

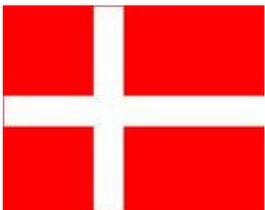
My Jamboree Adventure

I was lucky enough to have been selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, representing Buckinghamshire Guides. After lots of fundraising, and training weekends with my Greater London South West unit consisting of Scouts and Guides, we set off for our Jamboree adventure.

We had an early start to our adventure having to leave a Scout hut we had stayed in that night at 2.00am to catch a plane from Heathrow to Copenhagen, Denmark. We were in Copenhagen for two days with the rest of the United Kingdom Contingent and there was 4000 of us all together. We spent our time exploring Copenhagen, visiting Tivoli Gardens and going on a speed boat. The Copenhagen experience ended with a party which was an enjoyable way to end the first part of our adventure and we were all very excited for the other experiences ahead.

We left Copenhagen by coach and crossed over the bridge to reach Sweden. The Jamboree was ten days long and whilst we were there we participated in a range of different activities as well as meeting lots of new friends from a variety of different countries. The first two days at the Jamboree consisted of pitching tents, making friends and finding our way around the site. The opening ceremony took place on the second evening and although it rained during this the atmosphere was amazing and we were all incredibly excited about the Jamboree officially starting.

After that most days ten-three we were in activities. We participated in five main activities called Earth, People, Global Development, Quest and Dream, Dream took place between 11pm to 2am. These activities involved reflecting on our lives, working as a team, acquiring new skills, learning about other cultures and learning about the world and our environment. Whilst we were at the Jamboree there were a range of other activities such as ice skating, a wooden theme park and many more. During our time in Sweden we were taken off the Jamboree site for twenty-four hours and put onto another camp somewhere in Sweden, so that we could experience traditional Scandinavian camping. My patrol went to a Norwegian camp in Sweden about a two hour drive away. We went canoeing and swimming in a very muddy lake and had a campfire. This was a very different experience and it was interesting to see how other Scouts camp in other countries. Whilst back at the Jamboree we also had a culture day. This was where everybody in their units made displays of what was traditional in their country. My unit had marmite sandwiches, boiled sweets, croquet and English tea and it was a very enjoyable day, consisting of lots of eating and meeting more new people. Our trip soon came to an end and finished on a bang with the closing ceremony. The ceremony was amazing however it was very sad to leave. However we knew that our adventure was still not at the end.



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Our adventure continued as we caught an overnight ferry from Sweden to Poland, where we stayed in a town surrounded by two lakes called Szczecinek. Here our unit was linked up with a scout group and we stayed in two's or three's at their houses. I stayed with a 14 year old scout called Angelica and it was such an amazing experience. Whilst in Poland, the two units met together and participated in activities such as cycling around the lakes, hiking, climbing and water skiing. Poland was very enjoyable and it was an excellent end to our three week adventure.

The trip was amazing, visiting three countries in three weeks and making many friends who I plan to stay in contact with. This truly was an experience of a lifetime and one I shall never forget!



My unit



Copenhagen- Speed boat



Team building activity



Home hospitality

