



Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

BSA National Contingent - European Jamboree 2020

All applicants (youth, leaders, and staff) are selected to represent the Boy Scouts of America based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all applicants, including parents/guardians of those under the age of 18, are asked to read this Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct as a condition of participation. It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the applicant's expense, from the jamboree. Ultimately, we want each applicant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from an international event.

Statement of Understanding

- 1) I agree to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and to obey and cooperate with the jamboree leadership.
- 2) I agree to meet my full responsibilities as a member of the European Jamboree 2020 BSA contingent and to wear the official jamboree uniform when appropriate.
- 3) I certify that I have now, or will have by July 1, 2020, attained the Boy Scout qualifications as listed in this application and required by all applicants.
- 4) I further agree to submit evidence of fitness to make this trip on the official health form signed by a licensed health-care practitioner, and I will obtain required immunizations.
- 5) This application includes my request for personal accident insurance to be purchased on my behalf. The cost of this insurance is included in the jamboree fee. It is understood that payment of claims by the insurance company is contingent upon prompt reporting of claims, if any, by the applicant or parent/guardian.
- 6) I understand that the jamboree may be covered by news media and moviemaking and broadcasting companies, and I hereby consent to the use of my voice and/or photograph in the news coverage, moviemaking, or similar projects approved by the Boy Scouts of America without compensation, and I further agree to release and hold the Boy Scouts of America harmless from any and all claims and liability with regard to such use.
- 7) In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in an international BSA National Contingent trip, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America or its local council, the United States of America, or any of the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage, or other loss or harm to or incurred or suffered by the applicant named above or to his property, in connection with or incidental to this international BSA National Contingent trip, including travel, are hereby expressly waived by the applicant or parent/guardian.

Code of Conduct *(All Applicants are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct as follows)*

- 1) The units' adult leaders (Scoutmaster and assistants) are responsible for the supervision of their membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the jamboree Code of Conduct.
- 2) The Scout Oath and Scout Law will be my guide throughout the jamboree.
- 3) I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. I will wear the official Scout uniform and Event identifying items when requested.
- 4) I will attend all scheduled programs and participate, as required, in cooperation with other unit members and leaders.
- 5) In consideration of other unit applicants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit, unless otherwise directed by the Event program.
- 6) I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all jamboree recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the jamboree grounds.
- 7) I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. This shall apply to all applicants.
- 8) Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the Event or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges.
- 9) I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.

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- 10) I understand that possession of lasers of any type and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
- 11) I will demonstrate respect for unit and jamboree property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property that is a result of my actions.
- 12) Neither the unit leader nor the BSA will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
- 13) While participating in the action centers, aquatics, and other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
- 14) All applicants are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
- 15) Scoutmasters and assistants will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all applicable laws.
- 16) Scoutmasters and assistants must receive Youth Protection Training and follow the guidelines therein.
- 17) Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor does running the gauntlet, conducting a belt line, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the troop with hazing.
- 18) Adult leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth member in Scouting. Youth members may trade with other youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
- 19) Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers, and youth must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
- 20) Personal bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates will not be permitted at the jamboree. In addition, golf carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and scooters are prohibited.
- 21) Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from the jamboree at the applicant's own expense, including additional airfare. All decisions will be final.

Participant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

**Parent Guardian Signature/Approval required for Youth Participants (<18y/o)*

Please review this form and return to the Registration Dashboard and Select that you have read and agree to abide by the terms described in this document. You may also keep a signed copy of this form for your records as proof of agreement. For questions and clarifications, email the BSA International department at international@scouting.org.