

Bulletin 1

HOC Knowledgebase

Exported on 06/24/2024

Table of Contents

1	Contents	4
2	Introduction	5
3	Jamboree Overview	7
3.1	Scouting in Poland - ZHP	7
3.2	The World Scout Jamboree.....	7
3.3	Dates, Participation, Age	8
4	Jamboree Theme and Objectives	9
4.1	Theme (Bravely)	9
4.2	Main Educational Objectives.....	9
4.2.1	You	9
4.2.2	You and Other People.....	10
4.2.3	You and the World.....	10
5	Jamboree Programme Components.....	11
6	Jamboree Promotion.....	12
6.1	Jamboree Design.....	12
6.2	Official channels and hashtags	12
6.3	Brand resources.....	13
7	Location.....	14
7.1	Jamboree site	14
7.2	Weather conditions and climate for July and August	14
7.3	Map	15
8	Poland, Pomorskie, Gdańsk	16
8.1	Poland.....	16
8.1.1	Where are we inviting you to?	16
8.1.2	Poland – Easy to access	17
8.1.3	Moving around Poland.....	17
8.2	Gdańsk.....	17

9	Preparation Timeline	18
10	Safe from Harm Introduction	20
10.1	Before the Jamboree	20
10.2	At the World Scout Jamboree	20
11	Jamboree Terms and Conditions	21
11.1	Registration and participation fees.....	21
11.2	How to form a contingent	21
12	HOC Appointment.....	23
13	Contact details	24
13.1	For general inquiries about your contingent	24

1 Contents

- [Introduction](#)
- [Jamboree Overview](#)
- [Jamboree Theme and Objectives](#)
- [Jamboree Programme Components](#)
- [Jamboree Promotion](#)
- [Location](#)
- [Poland, Pomorskie, Gdańsk](#)
- [Preparation Timeline](#)
- [Safe from Harm Introduction](#)
- [Jamboree Terms and Conditions](#)
- [HOC Appointment](#)
- [Contact details](#)

2 Introduction

Another exciting chapter in the history of Scouting is set to unfold. In 2027, on the 120th anniversary of our Movement, we will come together in Gdańsk, Poland to celebrate the 26th World Scout Jamboree.

At Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (ZHP), the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association, we are dedicated to making this event safe, educational, transformative, and truly memorable.

Scouts from around the world will gather to celebrate the ties that unite our communities, countries, and cultures. For some participants, the Jamboree will be the first trip outside their home countries. We will also welcome many first-time volunteers.

The motto for the Jamboree is “Bravely!”. We will bravely explore the world around us, overcome challenges, and rejoice in a community connected by our Scouting values.

Since being entrusted by the World Scouting Conference with hosting the Jamboree back in 2021, the ZHP has been hard at work, along with the Jamboree Planning Team, an international and intergenerational community of volunteers. Along with our partners at the World Scout Committee, the World Scout Bureau, the host city, and the host region, we will conduct the Jamboree in the most sustainable manner possible. I warmly thank my friends and colleagues from our partner organisations for this collaborative effort.

I assure our member organisations that we will assist you at every stage of preparing your national contingents. We will be your guides, transparently updating you regarding the progress of our preparations and the challenges that accompany them. We want the Jamboree to be an adventure and an educational experience for our youth and adult participants, the national contingent teams and the International Service Team.

This is the first edition of the Jamboree bulletin. It outlines the organisational framework and main principles associated with the world’s largest outdoor educational event.

It is a great honour and commitment to plan the Jamboree. Together – bravely – we will create an incredible and transformative experience for the young leaders of tomorrow.

On behalf of the ZHP, I invite you to Poland for the 26th World Scout Jamboree in 2027. Let us meet in three years’ time to bravely build a better world together.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelm'. The signature is stylized with a large 'K' and a vertical line through the 'e' and 'l'.

Karol Gzyl

Executive Director, 26th World Scout Jamboree Organisation

3 Jamboree Overview

3.1 Scouting in Poland - ZHP

The Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (ZHP), the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association, was founded in 1918 and is one of the largest youth organisations in Poland, with more than 110,000 members (Scouts, Guides, and leaders). The ZHP is a founding member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

The ZHP's motto is "Czuwaj!" which means "Be Prepared!"

