

A Contingent from your Troop or Crew can Participate in a Jamboree or Stay at an International Scout Center in Another Country

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The fee to participate in a jamboree in another country or stay at an international Scout Center is low enough that, even adding airfare, the total cost per person of an overseas trip is similar to the cost of participating in the BSA National Jamboree or a Philmont trip. You can form a contingent from one troop or crew or from a group of neighboring troop(s) and crew(s). The MCC International Committee will be glad to help you in your planning. Send an email message to international@michiganscouting.org It is best to start planning a trip to a jamboree in another country at least a year before the jamboree takes place, so now is a good time to begin planning a trip to a summer 2025 jamboree.

JAMBOREES IN OTHER COUNTRIES - The BSA is a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Many WOSM-affiliated National Scout Organizations (NSOs) open their jamborees to contingents from other countries. Most of these jamborees are a week to a week and a half long. That allows a BSA contingent to include time on their trip for sightseeing. There are very few BSA contingents at these jamborees. A BSA contingent can often arrange to pair with a Scout group from the host country that is participating in the same jamboree, share a campsite with them, and borrow group equipment such as tents, stoves, and cooking equipment from them. That provides the BSA contingent with a unique experience, and they don't need to bring group gear. Jamboree websites often state an age range for participants. However, international participants a little older than a stated maximum age might be acceptable. According to BSA's *Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Camping* (<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-686.pdf>) **BSA youth must be at least 12 years old to participate in jamborees.**

If this update is several months old, go to <https://michiganscouting.org/international-scouting/> and scroll down to "Travel Overseas with Scouts and Venturers" to see if there is a more recent revision of this document that includes additional jamborees..

INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CENTERS - An International Scout Center will typically have Scout groups from a number of different countries in camp at any time and an international staff. Many of them offer opportunities for in-camp activities and nearby outdoor expeditions and sightseeing and have both tent campsites and rooms with bunks and mattresses. With an International Scout Center, you are not constrained by the dates of a jamboree. You can typically make a reservation for whatever dates and time period you desire.

CONSIDER CANADA - The transportation cost to a Scouts Canada event is much lower than it is to Europe, and Scouts under 19 traveling to Canada as a group by land can use birth certificates in place of passports. Michigan troops have had great experiences spending weeks at Scouts Canada's Haliburton Scout Reserve in northern Ontario - <https://www.scouts.ca/camps/haliburton-scout-reserve.html> - and at jamborees in Canada.

LISTS OF OPPORTUNITIES - Below are lists of upcoming jamborees in other countries and International Scout Centers that are open to contingents from individual BSA troops and crews with links to their web sites.

SUMMER 2024 JAMBOREES OPEN TO BSA TROOP AND CREW CONTINGENTS

CANADA - Pacific Jamboree - July 6 to 14, 2024 at Camp Barnard in Sooke, British Columbia - The website at <https://www.pacificjamboree.ca/> has links at the top or near the bottom of the home page for details. Participant registration is open to Scouts aged 11 to 15 years old. Offers of Service (staff) registration is open to registered members (Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters) over the age of 15. To reach INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS, go to the website, move your cursor to "Participants" and, in the dropdown that appears, click on "International Participants and Offers of Service." Then, next to "International FAQ" click on "Download."

ENGLAND - Essex International Jamboree - July 27 to August 3, 2024 - ages 10 to 17 - Boyton Cross, Chelmsford, Essex - <https://eij.org.uk/> We have Scout contacts in Essex who participated in past Michigan International Camporees and might be interested in forming a joint jamboree contingent with you.

ENGLAND - Larkin International Jamboree - July 27 to August 3, 2024 - ages 10 to 17 - Duncombe Park, Helmsley, York - <https://www.larkinjamboree.org.uk/>

ENGLAND - Red Rose 2024 - August 3 to 10, 2024 – ages 10 to 17 - Westmoreland Showground - <https://redrose.org.uk/> We have Scout contacts in England's nearby Lake District who participated in past Michigan International Camporees and might be interested in forming a joint jamboree contingent with you.

GERMANY - Bavarian Jamboree 2024 - July 27 to August 5, 2024 - They are looking for international partner groups who would like to experience the time together with a German group. To learn more, visit their English language web page for International Guests at <https://www.landeslager.bayern/international-guests/>

ICELAND - Icelandic National Jamboree - July 12 to 19, 2024, in Úlfjótssvatn in southwest Iceland – ages 10-18 - <https://skatamot.is/english/> - especially attractive to Michigan troops and crews because Chicago's O'Hare Airport and Detroit Metro Airport are served by IcelandAir Airlines with its nonstop flights to and from Iceland.

SCOTLAND - Blair Atholl Jamborette - July 16 to 26, 2024 - ages 14 to 17 - The Blair Atholl Jamborette has been held on the grounds of Blair Atholl Castle every even numbered year since 1946 except 2020. Patrols are composed of 6 Scottish Scouts and 6 Scouts from another country. Go to <https://www.jamborette.org.uk/> and click on "Info for Overseas Patrols." International spaces usually fill early.

SUMMER 2025 INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREES OPEN TO BSA TROOP AND CREW CONTINGENTS

ENGLAND - Kent International Jamboree - August 2-9, 2025 - ages 10 to 17 - Detling Showground, Kent County - <https://www.kij.org.uk/>

ENGLAND - Kernow Jamboree - July 27 to August 2, 2025 - ages 10 to 17 - Stithians Showground, Cornwall - <https://kernowjamboree.org.uk/>

ENGLAND - Norjam International Jamboree - August 9 to 16, 2025 - ages 10 to 17 - in Norfolk at the Norfolk Showground - <https://www.norjam.org.uk/>

NORWAY - National Jamboree - July 5 to 12, 202 - 5combined jamboree of the two WOSM-affiliated Norwegian Scout Associations in Gjøvik, Norway.- <https://www.landsleir.no/international> and scroll down

SOME INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CENTERS OPEN TO BSA TROOP AND CREW CONTINGENTS

SWITZERLAND - Kandersteg International Scout Center - Open year-round - Units can stay in indoor group accommodations or campsites with in-camp programs or opportunities in the Swiss Alps - <https://www.kisc.ch/>

ENGLAND - Gilwell Park near London -- BSA contingents can stay in tented villages or cabins and schedule activities at the center or make their own schedule by venturing into London from the nearby Chingford railway station. - <https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/centre/gilwell-park>

AUSTRIA - Pfadfinderdorf Zellhof International Scout and Guide Center not far from Salzburg - Zellhof has bunkhouses and campsites with the opportunity for in camp programs, touring Salzburg, and exploring the Austrian countryside - <https://www.zellhof.at/en/zellhof-is/>

IRELAND - <http://www.larchhill.org/> and <http://www.castlesaunderson.com/>

THE NETHERLANDS - <http://buitenzorg.scouting.nl/>

SWEDEN - <https://vassaro.se/camp-information/> and <https://ransberg.com/en/>

UNITED KINGDOM - Scout Adventure Centers - <https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/all-centres>