



MERSEY WEAVER SCOUT DISTRICT

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Mr Mayor Cllr Alan Oulton,

I represent the parents and Scouts of the Mersey Weaver Scout District contingent who have been chosen to attend the World Scout Jamboree in North America in July 2019. I'm sure you remember meeting many of the contingent at Frodsham Christmas Festival when you kindly visited their stall.

Mersey Weaver Scout District delivers every day adventure and personal development opportunities for over 1400 members in Frodsham, Helsby, Runcorn, Widnes and surrounding villages. It provides co-educational extra-curricular activities to help young people of all abilities, backgrounds and beliefs develop into responsible citizens who respect each other; as well as their local and global communities. An important aspect of this comes from international events where young people have the opportunity to explore those differences in culture, environment and beliefs.

Through international experiences the Scouts develop positive attitudes to their community and environment as well as being inspired to expand their own personal ambitions and develop competencies throughout the process that will make them more employable in the future.

Each Scout that has been chosen went through a rigorous application, selection, interview and team building process. In total, a contingent of 11 Scouts and 2 leaders will be going on adventure of a lifetime to the World Scout Jamboree in North America along with 4,000 other Scouts from the UK. The group will spend two weeks meeting with over 40,000 young people from over 150 different nations at world's largest gathering of its kind.

You can find more info about the project and our organisation overleaf.

The contingent now have to work extremely hard over the coming months fundraising, training to gain the necessary skills as well as working together to become a team. Since November 2017 they have already supported many community events with fundraising activities and community support, most recently marshalling at the Four Villages Half Marathon in Helsby.

Whilst the contingent have many fundraising activities planned and are offering to support community events, they have a substantial figure to raise to send everyone on this experience.

Many of our members come from families who simply could not normally afford a trip of this nature and this is where we were wondering if you would be able to help us? We are looking for fundraising opportunities, donations or sponsorship to raise the £54,000 they need to make the experience a reality.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Parent of Grace Wheeler - Contingent Scout
On behalf of all the Mersey Weaver Contingent

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SCOUTING MERSEY WEAVER DISTRICT

The Scout Association is a voluntary organisation, which provides co-educational extra-curricular activities to help young people of all abilities, backgrounds and beliefs develop into responsible citizens who respect each other; as well as their local and global communities. An important aspect of this comes from international events where young people have the opportunity to explore those differences in culture, environment and beliefs. Through international experiences our members develop positive attitudes to their global community and environment as well as being inspired to expand their own personal ambitions. The Mersey Weaver Scout District provides Every day Adventure for over 1400 members in Halton, Frodsham and surrounding villages.

THE 24TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The World Scout Jamboree is above all an educational event that brings together the world's young people to promote peace, mutual understanding and to develop leadership and life skills. It will feature all the hallmarks of past world Jamboree programs, such as the Global Development Village, the World Scout Centre, a special sustainability initiative, Community Service, Model UN and the socialisation elements that allow participants to make lifelong friends from around the world. As well as an adventurous activity programme which will help them to grow in confidence; participants will take part in community service projects and work with other Scouts from other countries to make the world a better place. Scouts will have to demonstrate self-reliance and independence by cooking and looking after themselves for the full 12 days.

Unlike any other youth event, the World Scout Jamboree invites young people to surround themselves in diverse global cultures by joining their new Scouting friends at a single destination for 12 unforgettable days. The Jamboree experience extends beyond their home—and beyond the boundaries of their country—to create a global adventure that will last a lifetime! An important aspect of the Jamboree experience will be Home Hospitality, this is where Scouts go and stay with host families and experience everyday North American life. This will take place in either the USA, Canada or Mexico. The Scouts will be moved out of their comfort zones and build resilience to unfamiliar situations.

Through International events our young people help to strengthen relationships with other Scouting organisations throughout the world leading to better understanding of people and global issues. Throughout the entire 24 month process leading up to the Jamboree the young people will go through a journey of self-development and training which will help to the gain competencies well into their adult lives and careers.

Please check our event minisite <https://wsj.mwscouts.org>

Additional information is available from the World Scout Jamboree site <https://www.2019wsj.org>

Here is a picture of the Mersey Weaver Scout contingent



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