Scouting in Poland started in 1910. The association grew steadily until 1939, laying sustainable education and programme foundations, as well as becoming one of the largest social and educational movements in the country. During World War II, many Polish Scouts kept their oath and served the nation as resistance fighters. Following WWII, Poland became part of the Communist bloc, and the ZHP was forced to suspend its WOSM and WAGGGS memberships. However, the association retained some independence from the Communist party and carried on its educational mission while preserving and nurturing its pre-war Scouting traditions. In 1995, a small Polish contingent participated in the 18th World Scout Jamboree in the Netherlands. They returned home with a dream to someday host a World Scout Jamboree in Poland. In 1996, following Poland's return to a democratic political system, the ZHP re-joined WOSM and WAGGGS.

The ZHP's mission is to educate and support young people in reaching their full potential. The ZHP provides dynamic, values-based, non-formal educational and leadership training programmes for girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 21. It provides a safe environment for young people to develop their full potential as responsible and active citizens who participate in their local, national, and international communities.

The President of the Republic of Poland has been the honorary patron of Scouting in the country. Scouting in Poland enjoys high social trust, and Scouts actively participate in local community life, proving that the motto "Be Prepared!" is not just about readiness but actual service.

3.2 The World Scout Jamboree

The World Scout Jamboree is a major international event organised by WOSM. Held every four years, it brings together tens of thousands of Scouts, aged 14 to 17, from around the globe to promote cultural exchange, friendship, and adventure. The Jamboree provides a unique opportunity for young people to learn from one another, develop leadership skills, and engage in outdoor activities while embracing the Scouting principles of community service, personal growth, and environmental stewardship.

The Jamboree program includes educational, recreational, and community service activities, such as workshops, team-building exercises, and outdoor pursuits. These experiences help Scouts build a strong sense of global citizenship and foster a deeper understanding of diverse cultures, ultimately contributing to a more peaceful and connected world.

The first World Scout Jamboree was held in 1920 in London, England. Other than being cancelled during the two World Wars and the Iranian Revolution, it has been organised every four years in different locations worldwide.

In 2027, Poland will host the World Scout Jamboree for the first time, in the city of Gdańsk, in Pomorskie Region.

3.3 Dates, Participation, Age

The 26th World Scout Jamboree will be held from 30 July to 8 August 2027. Youth Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the event (born after 30 July 2009 but not later than 30 July 2013). Individuals older than 18 (born on or before 30 July 2009) can take part as International Service Team (IST) volunteers.

Adult volunteers and Contingent Management Team (CMT) members must be 18 or older (born on or before 30 July 2009).

4 Jamboree Theme and Objectives

4.1 Theme (Bravely)

"Bravely" is the Jamboree theme, with which we aim to inspire young people to act courageously for the future of humanity and the planet.

Young people can be an inspiration to others by acting on what they believe in and encouraging change. Scouting can empower youth members to embark on self-discovery and growth, fostering self-awareness, resilience, and a balance between nature, technology, and personal well-being, while achieving their full potential. Scouts can take the initiative and make bold steps into the future.

Young people dream about their communities' futures. They feel a strong responsibility for the world around them. Adults should support and empower young people to make their dreams a reality and allow them to discover their potential.

We should allow young people to discover their potential and encourage them to speak loudly and bravely. We should support and encourage them to dream big, act decisively for what they believe in, allow them to make their own mistakes, and let them achieve their first successes. We should do our best to support them in these actions and ensure they do not feel alone as they explore and discover their paths.

We want the 26th World Scout Jamboree to be a space to inspire young people to act bravely for the future of all of us and our planet.

Now is the time for Scouts to not only be the change and take the initiative but also take brave steps forward. We want to encourage young people to walk beyond the usual, comfortable path and step up to take the floor in essential discussions. Scouts will learn how to take care of their well-being. We envision a Jamboree that will inspire but also help young people find the right self-balance and learn to take care of their mental health.

