

Information Pack for Youth Participants  
Scouting Ireland Contingent  
26<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Poland, 2027



# **POLAND 2027**

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## Introduction

A World Scout Jamboree takes place somewhere in the world every four years and in 2027 we'll travel to Gdańsk in Poland. This will be the 26<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree and the first in Europe since Sweden, 2011.

Scouting Ireland has a long history of sending contingents to the World Scout Jamboree with each Contingent enjoying a varied and exciting experience. The 26th World Scout Jamboree will take place from 30<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2027, and is being hosted by ZHP, the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association. You can read more about the Jamboree here: [jamboree2027.org](http://jamboree2027.org). If you have any questions about this document, please contact us on [wsj2027@scouts.ie](mailto:wsj2027@scouts.ie).

## Irish Contingent

Our purpose is to support young people to have the adventure of a lifetime, and gain lifelong memories, skills and friends. Guided by the values of inclusion, collaboration and empowerment we will create a contingent that is sustainable, youth led, and safe.

The Irish Contingent to the 26th World Scout Jamboree will include members across Scouting Ireland, for most it will be their first ever World Scouting event and Troop Scouters will play a key role in shaping this once in a lifetime opportunity.

We are planning for 10 Troops to be grouped geographically throughout the 6 Scout Provinces. Exact numbers and allocation will depend on the number of suitable applicants. The full recruitment process for Troops Scouters, International Service Team (IST) and Youth Participants will be complete towards the end of 2025.

Each troop will organise their preparation prior to the event, supported by dedicated Troop Liaisons on the Contingent Management Team (CMT). There will be some Troop-only events and some events for the full contingent to come together and the CMT is working to put plans in place for all of this.

## What do we know about the Jamboree so far?

“Bravely” is the Jamboree theme, aiming to inspire young people to act courageously for the future of humanity and the planet.

The 26th World Scout Jamboree is located on Wyspa Sobieszewska within the borders of the city of Gdańsk, on the coast of the Baltic Sea in northern Poland. The Jamboree programme 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. Programme will have four components: Subcamp Programme, Modular Programme, Plaza Programme and Supporting Events.

## What to expect during the event

### Weather

The months of July and August have similar temperatures to Ireland with average day time temperature between 17-23C and an average humidity of 55%. Nighttime temperatures are slightly warmer than Ireland ranging from 9-15C. The site is near the sea so some wind can be expected. It is likely to rain during the Summer, although not as much as we are used to in Ireland.

### The site

Wyspa Sobieszewska is a part of an ecological reserve meaning despite being close to an urban city it has maintained its charming natural landscape. These natural features and microclimate make it an ideal place for outdoor activities during the summer. It offers various landscapes, including a 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 activity areas in the forest and on the beach.

## Costs

The CMT is currently working on the costs for the Irish Contingent, but we envisage the cost to be in line or slightly lower than previous World Jamborees. As with previous events the costs will be paid in instalments with a deposit of **€500 due by 17th August**. This deposit must

be paid to guarantee your place in the contingent. The total cost along with a Terms & Conditions document will be communicated to you before the deposit is due.

## The Site

Wyspa Sobieszewska is a part of an ecological reserve meaning despite being close to an urban city it has maintained its charming natural landscape. It is a 20 minute drive from the city of Gdansk which has a population of 480,000. The site will be equipped with a hospital and medical centre staffed 24 hours by doctors and medical professionals.

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## Life on the Jamboree site

Youth Participants will spend 10 days on the Jamboree site, followed by a 4-5 day post camp in Europe with the Irish Contingent. Days are action packed with programme and adventure. Youth Participants will be guided and supported throughout by a team of highly experienced Troop Leaders. There will be over 800 individual activities over the course of the Jamboree, so the site is large and everyone should be prepared for 2-3 hours of walking per day! A typical day will involve cooking your meals, visiting campsites of other contingents, experiencing the Jamboree programme or exploring nearby towns and cities. While the Jamboree can be an intense experience, there will always be accommodations for Scouts who can't walk that far or need to take some time out. This Jamboree will be open to all.

## Typical day

06:30	Wake Up and breakfast
08:00	Walk to Program/Activities (could be up to 1 hour walk)
09:00	Programme starts (Could be on site, off site or in your Subcamp)
13:00	Lunch and rest
14:00	Programme resumes

17:30	Programme finish and dinner
19:00	Relax and socialise
20:00	Sub-camp program (Can include talent shows, a Céilí, discos, etc.)
11:00	Lights out
	Do it all again for the next 10 days!

### For Parents/Guardians

A World Scout Jamboree is a once in a life time experience for a young person. It is an opportunity for your Scout to better understand themselves and the world around them, with participants from 120+ countries camping and living together. The friendships formed by Scouts during a World Jamboree are like no other, with many youth members speaking fondly about the friends they made and the memories cherished in the years after the World Scout Jamboree.

In the run up to the Jamboree, there will be different preparation events where you and your Scout will get to know the others they are travelling with and the Leaders supporting them along the way. Some of these will be just in your Troop (36 Scouts, 4 Leaders) while other events will see the full Contingent come together to learn about the Jamboree and share ideas and plans for the adventure ahead.

**More information, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on our website [wsj2027.ie](http://wsj2027.ie).**