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Invitations to host future
World Scout Events



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The World Scout Committee presents to the 42nd World Scout Conference the Member Organizations accepted to bid for the future World Scout Events.

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A brief explanation about the process for bidding for World Scout Events is followed by brief overviews of each bid for the 43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum (2024), 17th World Scout Moot (2025) and the 26th World Scout Jamboree (2027). Member Organizations should familiarise themselves with the details of these bids and contact the concerned Member Organizations directly for further information or clarifications. Profiles of each bid for the future World Scout Events can also be located on scoutconference.org/event-bidders.

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Languages

The official languages of the World Organization are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Conference Documents available in both languages. When possible, it endeavours to make them available also in Arabic, Russian and Spanish - the three additional working languages of WOSM. In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Conference Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

Invitations to Host future World Scout Events

A World Scout Event is hosted by a Member Organization (“the Host”) on behalf of WOSM. All WOSM Member Organizations in good standing can extend invitations (a “bid”) to the Conference to host a particular World Scout Event.

In June 2018, Circulars [22/2018](#), [23/2018](#) and [24/2018](#) called for invitations from Member Organizations to host the future World Scout Events. The Circulars indicated that the deadline for receiving intentions to bid was 30 November 2018.

Each Member Organization that bids to host a World Scout Event is required to undertake an extensive due diligence process implemented by the World Scout Bureau, ensuring they are ready and have the capacity to Host such a World Scout Event. The Member Organizations were also informed about the official WOSM guidelines and requirements for hosting these events.

The results of the due diligence process was reviewed by the World Scout Committee to determine which Member Organizations were to be accepted to put forward their bid during the Conference.

The Host of each event is appointed by the Conference multiple years in advance to allow adequate time for planning and promotion. The 42nd World Scout Conference will decide on the Hosts of the following World Scout Events:

- 43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum (2024)
- 17th World Scout Moot (2025)
- 26th World Scout Jamboree (2027)

Basic information about the bids to host these future events appear on the following pages. More details will be available from the bidding Member Organizations themselves.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Through the bidding process, all bidding Member Organizations are required to abide by the [WOSM Code of Conduct for bidders for World Scout Events](#) to ensure a fair and equal decision-making process is carried out and aligned with Scouting’s values.

43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum (2024)

The [World Scout Conference](#) is the governing body of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Taking place every three years, the Conference enables WOSM's Member Organizations to play an active role in shaping the standards, policies and shared goals of the Scout Movement worldwide. The World Scout Youth Forum happens in advance of the Conference, giving young people a platform to learn new skills and open the door to involvement in world-level decision-making for Scouting.

After thoughtful and collaborative discussions, the Member Organizations of France and Mexico took the decision to withdraw their bids for the 43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum (2024). The decision comes in an act of solidarity with the Egyptian Scout Federation who had been preparing to host the 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum (2021) before the decision was taken to host the events virtually due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Sincere appreciation is extended to these Member Organizations for their demonstration of solidarity and Scouting spirit. They are highly commended for the effort, time and resources put into their bids.

The World Scout Committee thus approved to bring before the Conference the following Member Organization to bid for the 43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum (2024), as referenced in Circular [04/2021](#).

- Egypt – Egyptian Scout Federation

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Proposed dates

15th World Scout Youth Forum: 12 – 16 August 2024

43rd World Scout Conference: 19 – 23 August 2024

Proposed venue

43rd World Scout Conference

[Sharm El Sheikh International Congress Center \(SHICC\)](#)

- One of the biggest congress centers in the region
- Can accommodate up to 5,000 participants
- First choice for all large events happening in Egypt, including presidential events
- Most recently the venue for the World Youth Forum with over 2,500 participants in December 2019

15th World Scout Youth Forum

[Baron Palms Hotel Sharm El Sheikh](#)

- Five-star hotel, is majestically positioned facing the Straits of Tiran
- Opposite to the exotic Tiran Island and overlooking the National Marine Park with over 600 meters of private beachfront, surrounded by gentle hills

