

23RD WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT



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To: All Australian Contingent Members
CC: Branch Chief Commissioners
Branch International Commissioners

FROM THE CONTINGENT LEADER

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree was a huge success and I hope that every member of the Australian Contingent was able to enjoy the experience and gain a greater understanding of the world around us as a result of our journey to Japan. Indeed, seeing every Scout form such strong friendships in only a matter of weeks, and to see each participant fully embrace the Japanese culture with great respect and maturity has been simply inspiring.



I have been delighted to read the exciting accounts of our journey on social media since we returned home. From the thrill of white water rafting, the tranquillity of the temple stay, the excitement of Universal Studios, or the quiet reflection at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, every Australian Scout proved themselves as great ambassadors for Australia, for Scouting, and for their families.

The World Scout Jamboree is a unique experience that brings Scouts from all corners of the globe together in a great sharing of cultures and values that proves the world can indeed live together in peace. In this, the 70th anniversary year of the end of World War II, the realisation that young people can learn from the past and join with one another in a common goal, gives great promise to the future of our world.

Our journey would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of your Contingent Team. It was an absolute pleasure to work together with these talented volunteers to deliver such a successful event and on behalf of the entire Australian Contingent, I would like to congratulate Shane, Nick, Neville, Nicola, Justine, Ricci, Harry and Wendy for their tireless efforts throughout our time in Japan. BRAVO!

It is now my wish that every Contingent member spread the word of the great adventure that is International Scouting. Earn your International Explorer's Award. Promote every upcoming event to friends in your local community, and let's ensure that every Jamboree in the future is bigger and better than the one before.

Thank you for the privilege to be your Australian Contingent Leader. It was a great honour and I am truly proud of every achievement during our time in Japan.

Happy Scouting!
Aaron



INTERNATIONAL EXPLORER'S AWARD

The International Explorer's Award is a belt and buckle that can be worn in place of the standard uniform belt. This award can be earned by any member of the Australian Contingent, once the candidate has completed at least three reports or presentations about their experience. The application form was distributed with Bulletin 5 and is also available from the Australian Contingent website. Forms must be submitted via your own Branch HQ. The cost for delivery of the award is \$25.



JOIN-IN-JAMBOREE



The Join-in-Jamboree programme allows Scouts from all over the world the opportunity to learn more about the Jamboree experience and the culture of Japan in their own Scout Groups. Program resources are available from the Contingent website.

A souvenir Join-In-Jamboree badge is available from the Australian Contingent for \$2 each, including postage to anywhere in Australia. The order form is available for Groups to download from the website. Why not organise a Japanese evening for your whole group to earn the badge together!

You can also use the Join-In-Jamboree program as one of your presentations for the International Explorer's Award!

AUSTRALIAN SCARF COMPETITION

Scouts Australia is reviewing the current scarf used by International Contingents when travelling overseas. Every member of the Australian Contingent is invited to submit a design for consideration. Think about the different scarves you saw in Japan and take the opportunity to produce your own design to add to the competition. Designs should be emailed to wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au before 11 September 2015. An online survey will then be set-up to allow every Contingent member to select their preferred design that will be sent to the National Team for their consideration.

REFUNDS – POCKET MONEY AND DISASTER CONTINGENCY

As a result of the careful management of our Contingent in Japan, the Australian Contingent Team is pleased to announce a refund from our Disaster Contingency of \$400 per Contingent Member (or \$200 for IST with Independent Travel). In addition, all Contingent members with surplus pocket money will have the balance refunded into their bank account simultaneously. Please note that for participants that received financial assistance in excess of 50% of the Contingent Fee, the Disaster Contingency will be refunded to the corresponding Jamboree Fund to support other participants at future events.

A form is attached to this Bulletin confirming the amount to be refunded and requesting bank account details for the amount to be returned. Please assist us in having these forms returned in the Reply Paid envelope provided as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 September 2015**.

HEALTH INFORMATION

*Dr Justine Douthwaite
Health and Welfare Officer*

As previously advised by email, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) was alerted to three reported cases of meningococcal disease in the United Kingdom, and one in Sweden, involving Scouts who returned from attending the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan.

Whilst this news may cause some anxiety, please be reassured that no cases have been reported in Australia or in any other countries represented at the Jamboree. Further cases are also significantly unlikely now that we are more than 3 weeks since departing the Jamboree site.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact your regular doctor for assistance.

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT DVD

The Australian Contingent is producing a DVD that will be mailed out to every Contingent member free of charge later this year. Already we have many hours of video footage from our journey to Japan, however we know that there are many more fantastic moments that we would like to share with the rest of the Australian Contingent. If you have any photos or videos from any type of device – phone, camera, GoPro, etc – that you would like included on the DVD, we would love to receive your contributions to tell a more accurate story of our once in a lifetime experience and even to share moments that were significant to you.

You can send submissions by email (wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au) or mail to the Australian Contingent (PO Box 543, Wentworthville NSW 2145) or simply follow the link to Dropbox on our Facebook page. We thank you for your contributions and appreciate your patience as we prepare this great memento.

REUNION

We know how important it is for the Australian Contingent to get together again to celebrate our journey to Japan. For some, there will be the chance to see each other at other upcoming events, whilst for others the distances involved will make social media even more important to maintain contact. We are therefore organising two extra opportunities for the Australian Contingent to join together this coming summer.

AJ2016

For those attending the Australian Jamboree or visiting on Super Saturday, we have organised a reunion in the afternoon of Saturday 9 January. Only registered Jamboree participants and registered Jamboree visitors will be able to attend. Details of exact times and locations on the Jamboree site will be distributed closer to the event.



WSJ2015 Reunion Camp

There is a special reunion camp currently being organised for the summer school holidays. The camp will be entirely optional and will have an additional cost for meals and camping fees. A separate activity form will be sent to all Contingent members in the near future with further details including recommended transport connections.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

There is a wide range of international events scheduled over the next few years. Importantly, even if you are not planning to attend yourself, it is absolutely essential that you help to promote these events to other youth members in your Scout Group, District, Region and Branch. A brief summary of just some of the opportunities that are available has been listed below.

ROIHU 2016

The 7th Finnjamboree will be held on 20-28 July 2016. Applications are now open to join the Australian Contingent to this event. Cost is \$1,250 for the Jamboree or \$3,750 including flights. All Scouts and Venturer Scouts aged 12½ to 17 years of age are eligible to attend. Interested members can visit <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au> to start an application.



15TH WORLD SCOUT MOOT 2017

The 15th World Scout Moot will be held in Iceland from 25 July - 2 August 2017. Rovers of all ages will be eligible to attend. Applications will open later this year.

10TH VCP NATIONAL JAMBOREE (GERMANY) 2017

The 10th VCP National Scout Jamboree will be held on 27 July - 5 August 2017. Cost is \$1,400 for the Jamboree or \$3,750 including flights for Venturer Scouts aged 14 to 17 years of age. Visit <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au> to start an application.



24TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2019

The next World Scout Jamboree will be held in North America in 2019. Every member of the Australian Contingent is encouraged to start promoting this event in their local Scout Groups. These once in a lifetime events require considerable fundraising, and so now is the time for eligible participants to start preparing for the next Jamboree. Online applications will be expected to open in early 2017.

Contingent Leader

Applications are currently open for the role of Contingent Leader to the 24th World Scout Jamboree. Further details of the role are available on the Scouts Australia International website: www.international.scouts.com.au.

Assistant Contingent Leader

Applications will open in early 2016. Every youth member in the Australian Contingent will be eligible to apply for the role of Assistant Contingent Leader. Further details will be available on the Scouts Australian International website: www.international.scouts.com.au.