

Newsletter, nr. 4-2025

The Dutch Scout and Guide Fellowship,
host of the 29th WESR-Gathering

Date: 10-14 October 2025

Location: Bergeijk, the Netherlands



The **29th WESR Gathering** is next week and we, as the **DSGF** organizing team, are looking forward to making it a great Gathering together. Thanks everybody for registration to attend it.

Unfortunately, there's also some bad news. The Ghanaian delegation had to withdraw several registered members because they were unfortunately denied visas to come to the Netherlands. But if you did get a visa, you're very welcome.



Warning: under Dutch law always have your ID with you, not with you? You might be arrested and liable to prosecution. A valid passport or ID, a drivers licence is not a valid document to identify yourself.

Advise: Store digital copies securely on a cloud service or your phone. This makes getting a replacement easier and many businesses may accept a passport copy for verification.

Weather

It's Autumn in October. One moment you might be sitting outside enjoying some sun and a walk, one moment you'll be sheltering from the rain. Temperature: 14oC daytime, ±

Supporting the Gathering:



Members of Scout troop St. Lambertus from Bergeijk.



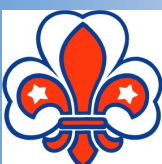
Scoutshop Netherlands Zeewolde.



Reizend Scoutingmuseum/Field Scoutmuseum



Secondary school



Programme



Daily Schedule

Friday 10th	
From 16.00	Arrival and Check-in
18.00-19.30	Diner
20.00-22.00	Program Welcome and Opening
Saturday 11th	
08.00-09.00	Breakfast
09.45-10.00	Start of the Day
10.00-12.00	Keynotespeaker Marjolein Sluijters
12.00-12.30	Scoutingband
12.30-13.30	Dutch Lunch
13.30-17.00	Program 1. How to play Golf 2. Touristtrain 3. Scoutlike Hike
18.00-19.30	Diner
20.00-22.00	Program Campfire with local Souts
Sunday 12th	
08.00-09.00	Breakfast
09.45-10.30	Start of the Day Visitorsmorning
10.30-12.30	Relax, Swap, Talk, Walk Mobile Dutch Scoutshop will be onside
12.30-13.30	Dutch Lunch
13.30-17.00	Workshops 1. Geocaching 2. Know your Wine 3. Culinaire 4. Hike 5. Knotting
18.00-19.30	Diner
20.00-22.00	Program Pubquiz
Monday 13th	
08.00-09.00	Breakfast
09.45-10.00	Start of the Day
10.00-11.00	Program ISGF/Europe/IAG
11.00-12.30	Relax
12.30-13.30	Dutch Lunch
13.30-17.00	Excursion By bus to Valkenswaard Museum and/or Shopping
18.00-19.30	Diner
20.00-22.00	Program Auction Closing Gathering
Tuesday 14th	
08.00-09.00	Breakfast
09.00-09.30	Packing/Housekeeping Remove bedlinnen garbage downstairs
09.30-10.00	Check-out



Food



Our chef has prepared a menu, taking in to account the allergies and dietary requirement noted on the registration forms. If not indicated we can not accommodate your request at the last minute unfortunately.



The Dutch approach to breakfast

Dutch Breakfast

is a bit different than what other European countries may consider normal. Unlike the hearty, warm breakfasts popular in many cultures, the Dutch prefer a simple, cold start to their day.

Experiencing a traditional Dutch breakfast is a delightful way to immerse yourself in Dutch culture. The simplicity and freshness of the foods, combined with unique flavors like “hagelslag” offer a refreshing change from the heavy, warm breakfasts common in other cultures.

Whether you’re enjoying a broodje kaas or indulging in a sweet spread of pindakaas, you’re sure to find something that satisfies your morning cravings.

Indonesian food

Why do we have Indonesian food on our table in the Netherlands? When the Dutch had worked in occupied Indonesia they wanted to eat the food they tasted there also at home. So the Chinese-Indische restaurants were born.

“Rijsttafelen”

The story goes that a Dutchman in the Dutch East Indies, when asked what he would like to eat said I like to taste everything. And so they gave him everything. He called it Rijsttafelen”.

“Blauwe Hap”

In the Dutch Royal Navy they eat to this day on Wednesday Indonesian food, the name is derived from the Blue boys, the Dutch East Indian boys who brought it with them from the former colony.



Using public transport in the Netherlands

For traveling with public transport in the Netherlands you'll need your debit, credit card or mobile phone. You can't pay with cash money. And always check in/out.

