

Welcome!

First of all a big Congratulations, I'm so pleased to welcome you to be part of the UK Contingent to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015!

The UK Contingent Team and I had a great time at selection events across the UK. Thank you for the excitement, enthusiasm and energy you put in to these weekends. I hope we can build this over the next 18 months to make the Jamboree the experience of a lifetime for Scouts and Guides from across the world. I hope our journey will be full of fun, adventure and friendship. Isn't that what Jamborees are about?

Byron Chatburn, Contingent Leader

Who's here to support you?

The UK Contingent has assembled a cracking team to make the Jamboree an amazing experience for you:



Liz Smith – Contingent Management Team Member for IST/JPT Support

Liz has attended 4 World Scout Jamborees: In 1995, working as a member of IST on a sub camp in Holland, Assistant Unit Leader in Thailand (2002/3), part of the CST (2007) and Unit Leader in Sweden (2011). She is currently a Deputy County Commissioner for Youth Programme in Essex. Liz is looking forward to working with the Contingent Support Team to support IST and JPT in the lead up to the jamboree and at the event itself! She is keen to hear the views from IST and JPT who may have been to previous jamborees as well as from first-timers to ensure the UK Contingent offers you a quality support package. Liz is fluent in a foreign language: French.



Stuart Card Contingent Support Team

Stuart has attended the last two World Scout Jamborees in Sweden and the UK, as part of the UK Media Team. Stuart was responsible for IST allocation of roles for EuroJam in 2005 and has held a number of roles within Scouting – Pack Assistant,

Explorer Scout Leader and Deputy District Commissioner to name but a few! He currently is the lead volunteer for the Association's Scout's Speak Up training. Outside of Scouting, Stuart spends most of his days thinking about soil.



Stephanie Chatburn Contingent Support Team

This will be Steph's third World Scout Jamboree after attending the UK (2007) Jamboree as a participant and Sweden (2011) as a member of the IST. She is currently an Assistant Explorer Scout Leader near Warwick. She attended the 14th World Scout

Moot as a participant in Canada during the summer of 2013 and hopes the showers are better in Japan!

Steph is hoping to be able to put to use her experiences from Sweden to make sure all members of the IST/JPT feel part of the UK Contingent family!



Lawrence Chapman Contingent Support Team

Lawrence has attended two World Scout Jamborees; In 2007 as a Unit Leader and in 2011 as IST. He is currently District Explorer Scout Commissioner for Lowestoft. Lawrence is looking forward to supporting IST to make the most of the Jamboree.



Joanne Haynes Contingent Support Team

By attending the 2007 and 2011 Jamborees as an Assistant Unit Leader for Hertfordshire, Jo understands the important and crucial role that the IST and JPT play in the successful delivery of a Jamboree.

Jo is currently an Assistant Explorer Scout Leader in Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire and has previously served on The District Executive for many years.

How is the UK Contingent made up?

Units

There are 75 Units of 36 Young People and 4 Leaders from across the UK. This equates to over 2,700 Explorer Scouts and Senior Section Guides!

International Service Team (IST) / Jamboree Planning Team (JPT)

This is where you fit in! You are one of a thousand adult volunteers from Scouting and Guiding in the UK, who will work with Leaders from all over the world in the day-to-day running of the Jamboree.

In addition to the IST roles, for the first time the UK will provide members of its Contingent as Jamboree Planning Team (JPT) who may be asked to assist in some planning before the World Scout Jamboree as well as helping with the running of the event.

Contingent Management Team (CMT)

The CMT is a small group of volunteers and staff, who are responsible for making the UK Contingent's attendance at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree happen. The CMT has members responsible for Travel, Personal Kit, Unit Support, Tokyo Experience, Finance, Communications and for Supporting the IST/ JPT

Contingent Support Team (CST)

The role of the CST is to support the UK Contingent before, during and after the Jamboree. The CST are directly supporting the Units that are attending as well as working on communications, travel, Tokyo experience and most importantly for you the IST/JPT

I have some questions who should I ask?

