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Plan for the 2017 World Scout Moot in Iceland

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I would guess the first question for many is: what is a World Scout Moot? It is an official event of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), hosted and organized by the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association (for the 2017 event in this case), for young people aged between 18 and 25 inclusive. And you thought the best you could do was be on staff at a World or National Jamboree. Now you know there is more fun to be had. It is just a matter of planning. Oh yes, the word "moot" is Old English and originally meant a meeting or assembly.



The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in Iceland 25th July to 2nd August 2017 so if you are born on or between the dates of 2nd August 1991 and 25th July 1999 you are eligible as a participant and BSA plans to send as many young adults as are interested in attending. The BSA contingent will likely also have some time before or after the event to see some parts of Iceland.

Some of you may be thinking that you have to be working during that time and you may be right. But I can assure you that the experience will be worth more than money can buy over your lifetime so give it some real thought and then start planning to attend.

The cost to attend the Moot is \$1,000 plus transportation and some supply costs which are not available at this time. Registration will be online and when available the link will be posted on www.venturingmag.org/events.shtml. The link will be a scouting.org link.

Inspired by Iceland

Iceland is a truly unique country that is worth visiting. Not only is its nature unique, but the culture and atmosphere is something special too.



Having the opportunity to combine attending a fantastic international event with people from around 80 countries and exploring Iceland's nature and culture is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The Moot organizing team encourages you to use that opportunity to join the Moot and travel up north.

"We have to warn you that the biggest thing shaping Iceland and the daily life of Icelanders is the weather! We cannot promise snow, but in the history of the country it has on occasion snowed in summer so we cannot completely exclude it either. We cannot promise sunshine all the time either, although it could be and is more likely than snowing. We definitely do not offer beaches for lazing around. However, it is not as cold as the name of the country implies — but you must bring warm cloths along nonetheless as the weather is often windy and generally quite unpredictable."

The Program



The Moot program starts with an opening ceremony in the capital city of Reykjavík in the morning of 25th July. Participants will then spend the day in the capital area, taking part in an organized program. In the afternoon the participants will be transported to one of the ten camps where they will spend the next four days. The camps will be in different locations along the southern coast of Iceland, with each location offering different program elements. Thus one camp will be located in a national park, next to a glacier and have a mountaineering focus, while another will be in a large town and have a focus on culture and community. The participants will decide their own Moot experience by signing up

for the activities of their choice during registration, and that information will be used to form patrols and choose the relevant camp. This part of the Moot is called **The Journey**.

On Saturday, 29th of July, all the participants will be transported to the Úlfjótsvatn Scout Centre for the third part of the Moot, which is called **Althingi**. The program at Althingi will include outdoor activities, workshops, roundtable discussions, challenges, campfires, diverse cultural activities and basically having a great time together.

The Closing Ceremony of the 15th World Scout Moot 2017 will be in the afternoon of August 2nd.

More links to information and videos about the Moot can be found at www.sageventure.com/international/moot.html.