



AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT INFORMATION SHEET

ELIGIBILITY

Youth Participants

- Born between 10th August 2000 and 4th February 2006 inclusive (i.e. minimum age 12.5 years at the beginning of the Jamboree and no older than 18 years at the conclusion of the Jamboree).
- An invested Scout with a Pioneer Badge or an invested Venturer with a Venturing Skills Award.
- A minimum of ten (10) nights camping under canvas within Scouting, with at least three (3) of them consecutive.
- Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader and Region/District Section Commissioner, and be approved by the Contingent Leader and your Branch Headquarters.

Adult Members

- Registered member of your Branch as a Rover, Adult Leader, Parent Helper or Fellowship Member.
- Hold a valid working with children check/vulnerable people card issued within their state/territory.
- Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader or next appropriate level of Commissioner, and be approved by the Contingent Leader and your Branch Headquarters.
- Adult members will be selected as required and to fill Line Leader and International Service Team roles (as determined by the Nippon Jamboree organisers) and decided by the Contingent Management Team.

All applicants are reminded that membership of the Australian Contingent is a privilege, not a right. Behaviour standards will be monitored from the point of application acceptance up to and including participation in the Jamboree, the pre-Jamboree tour, and homestay to ascertain and maintain attendance eligibility. If the accepted rules of behaviour for membership of the Contingent are not adhered to, then the participant will be sent home at their own expense. For a contingent member under the age of 18 years, the member's parents will be required to also pay for a chaperone to accompany their child back to Australia.

PRE AND POST JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

Current planning for the Australian Contingent tour sees us arrive in Tokyo on Saturday 28th July 2018. We will have three full days of activities in Tokyo, taking in: Asakusa Kannon Temple; Tokyo Sky Tree tower; the Studio Ghibli Museum; Japanese tea ceremony; and Tokyo DisneySea. We will then be traveling by bullet train to Kanazawa (the city closest to the Jamboree site). Kanazawa has a heritage of medieval Japanese architecture, craft, culture, and wealth. We will stay two nights in a ryokan (traditional Japanese inn). We will visit Kanazawa Castle, the heritage Higashi Chaya district, and try the local specialty craft: gold leaf application. The road journey to the Jamboree in Noto will take a few hours. All applicants for the Jamboree should acknowledge that this pre-tour is compulsory and participants are expected to attend as it is crucial to the development and coherence of the Contingent and each Patrol.

At the end of the Jamboree, participants will be taken directly to homestay (also known as home hospitality or ho-ho) with Japanese families. Participants will be hosted for three nights by local families involved with Scouting. Participants will be in pairs or threes of the same gender and experience life within a Japanese family.

After homestay, the Contingent will be traveling by bullet train back to Tokyo and stay one night before returning to Australia on 15th August 2018.

An independent travel option is being offered for Nippon Jamboree 2018. **Participants can travel independently** (arranging their own airfares and travel) **but must meet the Contingent on its first day in Tokyo on 28th July and stay with the Contingent until it returns to Tokyo on 14th August. Youth members who opt for independent travel must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian until meeting the Contingent in Tokyo and must also be received by their parent or guardian upon the Contingent's return to Tokyo.** It is at the Contingent Management Team's discretion whether a youth member will have a request for independent travel approved.

Full details of all participants' travel plans are to be confirmed with the Contingent Management Team no later than 1st February 2018 in conjunction with the first payment (see the Contingent Fee Payment Schedule below). Guidance on independent travel will be provided following the acceptance of your application.

CONTINGENT FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A "Regular Participant" travels with the Australian Contingent for the duration of the itinerary including flights from and to Australia.

An "Independent Travel" participant joins the Australian Contingent in Tokyo and leaves the Contingent on return to Tokyo.

Payment Schedule	Payment due	Regular Participant	Independent Travel
Deposit	30 th November 2017	\$1000	\$700
1 st payment	1 st February 2018	\$1000	\$500
2 nd payment	1 st April 2018	\$1000	\$500
Final payment	1 st June 2018	\$700	\$700
TOTAL		\$3700	\$2400

Payment of the deposit is required at the time of application submission. This means all deposits are due by close of registrations on 30th November 2017. The application will not be processed until a deposit is paid. Positions on the Contingent may be limited and failure to pay the deposit may result in a position not being offered. Submitting an application is no guarantee of acceptance to attend this event. Deposits will be fully refunded in the event that an application is not approved.

The Contingent reserves the right to refuse any application at any time, in which case a full refund will be made.

If after making an application you are unable to attend the Jamboree, you must advise the Australian Contingent Leader in writing as soon as possible.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Please **complete all sections** of the Participant Application as fully as practical to provide the Contingent Management Team all the information to ensure youth and adults are suitably grouped, supported and employed. Vital decisions including patrol allocations and leadership positions will be determined on the information provided on your application and on the

response from your referee. In order to assist in the efficiency of the process, please complete all fields of the application. If you are missing information e.g. passport details, please log back in to the online system and complete as soon as available. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may impede the processing of your application. Once all fields are complete, including **provision of a referee**, you need to pay the deposit through the payment tab (compulsory), submit online and print the application.

NB: An application will not be considered submitted if deposit payment has not been received.

2. Ensure the participant, parent(s) or guardian(s) sign all relevant sections (Rovers and Leaders sign for themselves). In signing, you are accepting the terms stated on this covering letter.
3. Obtain the required approval signatures as follows:

Scouts Scout Leader and Group Leader

Venturer Scouts Venturer Leader and Group Leader

Rovers, Leaders, Other Adults Group Leader or appropriate Commissioner/Manager

4. Forward the signed Participant Application Form (except these pages) to the contingent address by 30th November 2017:

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WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Members withdrawing from the Contingent must notify the Australian Contingent in writing as soon as possible. Since many expenses must be paid well before our departure, it is not possible to provide full refunds upon withdrawal. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Notification of withdrawal received by Contingent

On or before 1st February 2018

2nd February 2018 to 1st April 2018

After 1st April 2018

Refunds

Amount paid less \$300 withdrawal fee

Amount paid less \$750 withdrawal fee

No Refund

MEDICAL OBLIGATIONS

Should your medical condition change from the information provided on the medical statement in any way prior to departure it is your responsibility to inform the Contingent Team of the change in writing immediately.

CONTINGENT NEWS AND WEBSITE

Applicants will receive newsletter updates throughout the year before departing Australia and after returning. For further information can visit the Australian International Scouting website at <http://international.scouts.com.au/> or contact the Australian Contingent Leader at Nippon2018@scouts.com.au Also like and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Nippon2018AusContingent/

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