There are lots of sources of information:

The UK Contingent Website

Over the coming months we will be adding to the IST/JPT specific FAQs on the UK Contingent Website: www.scouts.org.uk/wsj

Social Media

There is a dedicated [IST/JPT Facebook Group](#) : 23rd World Scout Jamboree- UK Contingent IST/JPT and don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#): @UKContingent

The IST/JPT Newsletter

Look out for two more IST/JPT newsletters, one in September 14 and one in April 15. These will be filled with all the latest information from Japan, further details about travel and information on how best to prepare for the Jamboree. We want to hear from you and what you are up to so please get in touch with your stories for the newsletter.

Email

Should you have any queries that you cannot find the answer to on the website or in the bulletin, please send the team an email at:

ist.communications@scouts.org.uk

We will always try and answer emails as quickly and fully as we can. Please be aware that the team gets a lot of emails and may not have all the information yet from Japan to be able to answer your questions fully. *We really appreciate your patience!*

ISTTokyo

ISTTokyo is going to be fantastic! With travel options A and D you can join other members of the UK IST in Tokyo for a chance to explore one of the world's most iconic cities before you travel to the World Scout Jamboree. The UK Contingent is providing 2 nights hotel accommodation at the Prince Hotel, right in the centre of Tokyo. You'll get a travel card for travelling around the city on the underground network (which is an adventure in itself!) and there will be a mixture of organised activities and free-time during your stay.

The organised activities are likely to include a trip up the Tokyo Skytree, and a chance to experience what an earthquake feels like in a high tech simulator. There will be an evening of live entertainment on one night of your stay, bringing members of the IST together to enjoy some of the culture and food that Japan has to offer. There will be ample opportunity for you to explore the city, individually or in groups, at your leisure. Guidance and information on some exciting places to visit will be given (including technology centres, shrines, temples, museums, karaoke bars, and Disney land).

Then, once all the fun and excitement of Tokyo is over, the ISTTokyo experience still has plenty to offer... You will board a bullet train from Tokyo to Hiroshima (3hrs at 200mph!) to explore the historic city, Memorial Peace Park and museum before transferring to the Jamboree site with the organisers.

So if 2 nights in a city centre hotel, in one of the world's greatest cities, followed by a trip on a bullet train and a day in Hiroshima sound like a great experience, make sure you book travel option A or D for ISTTokyo!

UK Contingent Scarves

We will be issuing you with your very own UK Contingent Scarf at the IST/ JPT weekend at Wales by in July 2014.



IST/JPT have four travel options to choose from:

We hope that as many of you as possible will consider the full package - Option A for this amazing experience.

Option	Cost	What's included	Approx Dates
A	£2,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flights to/from the UK to Japan (where possible using regional airports)ISTokyo ExperienceAll transfers in Japan: airport to accommodation, Tokyo to Jamboree site and Jamboree site to return airportAttending the World Scout Jamboree	22 July depart UK 9-10 August return to UK Or 13-14 Aug if taking additional tour
B	£2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flights to/from the UK to Japan (where possible using regional airports)All transfers in Japan: airport to Jamboree and Jamboree to return airportAttending the World Scout Jamboree	25 July depart UK 9-10 Aug return to UK Or 13-14 Aug if taking additional tour
C	£1,175	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attending the World Scout Jamboree only (You will need to get yourself to a Jamboree 'point of entry' and the Jamboree organisers will transport you from there. After the Jamboree, organisers will return you to a point of exit for you to arrange onward travel). Details of Points of Entry are available at www.23wsj.jp	26 July arrive on Jamboree site 9 Aug depart Jamboree site
D	£1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ISTokyo ExperienceTransfer to Jamboree siteAttending the World Scout Jamboree (You will need to arrange your own transport on from the Jamboree 'point of entry/exit' after the Jamboree ends)	23 July meet in Tokyo 9 Aug depart Jamboree site

All options include the full UK kit and the IST and all adults events in the UK before going.

Additional Tours

There are 6 optional tours which provide you with a chance to extend your trip and see some more of Japan or experience other cultures. Full details of these tours, including programme and costs, are provided in the accompanying travel brochure from Travel Places, our travel company.

