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and one that participants often say changed their life. Although not everyone will be selected, everyone should apply. Participants will be selected bearing in mind their age and how this opportunity could benefit them, not only how they will contribute to Jamboree. In short it's not necessarily only "super scouts" who should fill in the form.

If you would like to be considered to represent the District, you should currently be, or plan to be, an Explorer Scout or Young Leader leading up to, during and after the Jamboree. (You will only be considered an Explorer Scout if you are attending Explorers regularly and are paying subscription fees. Young Leaders should be attending their chosen section regularly. If you would like to apply, please complete the enclosed application form, with as much information about yourself as possible, then get your parent / guardian to sign the form and return it to me as soon as possible, but no later than 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. I will write / email to you shortly after this with details of the selection weekend.

If you have any queries or questions about Jamboree, please do not hesitate to contact me, details are at the top of this letter.

Regards,

Kerry Hall  
District Commissioner