

● 4TH BALTIC JAMBOREE ●

THE JUMP

Second Newsletter



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The 4th Baltic Scout and Guide Jamboree is jumping closer and closer. Summer vibes are already in the air, and so is our 2nd info letter. Our organisers' team is jumping above their heads to create the camp experience as amazing as your wildest dreams. We hope you are jumping around to get prepared as well. Therefore, this time, we are gonna introduce you to the camp structure and program, as well as some tips & tricks for the greatest places to see if you have already started to plan your trip to Latvia. Let's jump in that info package!

Oh, have we mentioned the word "jump" too many times already? Here is one more time in our camp motto:

BE THE JUMP!

Your organisers' team

SCOUTING & SUSTAINABILITY

The main theme echoing throughout the whole camp life is based on Sustainable Development Goals, created by the United Nations in 2015 for the year 2030. Although we have many years ahead, action needs to be taken already, not only by the government but individuals themselves, including us scouts. All 17 of the sustainability goals will be reflected in both the activities and daily camp life, going hand in hand with the scouting principles.

The camp also promotes the basic values of scouting. We hope you all remember them well! All together we are going to create an inclusive environment where each of the participants can feel safe and reach their best. By working together daily, we will learn to respect, support and cooperate with each other. Also, the work on individual skills will not be left behind, such as basic outdoor skills, building, cooking, and many others.

GREAT COMPANY

Up to the first registration deadline, 608 scouts and guides have already registered for the camp, and there are many more to come. You will meet scouts and guides from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Israel, France, Sweden, Egypt and Austria. What a diversity! It must be a challenge to manage new friendships with each of these cultures in such a short period.



PROGRAM

DAILY ACTIVITIES

The largest part of the day will be spent participating in various daily activities. The daily activities are separated into 4 main sections:

Society includes such sustainability goals as good health and well-being, peace and justice, quality education, gender equality, no poverty, zero hunger, and reducing inequalities. We have some intercultural games in mind, as well will let you meditate, learn more about yourselves and others. Are you brave enough to open your mind for this experience?

Biosphere includes climate action, life below water, life on land, and clean water and sanitation. Taking the advantage of the lake on the campsite, we will have exciting activities both around the water and on the water. While being in the heart of nature, we will learn about biodiversity, its protection and much more. Do you think you can master all elements of nature?

Cooperation includes partnerships for the goals. You will get a chance to meet our partners and involve in activities with them, learning about diverse approaches concerning the sustainability. Also, we will test how good of a team player you are with a help of numerous teamwork activities. Are you willing to share your goals with others?

Economics include decent work, economic growth, affordable and clean energy, responsible consumption and production, sustainable communities, industry, innovation, and infrastructure. We will learn the importance of nature resources and how to live greener with very small or no waste. We will also create new things out of reusable resources. Are you ready to change your everyday consumption?

CEREMONIES, GUEST DAY AND MORE

Regardless of your answers for the moment, the camp program will treat you well. Moreover, this is not it yet. Impressive **ceremonies** for the whole camp will be held for the opening and closure of the camp. Also, in all of the evenings the whole camp or subcamp will gather around **a fireplace** to spend an evening singing, dancing, playing games and getting to know other countries and cultures. And there is a lot more to follow but we will keep that in secret for now!

On the 6th day of the camp, **guest day** will take place. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our scout friend organizations how we are living at the camp, teach them something new and learn something new from them. This is the day when you can jump in the shoes of a leader and hold activities by your own and with the troop. Parents and families are welcome to visit as well!



CAMPLIFE

Camp will be held in a beautiful forest next to a lake in the line with traditional Latvian scouting. That involves complete outdoor life - sleeping in tents, cooking on fire, enjoying the nature and feeling the joy of being together. But hold your hype for a second, first things first:

LIVING IN SUBCAMPS

Altogether, camp area is divided into 4 subcamps for participants and leaders. ISTs will be sleeping separately in the 5th subcamp to appropriately prepare for leading all the exciting activities on each of the upcoming days.

A subcamp will be made up by approximately 15 patrols living together. A patrol consists of up to 10 participants with 1 respective leader, resulting in around 150 people in one subcamp. We sincerely encourage you to meet and bond with new peers from other countries and cultures.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Parents with kids will be living in a separate subcamp to ensure peace for their sleep. During the day, a children's playground will be available for parents to leave their kids and join the program activities. The children's corner will be lead by one of our own scout families.

EATING AND COOKING

Each camp day includes 3 main meals and one snack meal. Breakfast and dinner will be made by participants themselves cooking on fire. For each two patrols (approximately 20 people) there will be a place for one fireplace for cooking. Each patrol has to provide their own cooking equipment (for suggestions what to take with you, please see our packing list!). For scouts and guides coming by planes, we will provide the cooking equipment at our best capacity.

Equipment for washing the dishes will be provided by the camp and handed out to each subcamp.

To our convenience and time-saving purposes, lunch will be served so that we all can enjoy the activities at their fullest.



CAMPLIFE

SHOWERING

Washing daily is important, thus showers will be available at specific opening hours. The showering schedule will be announced at the camp. Be sure to take with you your washing essentials for body and hair. Please, be considerate of the nature around us and choose more natural, biodegradable products. At the same time, be considerate to the people around and don't leave showering till the last day. ;)

SECURITY

The campsite will be closed for non-participants (except for camp friends on a designated visiting day) and guarded at its borders. Security will be managed with the help of additional support from other national organizations.

MEDICAL HELP

Medical help will be managed together with the help of medical professionals from national organizations. However, it is required for each patrol to take basic first aid kit with them to ensure dealing with smaller issues if any should arise. The list of medical necessities for each patrol can be found on the packing list. At the same time, each individual must take their specific medicine, if any, with them.