Proposed facilities

43rd World Scout Conference

- 12 meeting rooms and multipurpose rooms accommodating between 20 to 2,000 people each, with total capacity of 4,000 people
- Central reception area of 3,000 square meters
- Registration area of 600 square meters
- Wi-Fi, catering, simultaneous translation cabins for seven languages, pre-installed sound systems and lighting, and advanced display facilities

15th World Scout Youth Forum

- Seven meeting rooms, including a big conference room accommodating up to 400 people
- Workshop areas

Accommodation

43rd World Scout Conference

- Maritime Jolie Vile Hotel (attached to the conference centre)
- Broad variety of hotel accommodation options (located within 10 minutes of the conference centre)

15th World Scout Youth Forum

Youth Forum participants will stay in the hotel in which the event would be staged. There is sufficient accommodation for all, with all meals provided in the hotel restaurant.

Reducing and controlling costs

We are working closely with the government and sponsors to market for such event. In addition to that, we did some agreement with NGOs and Ministries to cover part of the social events.

Estimated fees

Category	Conference participants over 26 years	Conference participants under 26 years	Conference + Youth Forum	Youth Forum only
WOSM A	USD 645	USD 590	USD 630	USD 280
WOSM B	USD 850	USD 765	USD 880	USD 380
WOSM C	USD 930	USD 875	USD 1,025	USD 470
WOSM D	USD 995	USD 900	USD 1,115	USD 540

Minimising environmental impact

- **Paper free Conference:** The Conference will minimise the use of any paper during the event, and it will ensure that if there is any paper provided, it will be recycled and is environmentally friendly.
- **Go green:** All of the event will be environmentally friendly and ensure that there will be people responsible for making sure that the sustainable aspect is adhered to, including all the publication and printing. The production team will ensure that it is from a sustainable source, and nothing will go to waste. There will be instructions on how to be more environmentally friendly everywhere around the venue, like reminding people about turning off lights and unplugging their computers. Ensuring that the food provided is from a sustainable source and local, no imported food will be used during the Conference. Transportation will be monitored to ensure that it has an as little environmental impact as possible.
- **Choosing environmentally friendly hotels:** The events team will make sure that the hotels will adhere to the sustainability guidance provided, and ensure that every aspect during the Conference will be as environmentally friendly as possible, including offering water refills and no plastic bottles, no food waste policy, minimising the usage of high energy-consuming utilities, and making sure that the hotel provides smart room temperature controls.
- **Minimise plastic use:** There will be a ban on plastic use during the event and delegates will be asked to bring their own water bottles, there will be no plastic during mealtimes.
- **Recycling:** There will be recycle sorting stations in all meeting spaces with instructions on the different categories, making sure that this tool will be used throughout the Conference and end up in the recycling centres, not landfills.
- **Using a solar system in the venue:** Part of the sustainability work during the Conference will be depending on solar energy in some parts of the venue, solar panels are installed to provide clean energy for the participants.

17th World Scout Moot (2025)

The [World Scout Moot](#) takes place every four years in a different country. It is an event for senior sections (traditionally called Rovers) and other young adult members, usually gathering up to 5,000 people. Moots provide an opportunity for young adults in Scouting to meet together and take part in activities that enable them to become active global citizens. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of the event. Individuals who are 26 years or older can take part as International Service Team members.

The World Scout Committee approved to bring before the Conference the following Member Organization to bid for the 17th World Scout Moot (2025), as referenced in Circular [32/2019](#) and later updated in Circular [37/2021](#).

- Portugal - Federação Escutista de Portugal

PORTUGAL - Federação Escutista De Portugal

Proposed dates

25 July – 3 August 2025

Proposed venue

Main camp area will be the [Buçaquinho Regional Scout Centre](#), municipality of Ovar, by the Atlantic Ocean

- 39km south of Porto, one of the main cities of Portugal, but also close to the beach (< 1km) and to a protected forest area.
- Near to a train station (<2 km) where participants can arrive and depart to all activities, reducing the carbon footprint of commuting. From this train station there are over 30 daily trains from 05:00 AM to midnight connecting Porto and Aveiro.
- The new Scout campsite is a result of a strong and fruitful partnership between the Scout district of Porto and the municipality of Ovar.
- In the past we had similar events with 2,500 participants at the same campsite.
- The campsite can be easily expanded.

Educational Objectives

- To encourage active participation in local communities, contributing to the creation of a responsible, fair, participative and cooperative society.
- To experience the influence each individual and group can have in their communities.
- To promote peace, understanding, international cooperation and friendship through the discovery of other people and different cultures.
- To promote a sense of consciousness, encouraging individual freedom and concern with others, aiming for the fulfilment of each individual's rights and duties.
- To find ways to use the media and social networks to facilitate communication, promoting knowledge and mutual enrichment.
- To feel the power of a global Movement and each Rover's role in creating a better world.

Proposed Programme

- "Engage" is the motto and key message for the participants.
- Participants will join a digital platform, where they can get to know each other and engage with the different stages of the Moot experience.
- Rovers may create and submit projects for the Paths.
- Participants will be asked to choose their preferred Path, through the platform, so all Rovers can be assigned to one of the Paths before the Moot.
- Paths will form a community of Rovers and young leaders who will be able to enhance the project.
- Participants will spend the first part of the Moot in their Path, working with the local community, living the project they built and worked on.
- After the paths, all participants will travel to the main camp, where they will review their work and experiences during the paths to reflect on how to promote the engagement at home in their local Scout groups and communities.

Reducing and controlling costs

The aim is to control costs with the use of pre-existing facilities in the main camp and also through partnerships with local communities for the paths (infra-structure and camping, as well as local path activities). Each path will be allocated a maximum budget and a team will be in place to help keep to the budget and assist the path leaders.

In addition, the aim is to strengthen partnerships (with the municipality / local government) to reduce costs of travelling (specially train) and the main camp central infrastructures.

The aim is to also develop sponsorships to keep costs down.

Whenever applicable, the aim will be to use already acquired gear.

Estimated Fees

Category	Participants	Path leaders	International Service Team	Contingent Management Team
WOSM A	USD 250	USD 60	USD 200	USD 200
WOSM B	USD 500	USD 125	USD 400	USD 400
WOSM C	USD 800	USD 200	USD 600	USD 600
WOSM D	USD 1,050	USD 250	USD 825	USD 825

Participation fees will be collected in the local currency, Euro (EUR).

Fees are presented in US Dollar, as indicative of the time of preparing this document.

Financial discounts are expected to range from 10% to 5% off depending on dates for pre-registration. A late registration surcharge of 5% is also expected.

Minimising environmental impact

After determining the number of participants, there will be an impact study to characterise the site and to determine how to adapt the area to accommodate participants and to ensure the lowest carbon footprint possible.

There will be a call for ideas from participants on how to collectively achieve this, enabling their engagement:

- Selective waste collection
- Control of noise level
- Use of non-pollutant materials and types of activities

26th World Scout Jamboree (2027)

The [World Scout Jamboree](#) takes place every four years in a different country. It is the largest regular event organised by WOSM, usually gathering up to 40,000 people from all over the world. It is above all an educational event to promote peace and understanding. The World Scout Jamboree includes a wide variety of activities to develop new skills, learn about different cultures, and build friendships through unique camping experience. Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the event. Individuals who are 18 years or older can take part as International Service Team members.

The World Scout Committee approved to bring before the Conference the following Member Organization to bid for the 26th World Scout Jamboree (2027), as referenced in Circular [32/2019](#).

- Poland - Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego

POLAND - Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego

Proposed dates

27 July – 6 August 2027

Proposed venue

The main camp area will be Sobieszewo Island, Gdańsk on the coast of the Baltic Sea in Northern Poland.

- Island surrounded by the sea and rivers
- 20-minute drive from the centre of the medieval city of Gdańsk
- Gdańsk International Airport (GDN) has direct connections to all major European inter-continental airports with around a 2-hour flight
- Gdańsk has high-speed rail links to Warsaw (the capital city)
- Over 200 hectares available to the Jamboree that can accommodate up to 50,000 people
- Check-In, Day Visitors Centre and International Media Centre will be located in the downtown of Gdańsk

Educational Objectives

- To learn how to take care of ourselves – support mental health
- To discover how to embrace challenges by developing self-confidence and resilience
- To build awareness of how to be a social changemaker - learning about and understanding global issues
- To find how to bravely change local society by changing ourselves
- To spark off the need for teamwork and a co-operative spirit as a way to bring peace
- To understand our impact on and responsibility for the environment and conservation
- To summarize our commitments towards the Sustainable Development Goals and to prepare to work on the future goals and calls to action presented by the United Nations
- To build awareness of the importance of inclusiveness and acceptance in all our actions
- To build a sense of togetherness in Scouting
- To embrace adventure

Proposed Programme

The Jamboree will inspire Scouts to act bravely for the future of all of us and our planet. Now is the time for all young people to be the change, take the initiative and bravely take steps. The aim is to encourage them to walk away from the usual and comfortable path and engage in important discussions. It is envisioned that the Jamboree will be inspiring, but also supporting young people in finding the right self-balance.

- Educational programme focused on seven themes: Planet Earth, Peace, Unity, Solidarity, Diversity, Self-Balance and Change
- Four on-site modules - Life Balance, Earth+Eco (Global Development Village), Diversity (Global Development Village), and Water
- Two off-site modules – Service & Camp-In-Camp Adventure, and Discover Gdańsk
- Free activity programme - Ceremonies, Faith and Beliefs Zone, Spiritual Development, The Friendship Day (120th Anniversary of Scouting), and Plaza activities
- Redefined International Service Team experience with a Bravely programme for adults and a new “International Service Team Adventure” component
- Home Hospitality & pre-Jamboree programmes

Reducing and controlling costs

- Under the Host City Contract, the City of Gdańsk has made a strategic decision to provide financial and in-kind support to help cover the financial and material costs of the Jamboree.
- The campsite does not require much additional heavy infrastructure work as it has already been prepared to host the Jamboree.

- European Union Visa fees for the Jamboree participants aged below 26 will be waived based on the Schengen Visa Code regulations.
- Corporate donors, trade and advisors will be involved in reducing and controlling the costs of the Jamboree.
- A Solidarity Operation based on a donor programme and economic activation programme.
- Tailor-made Support – to help representatives of each and every National Scout Organization take part in the Jamboree.

Estimated Fees

- There will be four levels of participation fees, based on the WOSM categories
- Participation fees will be collected in local currency, Polish Zloty (PLN)
- Average fee: USD 610 (PLN 2250)
- There will be 20% off by WOSM category for International Service Team and Contingent Management Team members

Minimising environmental impact

- The 2027 World Scout Jamboree will follow the WOSM Guidelines for Organising Sustainable Events and will comply with the International Standard for Sustainable Events (ISO 20121:2012).
- Campsite land rehabilitation is already secured in the Host City Contract.
- Offsetting carbon dioxide (carbon footprint) through participants' actions before and during the Jamboree.
- Promoting a climate-friendly diet (planet-based diet, according to EAT-Lancet report).
- Waste segregation, recyclable and reusable/multi-use, recyclable materials.
- Most energy will be sourced from renewable energy sources.
- Food waste reduction (collecting uneaten food after the Jamboree and giving it to those in need).
- Hybrid and electrically powered vehicles and coaches to reduce CO2 emissions.