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**International Events 2027**

**To: All Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts**

We hope that you will consider applying for a place on the Expeditions taking place during 2027. There are five expeditions :

1. World Scout Jamboree, Poland
2. Iceland
3. Jersey
4. North America (USA and Canada)
5. Kenya

All apart from the Kenya Expedition will take place at the end of July/Early August 2027. The Kenya Expedition will take place at Easter 2027

The age requirements for all of these expeditions apart from the Kenya Expedition are :

We are sure that a large number will want to take part in these events. The selection panel are keen that every current Scout or Explorer Scout in Essex that meets the age criteria and wants to apply should do so. You must be at least 14 years of age and under 18 years of age at the start of the event apart from the Kenya Expedition where you must be at least 14 years of age and under 25 years of age. As a guide, this means you must have been born after 18/07/2009 and before 18/07/2013. For Kenya the dates are 27/0309 and 27/03/2013 respectively

When you apply, please make sure you read and complete the application form carefully. We anticipate a large number of applications and we will use what you write in your application form as the basis on which to make a decision about inviting you to a selection event.

This event will be an opportunity for you to tell and show us more about you, find out more about how your skills and experiences (in and out of Scouting) would support you to be a great member of one of the Expeditions as well as a chance for you to meet others, find out more about what the expeditions and if it is right for you at this point.

These applications will have a closing date of 31st August 2025. You will have the opportunity of expressing order of preference. Selection weekends for all events will take place on the dates listed below. You will be able to choose which event that you wish to attend but you have to able to attend one of them. Unfortunately, your application cannot be considered if you are unable to attend any of the selection events

Details of Timeline here

23rd June       Online Application open

July Roadshows (listed below)

31st August    Deadline for receipt of applications

21st September Invitations issued to selection event

October         Selection events (listed below)

31st October Notify applicants of outcome

**Roadshows**

Face to face roadshows will take place as follows:

Wednesday July 2nd - Stanway School, Winstree Road, Stanway, COLCHESTER,

Essex C)8 0QA

Friday July 4th - Alf Lowne Scout Centre, Richmond Road, GRAYS, Essex

RM17 6DN

Monday July 7th - 1st Chelmsford Scout Headquarters, Meteor Way,

CHELMSFORD, Essex. CM1 2RL

Thursday 10th July - Snow Farm District HQ, School Lane, HARLOW

Essex CM20 2QB



Friday July 11th - Online Roadshow

Joining instructions

Friday, 11 July · 7:15 – 9:45pm

Time zone: Europe/London

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/vow-mpjx-zvh

Or dial:

More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/vow-mpjx-zvh?pin=6045371272902

All roadshows will be from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

**Selection Weekends**

All selection weekends will start at 11.00a.m. on Saturday and end at 1.00pm on Sunday

4th/5th October Risdens Park Campsite, Off Parsloes Road

(through Markwell Wood) HARLOW CM19 4QU

11th/12th October Thorrington Campsite, Brick Kiln Lane, Thorrington

COLCHESTER. CO7 8JF

18th/19th October Condovers Activity Centre, Church Road, West Tilbury,

TILBURY. RM18 8QX

1st/2nd November Skreens Park Activity Centre, Skreens Park Road,

Roxwell, CHLEMSFORD.CM1 4NN

We do hope that you will apply, and remember to fully complete the application form, ask the person you are going to list as your referee before adding this to the form and provide an honest outline of yourself.

Apply Here : <https://forms.gle/qWBXpLKkRXHMjHvL9>

We look forward to receiving your application soon. Good luck!

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**Proposed Expeditions**

1. **World Jamboree in Poland 2027**

The World Jamboree process for Poland in 2027 has started and all we know at this stage is that we have been allocated two full units (72 young people and 8 adults)

Cost is as yet unknown but likely to be in the region of £3000 to £3500

Total timing for the event is not yet clear

1. **North America**

The 2023 Expedition was reviewed and found to be too large. Many of the components were very successful including the high adventure element. (a canoe expedition over 5 days) Other elements included visits to a number of cities and various outdoor activities. It is intended that this expedition will include USA and Canada.

The proposed timing for the Expedition will be from the end of July for two and a half weeks

The maximum proposed numbers (subject to applications) will be 72 young people and 12 adults

The 2023 cost was £3000 and it is hoped that this will not rise beyond £3500

1. **Jersey**

The 2023 Expedition was judged to have been a great success, The same programe will broadly be followed but with consideration to using the indoor accommodation at the site to remove the need to transport equipment which was very costly.

The proposed timing will be from the end of July for two weeks

The maximum proposed numbers (subject to applications) will be 36 young people and 8 adults.

The 2023 cost was £850 and it is hoped that this will not rise beyond £1100

1. **Iceland**

This is a new opportunity which will be based at the Ulfljotsvatn Scout and Adventure Centre. This is the most northern Scout Adventure Centre in the world. The intention is to rent tents and take up a catering option as food is incredibly expensive. Activities will include glacier walking, white water rafting, a day kayaking, , day in Reykjavik plus more to be decided.

The proposed timing will be at the end of July for two weeks.

The maximum proposed numbers (subject to applications) will be 40 young people and 5 leaders.

The proposed outline cost will be £2500

1. **Kenya**

Building on our successful partnership with African Adventures (Ghana 2025 and Zanzibar 2026) an Expedition to Kenya following the same model of volunteering in a school during the week with activities taking place over each weekend. including a weekend with the Masai Mara Tribe, a visit to Baden Powell’s grave, a visit to an elephant sanctuary plus other possibilities yet to be determined.

The proposed timing will be the Easter School Holiday for approximately two weeks

The maximum proposed numbers (subject to applications) will be 42 young people and 7 leaders.

The proposed outline cost will be £3700