4.2 Main Educational Objectives

The 26th World Scout Jamboree theme is based on three pillars:

- You
- You and Other People
- You and the World

4.2.1 You

Our mission is to empower individuals to embark on a personal journey of self-discovery and growth, fostering self-awareness, resilience, and a harmonious balance between nature, technology, and personal well-being, inspiring them to achieve their full potential.

- To encourage one to explore oneself (reflecting on one's life values and goals, knowing one's strengths and weaknesses, developing self-confidence, and making informed choices).

- To spark attention to self-development (practicing non-cognitive transferable skills: creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking, as well as adapting to changes, practising Scoutcraft).
- To learn how to maintain self-balance (managing an individual’s mix of educational and professional, friends and family, exercise, interests and passions, social engagement, leisure, etc., activities to lead a full and happy life).
- To learn how to take care of oneself – support mental health and well-being (developing resilience, counteracting pessimism).
- To learn how to embrace both nature and technology in one’s own life and balance online and offline activities.

4.2.2 You and Other People

Our mission is to cultivate a culture of diversity and collaboration within the Scouting community, bridging generations and cultures, and fostering open communication and inclusive partnerships, all aimed at building a global community committed to peace and mutual respect.

- To embrace diversity in all dimensions (sparking curiosity about other cultures, religions, worldviews, and opinions, promoting social inclusion of all).
- To learn how to communicate and collaborate across generations, cultures, and religions as a way to bring peace locally and globally (appreciating other people’s competencies, understanding other people’s needs, making good use of different perspectives, promoting partnerships with other social actors – sharing experiences and resources).
- To build a sense of togetherness in Scouting.

4.2.3 You and the World

Our mission is to inspire and equip Scouts to become proactive, environmentally conscious global citizens, actively contributing to positive societal change and embracing sustainable development goals for a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world.

- To encourage “positive activism”, the sense of belonging to civil society and youth empowerment, not waiting passively for public authorities to address our common problems, but also not going against government regulations and initiatives; to learn how to complement the system we live in peacefully.
- To understand our impact on and responsibility for the environment and conservation.
- To summarise our commitments towards sustainable development goals and to prepare to work on calls to action presented by the United Nations.

5 Jamboree Programme Components

The Jamboree starts with the Opening Ceremony on 30 July 2027 and continues until the Closing Ceremony on 8 August 2027. The educational programme will contain: the main programme modules, plaza activities, programmes offered in subcamps, the International Day, the Inter-Religious Ceremony, Faith & Beliefs Zone and many more activities. Additionally, there will be a programme designed for the IST.

Educational activities during the programme modules will be supported by other non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The off-site modules will involve local communities in the host area, allowing Scouts to explore the history and culture of the Kashubian and Pomerania regions near Gdańsk.

The Jamboree programme will consist of four components:

A) The Modular Programme:

The Modular Program will follow our “Bravely” theme. Participants will embark on adventures on-site, close-to-site and off-site, encouraging them to be courageous in their lives and communities. Every day will bring something new, allowing the participants to explore different areas and grow physically, spiritually, socially, and mentally. Participants will roam through forests, play on the beach, run around the city of Gdańsk, visit a Polish Scout camp, and much more.

B) The Subcamp Programme:

Life in subcamps is a huge part of the Jamboree experience. We want to ensure the participants thrive in a safe environment, building strong friendships and having fun. To that end, we will have special free time activities and the one-of-the-kind Solidarity Badge that will encourage Scouts to explore how bravery, peace, and friendship can change the world.

C) The Plaza Programme:

The Plaza Programme will help participants experience different cultures and ideas. In the national tents, the participants will see presentations and displays from every contingent. The Faiths and Beliefs Zone will address their spiritual needs, while the Equality Zone will introduce them to friends from diverse communities, allowing them to exchange experiences without judgment.

D) The Supporting Events:

The Jamboree will feature several events that explore the “Bravely” theme in the past, present and future. During one of them, Youth Forum – a model UN debate, the participants will discuss ongoing issues and find real-life solutions to these problems. The 120 Years of Scouting Celebration will familiarise them with great figures who have brought change to the world. Also, a unique opportunity, the participants will be able to play a special Jamboree board game.

