

Girlguiding Cleveland – 24th World Scout Jamboree – 22nd July to 2nd August 2019

What is the World Scout Jamboree? – This is a youth event which brings together Scouts from around the world to promote peace and mutual understanding, as well as to develop life and leadership skills. It takes place every 4 years. In 2019, it was jointly hosted by Scouts Canada, Scouts de Mexico and Boy Scouts of America. Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia was home to 35,000 Scouts and 15,000 leaders / adult volunteers from 152 different countries.



How were Girlguiding involved?

100 Units comprising approximately 4,000 Scouts, Guides and their Leaders attended from the United Kingdom, supported by 60 members of the UK Contingent Team.

750 International Service Team (IST) from the UK helped to staff the event -running activities, sorting logistics and staffing subcamps.

As part of their adventure young people took part in a Big City Experience in New York and Washington D.C., and Hosted Hospitality across Canada.

How was I involved?

I was an IST member as part of the Exploration team within the Living in the 21st Century activity area. This was great fun – showing Scouts and Guides that Chemistry can be exciting! I spent most of the time playing with Magic Sand, Fortune Teller Fish and demonstrating a traffic light reaction. Our most popular activity was making polyurethane woggles.





As well as volunteering in the Chemistry tent, I had the opportunity to visit the local area on a day trip (New River Gorge Bridge near Fayetteville) and see a baseball game with the UK Contingent whilst in Washington DC. Thanks to Girlguiding Cleveland for the donation towards my Girlguiding volunteering adventure!



