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NSW Contingent

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1. Who's part of the NSW Contingent



Scouts NSW is sending 2,647 members to Maryborough for Jamboree. Our Contingent is made up of:

- 1,521 Scouts and 421 Venturer Scouts participating in the Jamboree activity program
- 122 Venturer Scouts attending as Venturer Scout Service Leaders (VSSL)
- 49 Rover Scouts attending as Service Leaders
- 534 Leaders attending in one of many different jobs – e.g. program, health and wellbeing, safety and transport.

- Of the 462 Groups in NSW, 309 of them are sending members to AJ2025 which means we have members travelling to Maryborough from as far away as Albury in the south and Broken Hill in the west.
- There are 61 NSW Jamboree Units, each Unit has up to 42 members and is made up of six Patrols each with six youth members.
- 28 of our NSW Units will be hosting international Patrols (of 4-5 youth members and one adult).
- We'll be taking 15 Health and Wellbeing Leaders and each of them will support 61 Jamboree Units

- Together we'll be travelling thousands of kilometres on 61 coaches that will take our members to Maryborough and return them home (tired and dirty but very happy).
- During the event our photographers will take in excess of 20,000 photos and create daily videos to record the event.
- We'll welcome about 1,000 visitors every day to the NSW Contingent Headquarters.
- Close to 25,000 meals and snacks will be provided to our members during the event – everything from bacon and eggs to start the day, to milo and biscuits before bedtime. No-one goes hungry at a Jamboree.
- Oh ... and one last thing ... there will be enough lost property to provide an outfit to every student at a large city high school ... so make sure you write your name on everything.



2. Your Jamboree application

This is just a timely reminder to ensure that your Jamboree application form is kept upto date with relevant information. The Contingent Management Team is commencing a review of the following areas, and your upto date information will assist us.

- Review your medical and dietary information and ensure any medications, medical conditions or dietary information is clearly laid out.
- Review your travel requirements - if you will be independently travelling and this has not been noted on your application, please email NSW.Contingent@nsw.scouts.com.au so that this can be changed.

3. What your money gets you

By now many of you will have paid a substantial amount of the cost of attending Jamboree. Travelling to an interstate major event can be costly, but you really do get a lot for your money. Here a quick list of what your Jamboree fee gets you.

- NSW Contingent kit ... 90 litre roller duffle bag, 40 litre day/backpack, 600ml drink bottle, NSW polo shirt, NSW woggle, name badge, event participation badge (that can be worn on your Scout uniform shirt).
- AJ2025 kit ... polo shirt, bucket hat, scarf
- Transport from your home area to Maryborough and back again, and during the entire event (even to offsite events and activities).
- Transport of your Unit's equipment to Maryborough and back to Cataract Scout Park.
- Three full meals each day plus morning, afternoon and late night snacks (excluding the meals during travel).
- 24x7 access to dedicated health and wellbeing team members and security of the Jamboree location (at Maryborough Showground and Equestrian Park).
- Concerts and entertainment every night in the main arena.
- Meeting new people and lifelong friends from across Australia and around the world.



So, really Jamboree is 10 days of non-stop activities, events, food and friendship. Makes us tired just writing this list!



4. A day in the life of a Jamboree participant

For our youth participants, every day will be different at Jamboree. Sure, there'll be some things that will be the same – wake up in another state, hang out with your friends 24x7, decide what you want to wear, clean your teeth – but everything else will be different every day.

Your Patrol will go to different activities to other Patrols in your Jamboree Unit. Some will be on the Jamboree site. Some will be at other locations around the Queensland Sunshine Coast. If you're going off-site you'll have an earlier start than other members of your Unit so get ready for a couple of early starts.

Generally, you'll all have your main meals together, followed by washing up and getting ready to leave for your first activity.

If you Patrol is Duty Patrol for the day, your schedule will be a little different because you'll need to become a Jamboree version of Jamie Oliver for the day, turning out yummy meals and delighting your buddies with your cooking skills. (You'll be able to take your new cooking skills home with you and spoil your family.)



If you're on-site for the day, you'll have breaks during the day to be able to visit friends in other Units, go to the Mall to look at or buy souvenirs, visit the NSW Contingent Headquarters to meet the team there are check out what's going on (maybe even meet and get a photo with the Chief Commissioner or the Contingent Chief), visit the AJ2025 Radio Station, or just lay in the shade for a bit.

Concerts? Yep, there'll be entertainment every night. Details of who is a closely guarded secret for the moment but closer to the end of the year we hope to find out more. If you think about it, who else from your group of friends (who are not Scouts attending Jamboree) will go to back-to-back concerts for two weeks in the school holidays?

Yes, you'll have to wash your clothes. Yes, you'll have to wash yourself. Yes, you'll have to help wash dishes when you're Duty Patrol. But really, you're going to have to do that at home anyway so that's not a big thing.

Keep visiting the AJ2025 Program page for more details about what's on. Click and bookmark this page - <https://www.aj2025.com.au/program>



5. A day in the life of Leaders and Helpers

Even though they'll be working at Jamboree, our Leaders and helpers will also have a whole lot of fun. Just a different kind of fun!



Important reminder: if you don't have your Blue Card by 30 September 2024 you won't be having much fun because you will be unable to attend the Jamboree.

