

This agreement outlines the expectations, commitments, and responsibilities of all Young People selected to join West Mercia Scout County's Unit 65 for the 2027 World Scout Jamboree, as well as their Parents/Carers.

Signing this document confirms the Parent/Carer and Young Person formally accept their place and agree to comply with the conditions below.

1. Definitions

- **Active member** – Regularly participating in activities and section meetings with the unit member's primary Scout Group/Explorer Scout Unit, attending at least two evenings/activities within a 31-day period.
- **Participant / Unit Member** – A Young Person selected to represent West Mercia Scout County at the 26th World Scout Jamboree.
- **Jamboree Leadership Team** – Volunteers appointed to the roles of Unit Leader, Deputy Unit Leader and Assistant Unit Leader of Unit 65.
- **Unit 65** – West Mercia Scout County's representation at the 26th World Scout Jamboree, consisting of 36 young people and four adult volunteers.
- **UK Contingent** – The Scout Association's representatives at the 26th World Scout Jamboree, consisting of Participants, Unit Leaders, the International Service Team, and the Contingent Leadership and Support Team.
- **UK Contingent Leadership** – Staff and volunteers appointed by The Scout Association to oversee the planning and preparation of all UK units for the 26th World Scout Jamboree.
- **Organisers of the Jamboree** – the Jamboree Organising Committee (JOC) of the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP), with support from the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

2. Participant Requirements

To participate in Unit 65, Young People must:

- Hold a valid passport or commit to obtaining one before 1st January 2027.
- Remain an active member of a Scout Group/Explorer Scout Unit throughout the Jamboree Journey within the West Mercia Scout County.
- Meet the age requirements set by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The Young Person must be born between 30 July 2009 and 30 July 2013.
- Abide by the Unit 65 Code of Conduct (see section 12).
- Commit to attending a minimum of three weekend training camps in preparation for the Jamboree
- Represent Scouting positively at all times, in line with The Scout Association Values.

3. Payment & Financial Conditions

3.1 Payment Terms

You agree to make all payments in full and on time, in accordance with the published payment schedule (see section 3.2).

3.2 Payment Schedule

All Jamboree participation fees must be paid by BACS to:

Account Name: West Mercia Scout County

Bank Name: CAF Bank Limited

Account Number: 00101702

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Payment reference format:

Young Person's Initials + Day of Birth – Payment detail (e.g. AE10 – Mar 26)

Each payment must be accompanied by an online form confirming whether the payment is from personal funds or fundraising.

[Jamboree Payments Submission Form](#)

The first two payments, totalling £500 make up a **non-refundable deposit** and represent your commitment to the Jamboree experience.

Payment Phase	Date required	Amount due	Amount Remaining
1	31/12/2025	£250	£2,740
2	31/01/2026	£250	£2,490
3	24/04/2026	£500	£1,990
4	24/06/2026	£500	£1,490
5	23/09/2026	£500	£990
6	22/01/2027	£500	£490
7	23/03/2027	£490	£0

Note: payments can be made earlier than the dates provided above.

3.3 Late or Missed Payments

Frequent missed or late payments may result in:

- Payment plan review
- Possible removal from Unit 65

3.4 Overspend

If a participant fundraises more than their total required amount:

- Any overpayment made from personal funds (excluding the non-refundable deposits) will be refunded as soon as practically possible after the Unit returns from the Jamboree.
- Any excess amount generated through fundraising activities, grants or third-party donations will not be refunded.
- Alternatively, with agreement from the parents/carers and Jamboree Leadership Team, overspend may be used for the participant's Unit 65 Merchandise purchases.

3.5 Unit Fundraising Events

The proceeds from any Unit 65 fundraising events may be split between a central Unit Fund and participant's fees. The proposed breakdown of distribution of funds will be published in advance of the event.

Participant fees raised will be divided equally between those who have attended that fundraising event.

3.6 Grants

- You are permitted to apply for charitable grants towards the cost of Jamboree participation fees or personal equipment costs.
- Before submitting any grant applications, we ask that you inform the Jamboree Leadership Team, in case we are in the process of applying/have also applied to the same source on behalf of the Unit.
- On successful application of the grant, please liaise with the Jamboree Leadership Team for payment details.
- Note that any grants or third-party donations are non-refundable should the participant need to withdraw from the Jamboree.

4. Withdrawal from the Unit

A participant may withdraw from Unit 65 at any time but must inform the Jamboree Leadership Team immediately via email to:

- wsjpoland@westmerciascouts.org.uk

5. Removal from the Unit

The Jamboree Leadership Team reserves the right to remove a participant at any stage from Unit 65.

