

Newsletter, nr. 3-2025

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

Date: 10-14 October 2025

Location: Bergeijk, the Netherlands



Registration for our 29th Gathering is nearly closed. We have registered 80 people, fantastic. People, not only from sub-region Western Europe, but also from other regions.

Welcome fellow members of Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Luxembourg, UK and the Netherlands.

Yes, welcome to this small country, below sea level, famous for (of course) tulips, cheese, windmills, dikes, Canal belt Amsterdam, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, our King and Queen, André Rieu and so much more to explore.

The Dutch battle against water and land reclamation, the storm barriers. Sportif: cycling, ice skating, sailing, football and field hockey besides Scouting we're known for, did you know this? Curious? Be with us and you learn more about the Netherlands and do tell about it at home.



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, ± 7oC nighttime.

Supporting the Gathering:

SCOUTING
ST. LAMBERTUS
BERGEIJK ijk.
Members of Scout troop St. Lambertus from Bergeijk.



Scoutshop Netherlands Zeewolde.



Reizend Scoutingmuseum



Secondary school



Programme



What's the plan? We will send you a separate form to make a provisional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

Workshops / excursions

On Saturday afternoon on the programme:



1. Excursion to a **Golf course** and get to know how to play golf yourself. Entrance is included instruction in subgroups and equipment.

And if you want to take rest at the terrace, you can buy refreshments or cake.



2. Learn more about **Bergeijk** with a tour guide in a caddy train, all about the old church, the mill, Gerrit Rietveld and much more.

3. **Are you a hiker?** Then you might choose the hike with assignments. Special prepared

Sunday afternoon, time for activities and workshops.

by the scouttroop of Bergeijk. ± 5 km's.

4. Do you like treasure hunting by **GPS** as **Geo caching**? Fritz wil teach you how to hunt for a treasure / cache in nature area with GPS.



5. **Know your wine.** Wine expert Rob will test your knowledge of wine and will bring also some wine with him and teach you how to distinguish a good wine from a bad wine.



6. **Culinary with the OPUS ladies**, you'll learn how to make a traditional Surinams snack.



7. **Are you a hiker?** Then you might choose the hike with assignments. Special prepared by the scouttroop of Bergeijk. ± 5 km's.



8. **Knots and wood** by the Scouttroop of Bergeijk.



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.

What's on the menu?

This is only an example of the menu,

MENU 			
Friday	Diner	Sunday	Lunch
	Russian Salad		Chicken soup
	Beef Salad		Tomato soup
	Salmon Salad		Vegetable soup
	Lettuce		Diner
	Chipolata sausage		Lettuce
	Baguette		Fried Patato
			Fillet steak
Saturday	Lunch		<i>Custard surprise</i>
	Dutch Croquette		
	Diner	Monday	Lunch
	Noodles		small Frankfurter
	Fried Rice		Diner
	Chicken Satay		Dutch Pancakes
	<i>Indonesian cake</i>		<i>Icecream</i>



Choclate sprinkles on a sandwich, a typical Dutch thing, besides a sandwich cheese or ham.



Registration

Just a short reminder: We don't want to dissapoint anyone from being able to attend the Gathering 2025. Still a few places available.

Travel plan: travel plan form will be send to the participants in the coming weeks .

Check-in/out: Check –in October 10 at 16.00 p.m. Check-out on October 14 at 10.00 a.m..

Also keep in mind that the **language during the Gathering will be English**, no interpreters.

Visa: if you need a visa to come to the Netherlands, apply now, don't wait too long. Otherwise you wont'get your visa in time. In summer it will take longer to get one.



Warning, visa will only be provided to you by the Embassy if you can prove you have paid the whole amount for the Gathering.

If needed for your applying, ask secretaris@dsgf.nl for a supportletter.

One thing we can tell you: on the last evening there will be an **private pop-up auction**, part of the sales wil 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 to sell.

Travelling/luggage

What's your travelplan?

By car, train or plane?

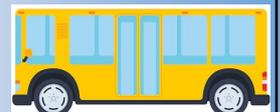


Transport might be quite different, we will ask you later to inform us about your travelplan. Here under some ideas for traveling to Bergeijk to keep in mind.



Flying to Eindhoven: you can use public transport, a taxi or a rental car to travel to Bergeijk.

Airport Eindhoven: Local scouts will help you to find your way to Bergeijk by public transport,.but we do need your time table of travelling for this.



Luggage: don't take to much luggage, you'll have to carry it your self.

Toiletry: For your personal care, please bring your own soap etc. with you. Soap or shampoo are not provided.



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

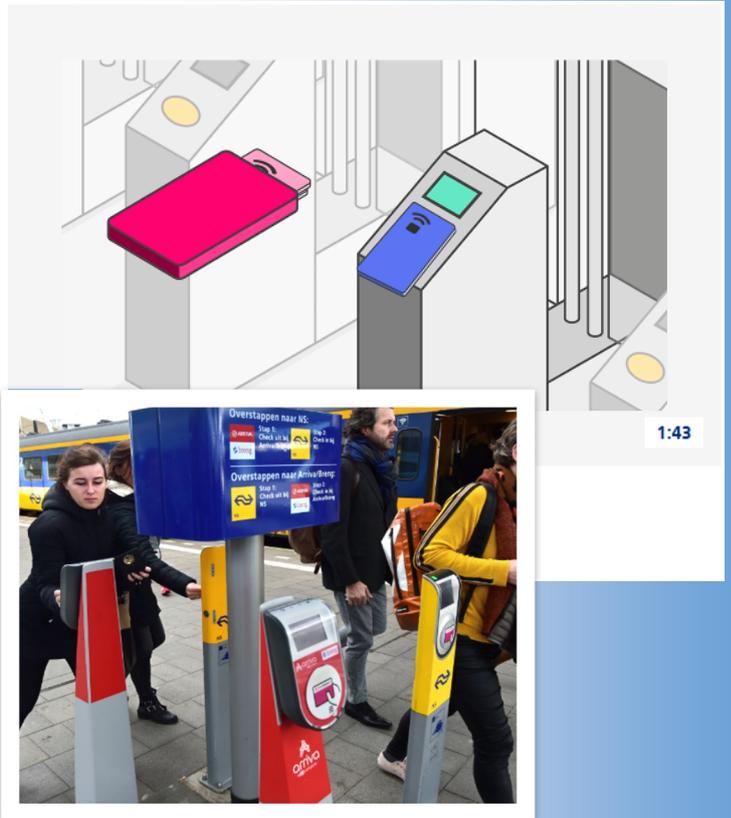
In order to travel with your contactless debit, credit card or mobile phone, you don't need to activate anything. Travel this way right away.

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.



Auction

What's for sale at the pop-up auction at the Gathering? All kinds of stuff, yes/no scouting related, but for scouting collectors some nice items to bid on. Thanks to everyone who made something available for this. We'll come up with a list, but a few pictures of some goodies.

