

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

For everyone interested in Leading International Scout Expeditions

Expedition Leader Training Weekend from 27 to 29 April 2018 at Blackwell Court, West Midlands

“Workshops - Training - Networking – Inspiration”

- Learn how to organise amazing International Scout Expeditions
- Meet other expedition leaders
- Share experience, knowledge and skills
- Get inspired!

Interested? Visit: www.scoutexped.org.uk/training-weekend or email Chris White (chris@mad13.org.uk) for more details

Need to complete some training?

For all Leaders and Network members: Module 19 - International

Our next one is taking place at 19:30 on **Friday 27th April 2018** at The Emmaus Centre at St James the Great, Church Lane, Thorley, CM23 4BE. The module aims to provide participants with a global focus appropriate to their section and an appreciation of the international nature of Scouting.

Topics covered will include:

- International Scouting
- The global programme
- International opportunities
- **Expedition Planning incl. day trips to Boulogne**



There is no charge to attend and participants will receive lots of resources to help with their Colony, Pack, Troop and Unit programme planning. To register a place, visit

<https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/adult-support/training/m19-international>

If you have already attended a Module 19 but are planning to take your Pack, Troop or Unit abroad in 2018 or 2019, then you are welcome to attend the last session at 21:00 which will deal specifically with Expedition Planning.

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019

Say hello to Hertfordshire Unit the “*Psychedelic Squirrels*” who will be keeping us updated on their journey to the WSJ 2019!

By Sam Hankin

Meet the Psychedelic Squirrels... we're #absolutelynuts! We are UK Unit 15, one of three Hertfordshire Jamboree units going to the Jamboree in 2019, and we've named ourselves the Psychedelic Squirrels! Why that name? Read on! Our first unit meeting “**Breaking the Ice**” took place at Phasels Wood on January 28th. We spent a day getting to know each other for the first time. We looked at the skills we all had, the skills we wanted and our hopes and fears about going to the Jamboree. We also got to know each other very quickly playing some close team building and trust games!



During our first meeting the unit members youth-led designing and choosing a unit, which is where the name Psychedelic Squirrels was born! The idea behind the name was linked to the black squirrels' normal habitat being in the United States and Canada, and black squirrels can also be found in only a few towns in Hertfordshire in the UK. The 'psychedelic' part is because the young people want to be the brightest, most luminous, colourful Scouts at the Jamboree! You won't be able to miss us! Finally, our hashtag is #absolutelynuts which is both a link to the acorn from the Gilwell oak tree, and the fact that our unit is a little bit crazy!

Our second unit meeting “**Our 1st Night Away**” took place in Hitchin from 9th to 10th February. We spent the evening cooking loads of pancakes (with lots of sugar and syrup!), playing console & board games and watching the movie Pitch Perfect. The Psychedelic Squirrels also went climbing for the first time on the artificial climbing wall. There wasn't much sleeping but lots of getting to know each other and having a laugh. (There was even a 3am game of Pictionary!)



Our third and most recent unit meeting “**A Hike with a Difference**” took place at 1st Kings Langley from 10th to 11th March. The unit members were split into 4 teams and challenged to get to 4 phone-boxes around Kings Langley, where every 15 minutes a phone rang to give them a digit to the safe combination. All 4 teams managed to crack the safe within 3 hours and in the safe they found a selection of envelopes with £10 inside and a ‘British’ theme written on the front. The teams then had to use the £10 to buy an outfit for the fashion show matching their theme! Quite a few of the teams visited the local charity shop for buying their items. One of the ladies in the charity shop left a comment on Facebook saying “*The Scouts were a great bunch of kids. I was the lady helping/serving them. What a credit you are to all your Mums. A great day in the shop yesterday. Thank you all for shopping with us it was a pleasure to meet, talk and serve you all.*”



The fashion show was a huge laugh with some very creative outfit ideas... the winner was “Fish and Chips”. During the day the teams also had to complete a scavenger hunt, where they had to take some specific team photos & find items on a list. No one managed to find a policeman for a selfie which meant the bonus point of ‘a photo of a Scout in handcuffs’ didn’t make the final submissions! After a jam-packed day it was then time to sit down for our first evening meal together followed by some fantastic washing up (not sarcasm!) while singing along to High School Musical! #wereallinthisogether



Our nuttiest member of Unit 15 made an appearance during the weekend... Named Gumbee (chosen by the young people), it was spotted eating breakfast on Sunday morning...