5.1 Grounds for Removal – Local Issues

These include but are not limited to:

- Behaviour concerns at Scout Group/Explorer Scout Unit level
- Frequent non-payment of regular Scout Membership Subscriptions
- Young Person is no longer an active member of a Scout Group/Explorer Scout Unit

5.2 Grounds for Removal – Unit 65 Issues

These include but are not limited to:

- Serious/repeated inappropriate behaviour at Unit events
- Serious/repeated breaches of the Unit 65 Code of Conduct
- Lack of commitment or engagement with Unit preparation/fundraising events and repeated failure to attend without a valid reason
- Repeated missed payments or failure to follow an agreed personal payment plan (where applicable).
- The Participant is ineligible to attend the Jamboree due to age.

Parent/Carers will be informed if removal becomes necessary.

6. Refund Policy

6.1 Participant Withdrawal or Removal between 31st December 2025 and 31st July 2026

- A full refund of personal funds, minus the non-refundable deposits, providing the Jamboree Leadership Team are able to backfill the respective place.
- Fundraised monies, including any grants/donations, paid prior to withdrawal/removal cannot be refunded under any circumstances.
- Money available for reimbursement will be refunded once the place has been backfilled.

6.2 Participant Withdrawal or Removal on or after 1st August 2026

- No refunds will be issued.
- Fundraised monies, including any grants/donations, paid prior to withdrawal/removal cannot be refunded under any circumstances.

6.3 UK Contingent withdrawal from the Jamboree

- In the event that the World Scout Jamboree is cancelled or our participation is withdrawn, West Mercia Scout County will not be liable for refunding participation fees.
- West Mercia Scout County act solely as a payment channel for the national participation fee, transferring the relevant amounts to UK Contingent Leadership on your behalf.
- If a cancellation occurs due to force majeure (e.g., natural disaster, pandemic, or other circumstances beyond our control), West Mercia Scout County will make every reasonable effort to recover any available refunds from the UK Contingent Leadership. If no refunds are forthcoming, West Mercia Scout County will not be liable for any event participation fees collected on behalf of participants and passed on to The Scout Association for payment.
- For any Unit Events payments, the Jamboree Leadership Team will attempt to refund the full amount of paid upcoming events. The team will contact you regarding these.

6.4 Polish Entry Requirements

- The UK Contingent Leadership or Organisers of the Jamboree will announce if vaccinations or visas are required to enable entry to Poland. If these requirements are not met and are discovered in transit to the Jamboree site, transportation back to the UK must be organised by the participant's parents/carers and no refund of participation fees will be issued.
- West Mercia Scout County is not responsible for facilitating the purchase of vaccinations or visas required for the Jamboree.

7. Unit Event Participation

Participants must make every effort to attend as many Unit events as possible, including:

- Training weekends
- Unit meetings
- Fundraising events
- Briefings and preparation activities

Event dates will be published as soon as possible via Online Scout Manager (OSM) and the West Mercia Scout County website.

Special circumstances (illness, emergencies, prior commitments) must be communicated to the Jamboree Leadership Team as soon as possible.

Event attendance will be monitored via Online Scout Manager (OSM), with the expectation that Unit members (participant or parent/carer) will update their attendance, when prompted by the event invitation.

8. Fundraising Expectations

Participants agree to engage with fundraising activities as this contributes to reducing individual overall costs.

9. Media & Communications

9.1 Jamboree Leadership Team Communication

All official communication from the Jamboree Leadership Team will be shared via Online Scout Manager's (OSM) email functionality.

In certain instances, communications may also be shared via social media. However, email will always be the primary source of information.

9.2 'InTouch' Communication

For all Unit Events and the Jamboree itself, an 'InTouch' contact person will be in place as per [Scout Association guidance](#).

Please contact this person as the first port of call if necessary. We ask that you try to avoid contacting your child/children or the Jamboree Leadership Team direct during events.

9.3 Social Media – Conduct

All Young People, Parents/Carers are expected to behave responsibly online and on social media, including in any official and unofficial group chats on digital platforms. Bullying, inappropriate content or disrespectful communication will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the Unit.

9.4 Social Media – Pictures/Videos

Some Young People or Parents/Carers may not want their images shared online. Please respect their wishes.

The Jamboree Leadership Team will *not* be constantly monitoring social media accounts. However, if we are made aware of any concerns, we may request images/videos to be blurred or removed if necessary.

