

Dear Parents,

Being a Scout means that you belong to the worldwide family of Scouts. This means that we are part of a family of 40 million spanning 162 Countries. It's because of these friends that we have all over the World, that Scouts often have opportunities to travel the World, see sights they've never seen and take part in activities they've never usually have the opportunity to do.

To give Island Scouts a unique opportunity to attend an international Jamboree without leaving the country, we have decided to run a camp in summer 2020 to Essex International Jamboree (EIJ). The camp would last one week from 1 – 8 August 2020. We would be travelling by Coach to Chelmsford.

There are a number of reasons why we have decided on EIJ specifically;

- It's an enormous camp for Scouts and Guides from around the world; it lasts 1 week, but takes 3 years to plan. It's a famous event in the Scout and Girlguiding world, and is renowned for being one of the best jamborees.
- The 120-acre green field is transformed by 1,500 volunteers into a fully operational tented village. It has all the facilities you'd expect – water, showers, toilets, electrics, communications, food distribution, health and welfare services and even a beach!
- On Saturday 1st August, the Jamboree will open to 10,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world to camp together for a week of fun, discovery and adventure, embracing the spirit of Scouting and Girlguiding.

Essex International Jamboree promises to be an unforgettable experience, providing skills for life, building new friendships, and memories to last a lifetime.

We have begun the planning progress and would like to send an open invitation to all Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who will be aged 10 - 17 at the time of the camp. This means you would need to have a date of birth that falls between 29/07/2010 and 30/07/2003 to attend the camp.

Whilst the programme is yet to be decided, it will include a range of adventurous, creative and cultural activities following the Scout and Guide programme, as well as opportunities to meet new friends from around the world.

As you would expect, a camp of this scale would have a larger cost than our usual summer camps. The cost of the camp will be £300 and all accommodation, food, activities and transport will be included in the price.

Payment

We are asking for a £30 non-refundable deposit to secure a place on the trip which is payable by 30th March. Places are limited to 48 and will be allocated on a first come bases. To ensure that the whole island is given a fair chance to apply the list will not open up and we request that no payments are made before 11th March.

After 30th March, you will be notified if your young person has been allocated a place or will receive one of the reserved list. Deposits for reserved list will be held on the chance that a space becomes available but **will be** refunded if they do not actually attend.

We appreciate that the above is a big commitment and would be proposing the following payment plan;

Date	Amount
30 March 2019	£30.00
30 June 2019	£67.50
30 Sep 2019	£67.50
30 Dec 2019	£67.50
30 April 2020	£67.50

It is really important that we receive payment in line with the above timetable as at each point, as payments for transport, accommodation need to be made. Obviously, any fundraising will offset these payments.

If you think that you may have difficulty meeting these deadlines as they approach, please contact me as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Mike Green our County treasurer, will be dealing with the accounts for us and paying in can be done any of three ways:

- **Bank transfer direct to the account, reference the payment with the payee and EIJ or Essex Jamboree.**
- **Cheque or cash paid in at any Lloyds branch, again reference with payee and EIJ or Essex Jamboree.**
- **Cash/ cheques sent to me, or dropped through Mike's door with a note referencing payee and EIJ or Essex Jamboree.**

Followed up with an email to Mike and myself saying: When you have paid and how, amount, your name, group, and number of scouts/leaders the payment is for.

The bank account is with Lloyds, account name is Isle of Wight Scouts Council sort code 30 95 99 account number 00286238

His address is 5 Cypress Road, Newport, PO30 1EY and e-mail miketgreen6@hotmail.com (don't forget the t or the 6)

The emails are important so that Mike and I can keep track of the payments made by each person.

Cancellation Terms

Each payment made in line with the above payment plan will be non-refundable and should you cancel your place you will forfeit any money that has already been paid unless a replacement can be found who is happy to take over the payments.

Fund Raising

We are suggesting that a significant effort be put into fundraising to keep the cost of the trip down. This would require commitment from those attending the trip and help from all parents. We hope that some parents will come forward to help with the fund raising committee (please indicate if you are willing to help out with fundraising for this trip on the enclosed permission form).

Next Steps

Please complete the attached form and return it to me using the contact details below along with £30 deposit paid as per the details above.

If you would like more information about the Essex International Jamboree, visit their website where there is lots of information. <http://eij.org.uk/>

Please get in contact if you have any questions.

Yours in Scouting

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Please reserve a place for from Scout group for the Isle of Wight Scouts Contingent to Essex International Jamboree from 1st to the 8th August 2020 inclusive.

I have enclosed a non-refundable deposit of £30 to secure a place on the trip.

I agree to the below payment dates and amounts and will contact the camp coordinator should I have difficulty meeting any of the deadlines.

Date	Amount
30 March 2019	£30.00
30 June 2019	£67.50
30 Sep 2019	£67.50
30 Dec 2019	£67.50
30 April 2020	£67.50

I understand that each payment made with the above payment schedule is non-refundable.

Fundraising

The below named family member(s) would be willing to support the fundraising committee to work on activities to raise funds for the group. (a member of the committee will be in contact)

Name	Relationship to child	Contact Telephone Number

Signed

Name

Date