ALCOHOL & SMOKING POLICY

During the camp, it is strictly forbidden to use any kind of alcoholic beverages, both public and at the subcamps. Smokers will be shown a designated area where smoking is allowed. Outside this area, smoking is forbidden respecting other camp participants and their health.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

What we bring in the forest, we also bring out. All waste will have to be managed and sorted to ensure taking care of the environment. Specific guidelines for managing the waste will be announced at the start of the camp. Regardless, we encourage everyone to take your rubbish where it belongs to and not hesitate to pick up and manage any other rubbish if you happen to find any. Let's leave the campsite cleaner than we found it and make the world a bit of a better place!



USING PHONES

Phones are allowed to be used at the camp but only outside the program activities. Each leader may set their own rules for phone usage for participants, and from that moment these rules are to be respected.

SWIMMING

The campsite includes a calm lake so everyone can enjoy Summer vibes on a nice swim session in between the activities. Swimming will be allowed only on scheduled times with the oversight of a responsible leader.



PACK PROPERLY

PATROL EQUIPMENT

A Patrol in the Baltic Jamboree is 10 participants + 1 leader.
Basic first aid is mandatory for each patrol.

Cooking equipment

- Knives and chopping boards
- Pots
- Bowls and spoons for serving
- Matches

Other

- Basic first aid (distilled water/disinfectant for cleaning wounds, gauze, plasters)
- A shelter

PATROL EQUIPMENT

This list is suggestive, the basic list for camping in Latvian woods. Be sure to dress accordingly for the weather, here you can find the live weather report for one month:

<https://www.gismeteo.lv/weather-madona-4141/month/>, but be ready for the most. You can download this pdf and print pages 15-16. Scouts and guides – be prepared!

Uniform

- Your scout and guide full uniform

Sleeping equipment

- Tent (organize in patrols)
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mattress
- Sleeping clothes

Apparel

- Cap/hat
- Socks (3 pairs at least)
- Waterproof and comfortable footwear for hiking
- Warmer clothes for evenings and nights
- Waterproof outerwear for rainy weather
- Swimming suit

Personal hygiene

- Toothbrush, toothpaste • Towel
- Toiletries
- Comb

Other

- Bowl, mug and cutlery
- Headlamp/pocket lamp (with full batteries)
- Water bottle
- Personal medication (if needed)

Everything must be packed in a backpack. All bags must be labeled with NAME, CONTINGENT.



HOW TO REGISTER

PARTICIPANT

1. You can be registered by yourself or by your leader with whom you are coming to the camp – only after your leader registers.
2. Your leader will send you your invoice.
3. After your invoice will be paid, your leader will send you a Jamboree pass. You have to print your Jamboree pass and bring it to the camp.

PATROL LEADER

1. Register yourself as “Unit leader”. You’ll receive an automatic email from bjam.skauti.lv confirming that application has been submitted. Check the spam folder if necessary.*
2. Wait until you receive the second email approving your application. You will be approved in about 24 hours.
3. Register participants or ask them to register themselves. Under section “Leader” find and choose your name. You can be responsible for no more than 10 participants.
4. You'll receive all application approvals and invoices in your email.

IST

1. Register yourself as “IST”. You’ll receive an automatic email from bjam.skauti.lv confirming that application has been submitted. Check the spam folder if necessary.*
2. In about 24 hours you're application will be approved and you'll receive your invoice.

**If you find the first email in spam folder, move it to the primary email folder, then the next ones will also appear in the primary folder. If you do not receive a letter – contact registration@skauti.lv*



TRAVELLING

EXPLORING THE NATURE

Latvia has 12,000 rivers and 3,000 small lakes. Around 54% of Latvia is covered by forests. That's half of Latvia's natural ecosystems that have gone largely untouched, making it one of Europe's greenest countries. Mystical pine woods, romantic springs and a large part, 10% are beautiful bogs (so pack your boots!) that are especially mesmerizing in the morning sunrise.

If you are a passionate hiker, Gauja National Park would be the best place for you, offering you everything, starting from charming hills beyond your eyesight, and ending with hypnotising rivers with their sandstone shore cliffs and caves. In between, also Medieval cities of Sigulda and Cesis are hiding the towers of their castles. Binoculars might be useful too - Latvia is home for black storks, less-spotted eagles, otters, beavers, lynxes, and wolves, and great concentrations of deer, wild boar, elk and red fox.

ENJOYING THE SEA COAST

The shores of the Baltic Sea in Latvia stretch for 500 km. The Kurzeme coast is washed by mighty waves and breezes from the open sea that, up north at Cape Kolka, meet the calmer waters of the Gulf of Riga, where the most popular stretches are the white sandy beaches in Riga and Jurmala, and the rocky beaches of Vidzeme.

Latvia's lengthy coastline never ceases to surprise with its dunes, steep cliffs, sandstone outcrops, impressive rocks and caverns. Although wild and powerful, the coastline always enchants with its calmness. Much of its charm it owes to the fishing villages, the multiple areas untouched by civilisation, imposing port cities, and the popular resort city of Jurmala.

CAPITAL WORTH VISITING

Riga, capital of Latvia, is sometimes described as the Paris of the North. It was named the European Capital of Culture for 2014. The city boasts a UNESCO-listed old town and prized collection of Art Nouveau architecture. The city also has more than 4,000 standing wooden buildings; no other European city has so much wood left over from history. Worth seeing are buildings of national importance. For great architecture and culture visit Latvian National Museum of Art and National Library of Latvia.

Information retrieved from: www.latvia.travel and www.liveriga.com



Let's meet in the camp!

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to our Facebook event in order to receive
notifications on all the updates.