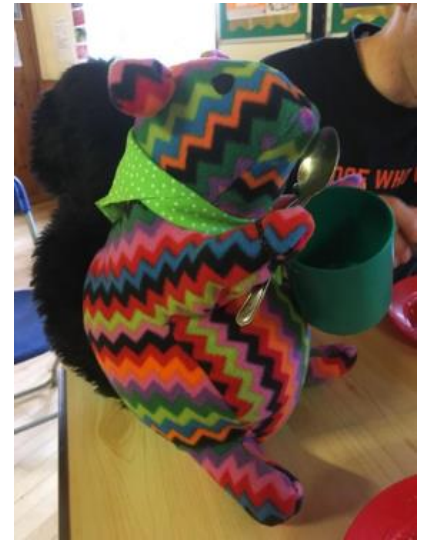
Come and follow us our Jamboree journey on our social media...

We have:

Twitter = [@unit15wsj](https://twitter.com/unit15wsj)

Instagram = [instagram.com/unit15wsj](https://www.instagram.com/unit15wsj).

We'll post updates and photos over the next 2 years as we develop as a unit and attend the Jamboree in 2019. Watch out for our Unit badge, logo, necker and more – coming very soon!



UPCOMING EVENTS

JamborRi 2018, Ireland

25 July – 2 August 2018

IST Available

From 25 July to 2 August 2018, over 5,000 Scouts and Venture Scouts from Ireland and overseas will take over the Electric Picnic site at Stradbally Hall, Co. Laois. Come with your Scout Troop or Venture Scout Crew and Rí-Imagine, Rí-Create, Rí-Discover. Camp Chief Kiernan Gildea and his team have a fun-filled programme in store, with plenty of surprises along the way. <http://www.jambo-ri.ie/>

Moot, Cuzco, Peru

27 July – 5 August 2018

IST Available

Held in the imperial city of Cuzco-Peru, near the Urubamba valley in Andes.
interamerica@scout.org

Smotra 2018, Belgrade, Serbia

27 July – 5 August 2018

"Smotra 2018" will feature an attractive program full of exciting activities that will help participants learn, explore, meet and share about the city, Serbia, scouting and future.

Contact International@scouts.org.uk for more information

Walesby World Experience 2018

28 July – 4 August 2018

On site activities incl. bag jump, quad bikes and indoor climbing wall, aerobatic display and much more. Approx £130

<http://www.walesbyworldexperience.org.uk/>

Explorer Belt, Finland (Slough Scouts)

29th July to 12 August 2018

16 – 25 year olds

More details and a sign-up form can be found at www.sloughscouts.org.uk/ebfinland2018

17th Nippon Jamboree, Japan → Suzu City, Ishikawa Prefecture

August 2018

12 – 18 year olds

<https://www.scout.or.jp/>

GDANSK 2018, Polish National Jamboree, Poland.

6 – 16 August 2018

250 Euro inc food

13 – 21 year olds

Games, workshops, water sports, science and technology, local community and culture, global issues and concerts

www.gdansk2018.zhp.pl

Jurassic International Jamboree, Dorset (UK)

11 – 18 August 2018

10 – 17 year olds

High ropes courses, water and other challenging activities, culture and sub camp competitions and music and entertainments day

www.jjj.org.uk

Medjam 2018, Malta

29th July to 12 August 2018, IST opportunity available

11 – 16 year olds → 1st ever Mediterranean Jamboree

It is expected that around 2,000 Scouts and Guides will participate in this massive event. The participants will be divided into communities, with whom they will participate by bridging their cultures and discovering the cross roads while being in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea.

<http://medjam18.org.mt/>

Home2018 International Jamboree, Austria

6 – 15 August 2018

10 – 21 years

Small Activities, multi-cultural programme, entertainment and camp challenges

www.home2018.at

300 Euros fee

...And don't forget: If you are travelling abroad this year as a unit or as an individual, ask Peter Makewell for a 'Visits Abroad' pack by email at

acc.international@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk