THE JAMBOREE

The Jamboree is the world's largest gathering of scouts, consisting of over 30,000 young people from all across the world. Any participant can go, if they're between the ages of 14-18 years old during the event, and it truly is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, as it's only run every four years.

It takes place on one massive site, with a Home Hospitality anywhere across the world. In 2011, 40,000 scouts went to Sweden, and in 2015, some 30,000 scouts will go to Japan. By 2019, the Jamboree will be in West Virginia, America, and on it will go, forging links of friendship spanning continents.

On site, you could be camping next to people from any country in the world- more countries are represented at the Jamboree than at the Olympics, so the friendship is extraordinary!





EXPLORER BELT

Not just something with which to hold your trousers up! This is the other major experience open to Explorers. Groups of young people head to a foreign country or area, and travel around for 10 days completing challenges, with an itinerary made by themselves, and a leader (you do meet up with your leaders frequently, however). These challenges can be milking a cow, finding a tin of baked beans (trickier than it sounds!), or having a meal with a family you've just met. So, if you're up for some travelling, and are aged 16 or older, you're perfect for this adventure.

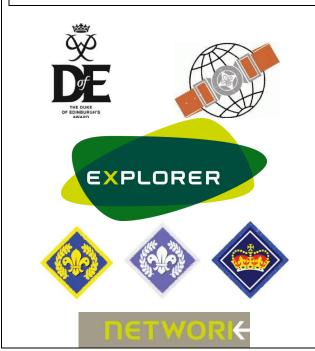
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Moving on after Scouts...
The options available to
Young People

WHERE TO NEXT?



EXPLORERS

Now that you have finished Scouts, you are ready to move on!

Explorers is waiting!

Explorers is often run at a District level, so you will have the opportunity to meet lots more people, and share many more experiences.

As Explorers, you will be given more freedom within Scouting, for example, many Units plan their own activities and programmes, so you can chose and organise what you want to do! Being a **Young Leader** is also highly recommended, and this means that you can still help out with the group in which you were a scout. The road to achieving your **Young Leader Belt** is fun, challenging, and ultimately rewardingmuch like everything about Explorers!

Within Explorers there is the opportunity to earn your Chief Scout Platinum and Chief Scout Diamond Awards, as well as your **Queens Scout Award**, the highest Award achievable by Young People in Scouting.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

There are three awards, which you work up in stages, starting with Bronze, proceeding to Silver then finishing with Gold. You can start at 14 and you have until you are 25 to complete it.

All three involve you doing Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities for a specified period of time. Then you have the fun of a practice and assessed Expedition.

Bronze: 2 Days and one Night

Silver: 3 days, 2 nights Gold: 4 Days, 3 Nights



ACHIEVEMENTS FOR EXPLORERS

Well, now that you're in Explorers, get ready for a whole lot of fun, coming at you from a never-ending parade of activities!

Explorers offers you a wide, inexhaustible range of things to do, from running the gruelling Green Beret bases (simply putting others through their paces, just as you were, and loving it), all the way to the Peak Assault, a walking expedition with an unknown destination until you rock up on the Friday night! More locally we have the Chiltern Challenge at Phasels Wood

You may also have heard of the infamously brilliant Gilwell 24, where the activities literally never stop, for 24 hours. Needless to say, food is required to stay awakewho's complaining?

By the time you're in explorers, many of you may have already gone on an International Expedition, if not, then the likelihood is that in Explorers, you will be given an opportunity to do so. Explorers have been to Holland, the French Pyrenées, Croatia, Ireland-very exotic!, and many more exciting places!