

# FAQs

**What is Roverway?** This is a joint WAGGGS and WOSM event for members aged 16-22, which takes place every 3-6 years. Participants are selected by their countries, or regions, and formed into patrols of 5-8 people. The event is effectively split into two halves. First, participants "rove" with their "tribe" (a group of patrols, all from different countries, numbering about 50 people, in total), on a "pathway" (selected centrally, and advised nearer the time), before eventually all coming together centrally, for a jamboree. In 2018, it took place in the Netherlands. In 2024, it will be in Norway.

**Who is it for?** Participants must be born between 1 August 2002 and 22 July 2008: even a day either side is instant disqualification. Applicants need to be aware that this is an extremely demanding event, both physically and mentally: they will be undertaking 5 days of hiking, in rugged terrain, with extremely unpredictable weather (from 20°C to zero is not unusual, in the Norwegian summer), carrying all their equipment (including tents) and rough camping. There will be remote support, from Stavanger, but the tribe will basically be on its own. In addition, patrols must carry out their own planning, to decide how/when to travel to/from the event; what cost/time constraints they have; what equipment they need (and how to source it) etc. Should a patrol decide to extend their exploration after the event, they will also need to consider insurance to cover that additional travel. (CHQ is looking into the possibility of an optional add-on.)

**What about people who are too old to be a participant?** The IST (international service team) is open to anyone aged 22 and over: there is no upper limit! The IST will be responsible for setting up the jamboree, and running activities, cafes, shops, etc, when the participants arrive. They will not be responsible for looking after anyone. Applications for the IST will be open from about April 2023 and CHQ will give me the heads-up before that happens.

**What about people who do not feel up to a 5-day trek?** There will be some roles available for those aged 18+, which will be advertised on the Norwegian Scout website, in due course.

**What qualifications are needed?** If everyone in a patrol is 18 and over, it is all very simple: they are all adults, so no GAW qualification is needed (and some regions have already said they will be selecting 18+s, only, to keep things simple). CHQ is considering the position, where there are under-18s in a patrol.

**How much does it cost?** CHQ has not yet finalised their figure, but anticipate it will be around £1,000, for each participant. That will include the event fees; briefing weekends; insurance; a rucksack, and clothing package. **It will not cover** the costs of travel to/from the event; tents; bags; the costs of getting to/from the briefing weekends (of which there will be two, both compulsory, and which could be held anywhere in the UK) or any additional insurance/travel. The cost of an IST place is likely to be around £700 (plus travel, etc). Details of any roles with the Norwegian Scouts will be on their website.

**How do I apply?** If you want to be considered for the IST, you'll need to complete the application form, when national makes it available. To apply for a role with the Norwegian Scouts, you'll need to keep an eye open for vacancies on their website. To apply to be considered for a place as a participant, you will need to complete the application form attached, and send it to [international@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk](mailto:international@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk) by **12 May, 2023**. There will then be a regional selection, so that the national team is able to firm up names and membership numbers for everyone by the end of August.