All six tours are available with options A and B, but for those booking their own travel (Options C and D) only the three Japan tours are available

- **Tour 1:** Japan - The Cultural Tour
- **Tour 2:** Japan - The Adventure Tour
- **Tour 3:** Japan - The Action Tour
- **Tour 4:** Japan Free travel time
- **Tour 5:** Beijing Explorer
- **Tour 6:** Dubai tour

There will be additional costs for these tours (details in the brochure), which will be payable separately to our travel company Travel Places. Deposit of £100 will be required at time of confirmation and the balance due in 2015.

Choosing your Travel Option - by 18 April 2014

It is imperative that you choose your travel option by **18 April 2014**. To do this go to www.scouts.org.uk/ws-j register and log in with your email address / password.

Click edit and go through your registration again, choosing your travel options on the appropriate screen. We cannot accept changes to your travel options after this date.

Flights Routes

As a contingent we will be making use of lots of different airlines and flight routes. If any adults in the contingent are not allowed to travel via certain cities/countries for any reason please let us know by the 18th of April 2014 by emailing ist.communications@scouts.org.uk.

If you do not confirm your preferred Travel Option by 18th April you will automatically be allocated to Option A with no additional tours, and you will be liable for the Option A fee of £2800.

Payment Schedules

Just to remind you about the payment schedule for your fees:

Collection Schedule	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
1 : 28th February 2014	£500	£500	£500	£500
2 : 1st July 2014	£700	£700	£300	£400
3 : 1st October 2014	£550	£450	£200	£300
4 : 5th January 2015	£550	£450	£175	£300
5 : 4th May 2015	£500	£400		
Total	£2,800	£2,500	£1,175	£1,500

Hardship Fund

The UK Contingent Team believes that financial restrictions should not be a barrier to young people, or adults, attending the Jamboree. As a member of the UK Contingent, you are eligible to apply for the UK Contingent Hardship Fund.

The Hardship Fund will be available in two waves:

- Applications open 7th April and close 5th May 2014
Successful applicants will be notified during the week commencing 2nd June
- Applications open 6th October and close 3rd November 2014
Successful applicants will be notified some time during the week commencing 1st December

The application form will be available to download from www.scouts.org.uk/wsj from 7th April to the 5th May. To apply you will need to write a short personal statement and provide documentation to support your application.

Dates for your Diary

5-6 July 2014: IST / JPT Weekend, Walesby Forest Activity Centre

16-17 May 2015: All Adults Weekend, Gilwell Park



IST / JPT Weekend, July 14, Walesby Forest

A weekend of information and socialising will be held on the weekend of *5-6th July 2014* at Walesby Forest Activity Centre, Walesby, Newark, Nottinghamshire. This will be a great chance to meet others who have been selected from your local area and across the UK. You will meet the IST support team (Liz, Stuart, Lawrence, Steph and Jo) as well as other members of the CMT and CST.

There will be workshops to prepare us for our adventure in Japan including travel, culture, cuisine, Tokyo, first-timers as well as information about kit for Japan and evening entertainment

More information, joining instructions and the weekend programme will be sent out later, but don't forget to put the date in your diary!

World Scout Jamboree On-Event Media team

Do you want to show the next World Scout Jamboree off to the world? There is an opportunity for members of IST/JPT to join the established UK Contingent Communications team at the Jamboree.

The role will demand long days with regular very early morning starts. The tasks will be demanding and require diplomacy and tact on your part... but you will get out and about and see all that the jamboree has to offer.

If you are interested in this role, please write three short statements:

- Generate 150 words on how you would describe The World Scout Jamboree to a visiting journalist from The Sun
- Generate 150 words on how you would work with a BBC TV crew to ensure the organisations key messages were included in their output
- Use no more than 200 words to describe your skills and experience of working with journalists e.g. acting as a spokesperson, writing press releases, supporting young people with radio interviews, or minding a TV crew at a scout event

Please send your reply to Jack Maxton (CMT Communications) at jack.maxton@gmail.com by 22nd March 2014. Interviews will be held at Gilwell Park on the 12th April 2014.

And finally...

If you would like to be involved with your local unit to help them prepare and to get to know them before we go, then do get in touch with them direct - most units now have a Twitter account, Facebook group or webpage so they are easy to find.

We look forward to meeting you at one of the events before we go and thank you in advance, for all you will be doing.

Liz Smith and the Contingent Management Team