6 Jamboree Promotion

6.1 Jamboree Design

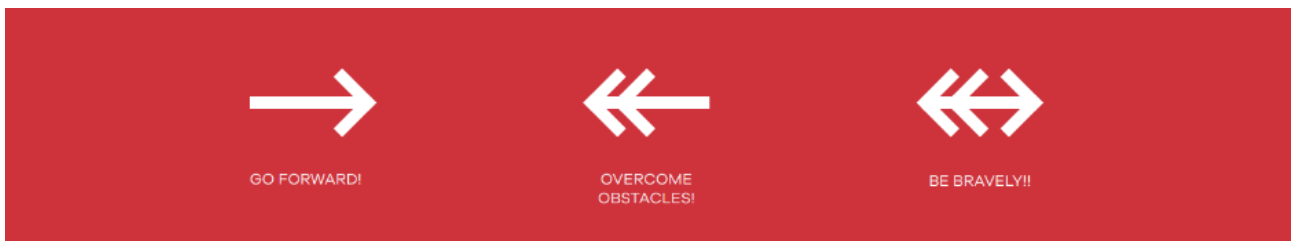
The Jamboree Design captures the Scouting spirit of adventure, courage, and leadership. At the heart of the design is the official logo, a specially created **Patrol Sign** representing the determination to progress, surmount challenges, and exhibit bravery. This emblem serves as a beacon, rallying Scouts from around the globe to embark on an extraordinary journey at the Jamboree.

The Jamboree design elements promote a sense of unity, diversity, and brotherhood. Imagery featuring Scouts from diverse backgrounds engaging in activities, exchanging cultural experiences, and working together towards common goals will be featured in promotional materials and event signage.

The colour palette chosen for the Jamboree reflects the vibrancy of youth and the natural beauty of Poland, incorporating shades of green to symbolize growth, blue to represent unity and harmony, and accents of yellow to signify energy and enthusiasm.

The design embodies the essence of Scouting—empowering young people to step boldly into the future, overcome obstacles with courage, and become catalysts for positive change in the world.

To help all Contingents with promoting the 26th World Scout Jamboree, we have developed a range of marketing materials. You can find these, along with the guidelines for use of the graphic profile for the Jamboree, in attached **Design Guidelines** and they are available electronically.



6.2 Official channels and hashtags

The official channels of the 26th World Scout Jamboree are:

- [facebook.com/jamboree2027](https://www.facebook.com/jamboree2027)
- [instagram.com/jamboree2027](https://www.instagram.com/jamboree2027)
- jamboree2027.org
- <https://treehouse.scout.org/group/road-world-scout-jamboree-2027>

There is no official Facebook group or Facebook event for the 26th World Scout Jamboree. There are, however, many unofficial groups and pages created by Scouts. They are not a part of the official Jamboree communication.

Please use the following official hashtags when posting about the Jamboree:

[#WorldScoutJamboree](#) #WSJ2027 #Polska2027

6.3 Brand resources

Brand resources, audio-visuals, and photos for contingent communications are available on HOC Base [[LINK TO HOC BASE](#)]

7 Location

7.1 Jamboree site

The 26th World Scout Jamboree Site is located on Wyspa Sobieszewska within the borders of the city of Gdańsk, on the coast of the Baltic Sea in northern Poland.

Gdańsk has 1,000 years of history and has been influenced by many cultures, religions, and events through the ages. It is the birthplace of the Solidarity Movement, which began as a labour union led by the later Nobel Peace Prize laureate Lech Wałęsa, and evolved into a protest movement that contributed to the fall of Communism in Poland and Eastern Europe.

Scouts will enjoy exploring the natural wonders of Wyspa Sobieszewska. It is surrounded by the sea and rivers and is a 20-minute drive from the historic centre of Gdańsk.

Although Wyspa Sobieszewska is a part of Gdańsk, it has preserved its charming natural environment and is located away from urban development areas. Wyspa Sobieszewska enjoys the status of an ecological reserve and was formed by regulating the estuary of the Vistula River as it flows into the Baltic Sea. Its natural features and microclimate make it an ideal place for outdoor activities during the summer. It offers various landscapes, including the seaside forest, several kilometres of wide beach, picturesque open fields, and farmland. The Jamboree site itself is located on 300 hectares of fields and meadows, with programme activities areas in the forest and on the beach.

