



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

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Two years ago, at Hylands Park in Essex, the UK played host to the World Scout Jamboree. In two years' time it will be the turn of Kristianstad, Sweden. As the preparations gather pace, UK Contingents Manager, **Jon Bell**, took time out to ask Jamboree Executive Director, Göran Hägerdal, how things are going, what we can expect and how you can be a part of it

Jon What is a World Scout Jamboree?

Göran A gathering of Scouts from all corners of the world. In Sweden we are expecting more than 30,000. Jamborees beat at the very heart of Scouting. Every four years, people join together to reaffirm their common bond and to celebrate the diversity that enriches all our lives. The first Jamboree happened in 1920, less than two years after the end of the First World War. It laid the foundations of Scouting as a Movement for peace and we have not looked back since.

In 2007, the Jamboree was in the UK. What can we expect from 2011 in Sweden?

2007 will be a hard act to follow. Anyone reading this who was involved last time should be extremely proud of their achievements. The theme in the UK was 'One World, One Promise' and the Jamboree was about coming together on an unprecedented scale. We want to retain the essence of this but also generate a sense of intimacy by providing opportunities for people to meet in small groups to learn about each other. As part of this we will be developing the concept of a camp within a camp where Units will spend a couple of days at a small centre away from the bright lights of the main site.

I notice your theme will be 'Simply Scouting'. Does this mean we can expect a back-to-basics experience?

No! That's one thing I'm keen to clear up right from the start. Far from being back-to-basics Simply

Scouting aims to capture our vision of solidarity, meetings and nature. We want a blend of ancient and modern where we can smell the smoke and surf the web. This will be a 21st-century Jamboree with gas stoves and all the mod-cons, but it will also seek to reaffirm the fundamental values of living together and respecting one another. Sadly, such values are often left to chance these days.

Who can attend the Jamboree?

Jamboree participants are young people aged between 14 and 17 at the start of the event. Every country in the Scouting world (and that's nearly all of them) can send a contingent to the Jamboree. This will include Units of 36 young people and four leaders, plus a number of adults to work on the International Service Team (IST). The UK Contingent Management Team are responsible for the planning in the United Kingdom. However, I understand they will send Units from all counties in England and from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

more info

Join in and be part of it www.scouts.org.uk/ws2011. **Facebook Group** 22nd World Scout Jamboree – UK Contingent. **Scout and Explorer Leaders** Contact your District and County Teams. They will be organising selection for participants and Unit Leaders. **IST applicants** Applications open online from Monday 19 October 2009. For more information visit www.scouts.org.uk/ist2011

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More than Simply Service!

Joining the International Service Team (IST) is a unique opportunity. IST members will attend the World Scout Jamboree on behalf of the organisers to run all the activities and services that go into making the event a success. In short, you will make the event happen. The Scout Association has 500 places available and is inviting applications from Monday 19 October 2009. The selection process will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To find out more, visit www.scouts.org.uk/ist2011

FESTIVAL FACTS!

In short, the World Scout Jamboree is a World Scouting event for young people aged between 14 and 17. It will take place in Kristianstad, Sweden, from 27 July to 7 August 2011. It will involve more than 30,000 young people, leaders and members of the International Service Team. The UK contingent will number 4,000 which will be the largest group of British Scouts ever to travel to an event overseas.

More information is available at www.scouts.org.uk/ws2011



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