9.5 Press Interviews (Radio, Newspapers etc.)

Positive press communications are encouraged. However, please contact the Jamboree Leadership Team and West Mercia Scout County's Local Media Relations Lead prior to any communication. This is to ensure that the West Mercia Scout County's vetting process is followed, and the Jamboree Leadership Team are aware of any publicity.

If you are approached by the press, state that this is a great opportunity and pass all details to the Jamboree Leadership Team and the West Mercia Scout County's Local Media Relations Lead. They will be in touch to advise you on next steps.

West Mercia Scout County Local Media Relations Lead

- media@westmerciascouts.org.uk

10. Unit Branding

- All members of Unit 65 will have a voice in designing the Branding of the Unit. A democratic vote will be conducted to determine the final designs for Unit branding.
- The Jamboree Leadership Team reserve the right to intervene if any proposed designs contain offensive or derogatory imagery/wording.
- No images of any Unit Branding must be shared online until explicit permission has been granted by the Jamboree Leadership Team.
- Unit Branding has to be approved by the County Lead Volunteer Partnership per Scout Policy

11. Unit Merchandise

The Jamboree Leadership Team will set the minimum and maximum sale price of any official Unit 65 merchandise.

11.1 Online Sales

- An official store will be operated by the Jamboree Leadership Team, with all proceeds supporting the Unit Fund.
- Participants must not sell Unit merchandise on online platforms such as eBay, Facebook, Etsy etc.

11.2 Merchandise Swapping Online

- Online merchandise swapping with other Jamboree Units/Participants is permitted e.g. badges/neckerchiefs
- Participants are responsible for their own trades.
- Tracked postage is strongly recommended.
- The Jamboree Leadership Team may intervene if complaints or unresolved disputes arise.

11.3 Considerations for Multiple Participants in one Group/ Unit

Where several Unit members belong to the same Group/Unit, they should coordinate efforts to avoid monopolising merchandise sale opportunities.

12. Behaviour & Code of Conduct

All participants must follow:

- The Unit 65 Code of Conduct, which will be written in conjunction with all Unit Members and the Jamboree Leadership Team.
- Leadership instructions at events and during the Jamboree

Breaches may result in:

- Restrictions at events
- Removal from the Unit

13. Insurance & Medical Declarations

- Personal travel insurance is included in the trip cost.
- Insurance for personal belongings is not included in the trip cost.
- All known medical conditions, dietary requirements or additional support needs must be declared via Online Scout Manager (OSM) and/or other databases used by UK Contingent Leadership or the Organisers of the Jamboree to facilitate participant entry. The Jamboree Leadership Team will notify participants when this information is required.
- Requirement for additional support (e.g. carers) must be raised immediately with the Jamboree Leadership Team.
- If there are any changes to medical conditions or additional needs requirements during the preparations for the Jamboree, these must be declared to the Jamboree Leadership Team at the earliest opportunity.

14. Personal Property

West Mercia Scout County accepts no responsibility for the loss of, theft of or damage to personal property on any Unit event, training or fundraising event or the Jamboree itself. It is suggested that participants consider taking out personal property insurance.

15. Queries & Complaints Procedure

15.1 Queries

Any general queries regarding Unit 65's Jamboree preparations can be addressed to any of the Jamboree Leadership Team in person at an event or via email to:

- wsjpoland@westmerciascouts.org.uk

15.2 Complaints – General

All complaints should be directed to the Unit Leader:

- Ben.Hatfield@westmerciascouts.org.uk

15.3 Complaints – Against the Jamboree Leadership Team

If the complaint concerns the Jamboree Leadership Team, please escalate to the West Mercia Scout County Lead Volunteer Partnership:

- CLVP@westmerciascouts.org.uk

All complaints will follow The Scout Association Complaints Procedure that can be [found here](#).

16. Amendments to these terms & conditions

West Mercia Scouts reserves the right to amend or add to these terms and conditions of participation at any time in response to changing circumstances, such as updated guidance from The Scout Association, UK Contingent Leadership, Organisers of the Jamboree, World Organisation of the Scout Movement or for the effective management of the Jamboree experience.

Any changes will be communicated to parents/carers in writing. If you do not accept any future amendments to these terms and conditions, the participant's place in the Unit may be at risk. The refund policy stated in this document will still apply.

17. Agreement

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood and accept these terms and conditions for my/my child's attendance at the 26th World Scout Jamboree as a member of West Mercia Scout County Unit 65.

Participant:

Name:	
Signature:	

Date:	
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Parent/Carer 1:

Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Parent/Carer 2:

Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	