7.2 Weather conditions and climate for July and August

Wyspa Sobieszewska has a warm temperate climate, moderated by the proximity of the sea. During July and August, the daily temperature averages 17°C, with an average high of 21°C and humidity of 55%. There is moderate rainfall, with an average of seven days of precipitation monthly during the summer.

7.3 Map



8 Poland, Pomorskie, Gdańsk

8.1 Poland

The Republic of Poland is a country in Central Europe and a member state of the European Union. Its territory extends from the beaches along the Baltic Sea in the north to the Sudetes and Carpathian Mountains in the south. The population of about 36.8 million occupies an area of about 322,000 square kilometres.

Many Poles can speak English, and the country is experienced in organising big events, such as the UEFA Euro 2012 and World Youth Day 2016. Poland has a modern transportation infrastructure and an extensive network of bus, rail, and air connections, both international and domestic, with affordable prices.

The currency is Polish Złoty. International credit cards are accepted, and mobile payments are widespread and accessible. Polish shops carry a wide range of goods, with food suitable for various diets and the essentials you may need while traveling.

8.1.1 Where are we inviting you to?

Poland awaits, inviting you to explore its diverse landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture. Poland has rich fauna and flora and beautiful landscapes full of forests, fields, rivers, and lakes. It is home to 23 protected areas that provide the best opportunities to explore and enjoy the best of Polish scenery.

- Join us as we journey to the Baltic Sea coast, where sandy beaches stretch as far as the eye can see, offering the perfect backdrop for seaside adventures and relaxation.
- Experience the wonders of the Mazury Lake District, a paradise for sailing and kayaking enthusiasts. Navigate through crystal-clear waters surrounded by lush greenery and serene tranquillity.
- Venture into the depths of Białowieża Primeval Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the majestic European bison. Discover the magic of this ancient woodland, where nature thrives undisturbed.
- Uncover the secrets of Poland's medieval past as you explore mysterious castles scattered across the southern and central regions. Immerse yourself in tales of knights, kings, and legends that echo through the ages.
- Challenge yourself to conquer breath-taking mountains, offering panoramic views and exhilarating hiking trails. Feel the thrill of reaching new heights and discovering hidden gems along the way.
- Enrich your mind and soul in the centres of historical education, where the early days of Poland come to life. Immerse yourself in the stories of our ancestors and gain insight into the foundations of our nation.
- Poland today offers a vibrant tapestry of cultural and sports events, showcasing the best of our contemporary society. Indulge in art, music, and cuisine that reflect our rich heritage and dynamic spirit.
- Come and see for yourself the beauty, diversity, and hospitality that Poland has to offer. We can't wait to welcome you with open arms and share unforgettable moments.

8.1.2 Poland – Easy to access

Gdańsk is served by Lech Wałęsa Airport (GDN), located 12 km from the city centre. The airport has direct flights to most major European air hubs, with a flight time of approximately two hours from London, Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt. The city is also well connected to Warsaw, the capital of Poland, by air or high-speed trains.

8.1.3 Moving around Poland

A high-speed rail trip from Warsaw to Gdańsk takes 2.5 hours. Domestic flight prices are relatively affordable, and there is a modern highway system connecting major cities.

8.2 Gdańsk

Boasting a tradition of over 1,000 years, Poland's maritime capital, Gdańsk, is one of the largest ports on the Baltic Sea and a unique metropolis marked by a spirit of freedom and courage. The city's motto perfectly captures the essence of this former Hanseatic city, encouraging us to live "neither rashly nor timidly.

As you wander through the charming streets of this maritime city, marvel at the meticulously restored buildings and colorful facades lining the famous Long Market. Explore the captivating history of the Solidarność movement at the European Solidarity Centre.

With its enchanting atmosphere, fascinating museums, and delightful waterfront promenades, Gdańsk welcomes Scouts from all over the world seeking an unforgettable adventure in Poland.

