

February 1, 2019



Dear Scouts BSA troop leaders,

On behalf of the Western Region Area 1 World Scout Jamboree committee, congratulations on your taking this momentous step forward. Thank you for your commitment to providing the values of the scouting program to the young women in your community, they, you, we, will all be better for it.

With this big step forward comes many responsibilities and demands on your time as you organize and build your new troop. There are many resources to help you along this journey, from friends and neighbors, District, Council, Area, and National and even International Scouting programs.

I am writing to tell you about one of these resources, a singular and remarkable opportunity to strengthen your unit while developing your young women. Your scouts can experience firsthand, Scouting at its best while learning with 20,000 other young women at the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

A WSJ is a mountain top growth experience for any scout who participates. Scouting in the BSA offers many incredible opportunities for adventure and development, but a WSJ tops them all. Scouts that have participated in a WSJ, rate their experience over a National Jamboree, Philmont, Sea Base, Bechtel Summit high adventure, Northern Tier, NOAC or for that matter, any other scouting experience they have ever had. From today's youth, that is very high praise. This will be the largest WSJ ever held.

Like the Olympics, a WSJ only comes once every four years, each time hosted by a different country. The next WSJ will not be until 2023 in Korea. Now for the first time in over 50 years, it will be here in the USA, this summer, at the world's biggest and best high adventure scouting venue, the Summit!

The 50,000-participant limit is approaching, as scouts from more than 160 countries are signing up to be there. The question is, will you? Our Western Region contingent is organizing troops now. Co-ed units are going but we have yet to fill the first all-female Scouts BSA troop. The region has held 36 openings until the Feb 1, Scouts BSA registration date. We have a short window of opportunity to fill this first of its kind Jamboree unit. Slots not filled by March 31, 2019, will return to open registration; at that point, if we do not have a full troop (36 youth 4 adults), girls wanting to attend will register as part of a co-ed unit. Please help us get the word out; interested young women should sign up now, before it is too late.

BSA Information & Registration <http://wsj2019.us/> & International Information, <http://2019wsj.org/>

Best wishes for much fun and growth with your new Scouts BSA all female troop.

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