How to travel with your debit card

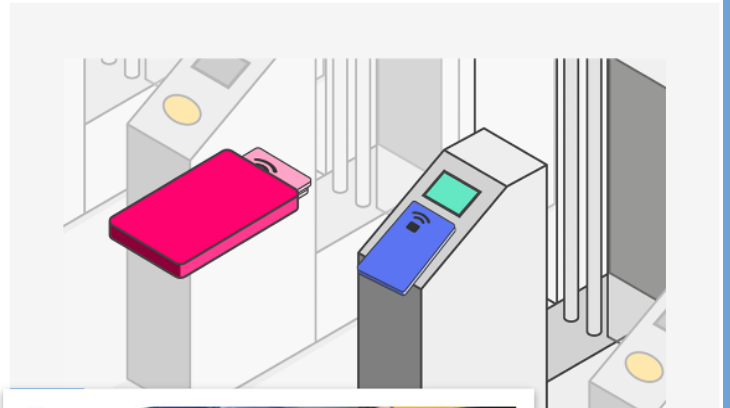
In order to travel with your contactless debit, credit card or mobile phone, you don't need to activate anything. Travel this way right away.

1. Take card that you wish to use for travel out of your wallet, or use the debit card on your mobile phone.
2. Hold your card or mobile phone against the card reader when checking in.
3. Check out with the same card.

It's that easy!

View the costs on your bank account statement

The cost of your journey will be aggregated and debited from your bank account the following day. The payment always has a payment reference that starts with NLOV, followed by 14 numbers and letters.



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Arrival/Departure

Arrival October 10th by plane in Eindhoven:

Take the shuttlebus nr. **400 or 401** to the busstation in Eindhoven.

At Eindhoven bus station, transfer to **18 or 318** towards Luycksgestel, this will stop several times, also in Bergeijk. In Bergeijk get off at stop Kennedylaan. Local Scouts will be at the stop in Bergeijk, also transport to take you to the Gathering accommodation. Travel time approximately 1 hour by bus to Bergeijk.



Arrival October 10th by train at Central Station Eindhoven:

From the central station to the Eindhoven bus station, change at the back of the central station (so not on the city center side) to bus **18 or 318** towards Luycksgestel. In Bergeijk get off at stop Kennedylaan. In Bergeijk get off at stop Kennedylaan. Local Scouts will be at the stop in Bergeijk, also transport to take you to the Gathering accommodation. Travel time approximately 1 hour by bus to Bergeijk.

Don't forget to check in/out every time entering/leaving public transport.

Departure October 14th

If departing on October 14th, transport to the Kennedylaan stop towards Eindhoven Bus Station. Transfer to shuttle bus 400/401 there or walk to the train station.

House rules:



And, of course, there are during the Gathering there a few house rules to adhere to, and being scouts we will do so.

1. no smoking allowed in the accommodation, outside is allowed, use the special astrays.
2. You are not allowed to put anything on the walls.
3. Your beds are made by arrival, on departure day October 14th you must strip your bed and place the bed linnen in the hall.
4. There is Wifi in the accommodation, but it is not equally good everywhere, so no panic, just try it at an other spot again, might be a meter further sometimes.
5. Our landlord ask to keep our volunes down from 22.00-09.00 o'clock .
6. Forbidden: Open fires and the use/possession of drugs are prohibited.
7. Pets not allowed.
8. Allways lock the door of your room, don't loose your key. Costs € 50.– per key.
9. In case of emerency, follow the instructions of the organization or Hygge/Police etc.
10. For first aid, the kitchen team will help you.
11. Please be on time like scheduled, transport won't wait.



One thing we can tell you: on the last evening there will be an **private pop-up auction**, part of the sales will go to DSGF and a part to charity scouting related.

So use your Euro's to buy something at the auction. You can also donate things for the auction.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The ISGF 29th WESR-Gathering, 10-14 October 2025.

Organization: DSGF

Location: Verblijf bij Hygge

Adres: Burgemeester Aartslaan 51, 5571 TR BERGELJK

Emergency phone number: Coordinator Gathering Jan Smits +31 6 183 293 54

Sunday

- Sunday morning, after the start of the day you'll have time for chatting, swapping, walking or just enjoying the day. In the morning we will have some visitors as well.
- And on Sunday morning a mobile scoutshop from Scouting Netherlands will be there too.
- The ISGF shop, for your special ISGF gadgets, openings hours will be anounced in time.
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