Gdańsk has a well-developed transit system and many bike paths. You can hop on and off the Rapid Urban Rail and buses within the city. Trams will take you to the city beaches (15 minutes from the city centre), buses will take you to the Tricity Landscape Park (25 minutes from the city centre), the Rapid Urban Rail takes just 20 minutes to reach Sopot, a neighbouring city famous for its health resorts, and extending the ride by 10 minutes will take you to Gdynia (a port city).

9 Preparation Timeline

2024		
	July	Bulletin #1
11-12	December	Heads of Contingent (HoC) Meeting #1, online
2025		
	April	Bulletin #2
26-28	September	HoC Meeting #2, Gdańsk
1	October	Contingent Allocation form submit deadline
1	November	Contingent Allocation confirmation
	November	Bulletin #3
1	December	Contingent Deposit due (10%)
2026		
1	April	End of 10% change option for registration
1	May	Contingent 2nd Payment due (20%)
	July	Bulletin #4
05-09	August	HoC Meeting #3, Gdańsk

1	September	Start IST and Adult Patrol Leader (APL) personal data registration + special needs registration per patrol + job choice
1	November	Contingent 3rd Payment due (30%)
1	December	End of IST registration/ job choice
2027		
	February	Bulletin #5
1	March	PAX personal data upload
1	April	Contingent 4th Payment due (40%)
02-04	April	HoC Meeting #4, location to be decided
1	May	Close PAX personal data upload
	Spring	Job allocations list ready

10 Safe from Harm Introduction

The main focus of the Safe from Harm Programme at the World Scout Jamboree is safeguarding our youth members, but the programme has a wider scope. It also aims to safeguard adult attendees, reduce the risk of discrimination, avoid cultural misunderstandings, and support mental health. For the first time, the 26th World Scout Jamboree also brings access and inclusion into the Safe from Harm framework. Delivering a Jamboree that is safe from harm is a partnership between the Jamboree Organisation, WOSM and the HoCs.

Safe from Harm incidents change in character at every World Scout Jamboree. Originally, we focused mainly on how adults treat participants, but a safe environment should be provided to all. It is important to ensure that youth and adults alike know that holding a safe Jamboree is a joint effort, and to prepare everyone to keep themselves and others safe from harm.

We have specialist units to support you in achieving the Safe from Harm goal during the following periods:

10.1 Before the Jamboree

- Issue codes of conduct for adults and participants to set basic standards of behaviour. Everyone coming to the Jamboree must agree to comply with them.
- Provide compulsory e-learning for all adult attendees. This will be additional to any Safe from Harm/safeguarding training delivered by your home Scout organisation.
- Provide a participant Safe from Harm learning experience to contingents. This will be delivered by adult Unit/Patrol Leaders as part of preparation for the Jamboree.
- Provide simple “Do’s and Don’ts”, similar to the conduct cards used by some Scout organisations.
- Set up an Access & Inclusion User Forum to advise on achieving the best standards of accessibility and inclusion.
- Maintain a Safe from Harm reporting system in case pre-event incidents occur that need the involvement of the Jamboree team and WOSM.

10.2 At the World Scout Jamboree

- Run a Listening Ear service in stations around the Jamboree site where people can seek help, report Safe from Harm incidents, or take a few minutes break from the hustle and bustle of the Jamboree. The Listening Ears will work closely with the mental health services provided by the Health & Medical Department and the host city, and with the Safe from Harm Operations Unit.
- Offer Listening Ear and Safe from Harm support at main arrival points and the Welcome Centre.
- Run a Safe from Harm Operations Unit to manage incidents that require investigation and action. It will work with the police and other local services when necessary.
- Run an Access & Inclusion troubleshooting team to help solve problems if they occur during the event.

11 Jamboree Terms and Conditions

11.1 Registration and participation fees

Registration will be based on an electronic registration system.

A NSO allocation numbers of the size of the Contingent will be based on requested **Contingent Allocation form**, which is due not later than **1 October 2025**. After considering each NSOs request, an actual Contingent Allocation number **will be confirmed by the Jamboree Organisation no later than 1 November 2025**. This allocation will confirm the number of participants, ISTs and CMTs expected to attend the event and based on those numbers further binding invoices will be issued.

It is strongly advised not to confirm any registrations in the NSOs internal systems before receiving the Contingent Allocation confirmation from the Jamboree Organisation.

The participation fees and payment schedule is outlined below. The participation fees are based on the National Scout Organisation (NSO) event fee categories that can be found in the table below. There are different fees for participants (Adult Patrol Leaders and youth participants and IST, CMT members.

Fees table

Payment of the deposit will guarantee the number of registered participants per contingent. The deposit for each registered person is 10% of the Jamboree Fee.

A deposit will be applied to the contingent concerned, not individuals. Deposits will not be refunded under any circumstances. Contingents who do not confirm their allocation with the deposit by 1 December 2025 are at risk of finding limited capacity for their contingent.

Accurate allocation request ensures a healthy Jamboree budget. Once the initial allocation request is submitted and approved, NSOs may request a **one-time of maximum 10% adjustment** in approved Contingent Allocation.

The 26th World Scout Jamboree reserves the right to cancel the allocation of any National Scout Organisation contingent that misses payment deadlines.

For more details on what the fees include, the payment schedule and the rules, please refer to the Terms and Conditions of the 26th World Scout Jamboree.

Kindly refer to the full terms and conditions, which you can find here.

11.2 How to form a contingent

NSOs in good standing with WOSM may apply to attend the 26th World Scout Jamboree. NSOs with multiple National Scout Associations (NSAs) must form a single NSO National Contingent for the Jamboree. Each NSO will appoint a Head of Contingent (HOC) who will lead the contingent. The HOC cannot participate as an Adult Patrol Leader or IST member during the event.

Each NSO can appoint a HOC by filling in the **HoC Appointment Form** before 1 November 2024. After filling in the form, NSO will receive an e-mail with a confirmation of HOC registration and additional information.

Young people aged 14 through 17 at the start day of the Jamboree are eligible to participate in the 26th World Scout Jamboree as youth participants (those born after 30 July 2009 but not later than on 30 July 2013). Participants will be registered in patrols of 10 persons: 9 youth participants and 1 Adult Patrol Leader (APL). Four patrols will form a unit.

Adult volunteers can also join as a member of the IST. The IST is essential to the successful execution of the Jamboree. NSOs are encouraged to recruit suitable adults for the IST.

The HOC is supported by a Contingent Management Team (CMT). The team consists of adult volunteers responsible for taking care of the youth participants and managing the finances, communications, and logistics of the contingent. The 26th World Scout Jamboree requests a minimum of one CMT member for contingents of up to 18 participants and two CMT members for larger contingents. An overview of the maximum number of CMT members is explained in the table below.

No contingent may have more adults (total of ISTs and CMTs) than youth participants, except for the host NSO.

Adult volunteers must be 18 years old at the start of the event (born on or before 30 July 2009). This includes APLs, members of the IST and members of the CMT.

Number of participants	Number of CMT
1- 18	1 to 2
19 - 36	2 to 3
37 - 72	2 to 5
73 - 144	2 to 8
145 - 288	2 to 14
289 - 576	2 to 22
577 - 1,557	2 to 30
1,558 - 2,304	2 to 40
More than 2,305	Please discuss with the Jamboree Organisation

There will be opportunities for CMTs to meet online and take part in a study visit in Poland. For further details, please refer to the preparation's timeline. The first meeting will be held online 11 December 2024 and then repeated on 12 December 2024 for those who cannot attend the first date.

12 HOC Appointment

NSOs are encouraged to select and register their HOC before 1 November 2024. After registration, the HOCs will receive further information about the first HOC meeting.

HOCs can be registered using this link. / The link will be provided to you by 1 September 2024 latest.

13 Contact details

13.1 For general inquiries about your contingent

Questions regarding contingents can be directed to the Contingent Relations Department via contingents@wsj2027.pl. Within the team, volunteers are assigned for each NSO. They are in your Scout Region and therefore very aware of the different aspects specific to the contingents in your area. As they are also working in the time zone of the region, it is easy to reach out to them.