So please act now to apply for your Blue Card if you have not already started your application. [Find out more here.](#)

Every adult who is part of a Jamboree Unit will have a different focus. To help you get a better feel for what you'll be doing at AJ2025, we've created a few videos. [Visit the AJ2025 YouTube page](#) to watch role clips for:

- Jamboree Scout Leader
- Health and Wellbeing Leader
- Program Leader
- Quartermaster



Role of the Quartermaster



Role of the Program Leader



Role of the Health and Well-Being Leader

A big thank you to 1st Gosford and Kincumber-Bensville Scout Groups for being the 'talent' in these videos.

If you're not a Jamboree Scout Leader, H&W Leader, Program Leader or Quartermaster, you're likely to be a Service Leader at Jamboree. As such, you will be involved in any number of things during the day or night, including:

- Helping run a particular activity, challenge or adventure – on or off site
- Working in the Mall, the medical centre, a sub-camp, or in a facilities management kind of role.
- In a Contingent role, such as the media team, health and wellbeing, catering, or transport.

If you don't already, you should know by late November what your role and responsibilities will be at AJ2025.

Adult Leaders will either camp and eat on the Unit line with the youth members for which they have responsibility or they'll camp and eat with other Service Leaders. Venturer Scout Service Leaders will camp and eat with other Venturer Scouts in a dedicated area, with adult supervision as required to keep them safe and help with any special needs.

Every adult and Venturer Scout Service Leader will receive meals, transport, etc. the same as the youth members, and will have two full days off during the event which they can use doing whatever they want to ensure they have some 'downtime' from what will be a pretty busy 10 days



Visit the [Unit Leader info page](#)
on the NSW Contingent
website for access to resources and information.

6. By now you should

1. Have fully completed your registration and made your first and second instalment of your AJ2025 fee (unless you are on an approved payment plan).
2. Have been introduced to your Jamboree Scout Leader and perhaps to other Leaders in your Unit.
3. Know who is in your Jamboree Unit.
4. Discussed your Unit badge and perhaps your Unit shirt.
5. Know when and where your pre-Jamboree 'shakedown' camp is being held.
6. Know how much your Unit needs to fundraise or contribute towards the costs of items for your Unit.

You should not be worried if:

- you don't yet know when and from where your coach will be leaving to take you to Jamboree in January
- you don't yet have an itinerary for your time at Jamboree
- you've not yet received a list of what you need to take to Jamboree.

Information and details will be shared with you as they are available. Your Jamboree Scout Leader is your best and first point of contact for anything you don't know or wish to ask.



7. Merchandise and souvenirs

The NSW Contingent is working with a merchandise provider for both our Contingent kit (see point 2 above) and for an interesting list of merchandise that will be for sale before and at the event.

Details for the online shop will be made available to you as soon as we have them. You can go online and buy whatever you want and you will receive your purchases before we leave for Jamboree.

At the event, there will be more merchandise available – both NSW merchandise and items from other Branches (e.g. Western Australia, Northern Territory) – at the Mall. So make sure you bring some spending money so you can go home with a souvenir of your best ever Scouting event

To make sure everyone has the opportunity to buy a souvenir, there are different things for different prices, including:

- Blanket badge (a larger version of the NSW Contingent badge)
- NSW Contingent lapel pin / hat pin
- NSW Contingent woggle
- Hacky sac
- 750ml stainless steel water bottle
- 350ml stainless steel double-wall mug
- NSW Contingent hoodie

We've even arranged for a couple of special and unique items. More information about them once the online shop opens.

Keep an eye on the NSW Contingent Facebook page and our website for more information about souvenirs and the online shop.



8. Donation template to help with fundraising

We know there is already a lot of fundraising going on around the state to help cover the costs for AJ2025. Even the NSW Contingent is fundraising to help cover costs to help get NSW to Maryborough in January.

There are many organisations around the state who support Scouts and who would be open to being asked to provide financial or other support.

We're happy to provide you with a draft fundraising letter for you to use to approach local businesses and organisations to request donations. Of course, adjust the letter to meet your individual needs.

You simply need to add your details to make the letter suitable for your Group or Unit.

To access the draft letter, click here:

<https://jamboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Request-for-AJ2025-fundraising-consideration.docx>



9. Letter to support your request for leave from work

Should you require a letter from the NSW Contingent to provide to your employer to support your request for leave from work, please visit the link below and complete the form.

[Letter to employer request form](#)

The Contingent team will create these letters and email them to your requested email address.

10. Purchase additional Unit Badges

All participants will receive 10 Unit Badges as part of their allocation. Additional Unit Badges can be ordered in lots of 10. Orders close at 11.59pm on 18 August 2024.

If you wish to order more badges, please use this form:

[Additional Unit Badges Order Form](#)



11. Important dates

30 September 2024	All Leaders and adult helpers must have their Blue Card and must uploaded the details to their Jamboree record. If Leaders and adult helpers do not have a Blue Card before 1 October, it is likely they will be unable to attend the Jamboree.
30 September 2024	Deadline for final payments for all attendees.
30 September 2024	Deadline for Blue Card details to be added to your Jamboree record (for adults attendees only).
31 October 2024	All Scout and Venturer Scout attendees should have recorded '10 nights under canvas' with three nights being consecutive.
16-17 November 2024	Packing day at Cataract Activity Centre . Adults from (or supporting) all Jamboree Units must be at Cataract Activity Centre to (1) collect NSW Contingent kits for each person in their Jamboree Unit and (2) pack the Unit's G5 container so it can be transported to Maryborough early in December.
5 - 6 January 2025	Coaches leave from your home area to travel to Maryborough.
6 January 2025	AJ2025 opening ceremony.
10 January 2025 11 January 2025 12 January 2025	Visitors Day Visitors Day/Future Scout Day (Only day all youth are on site) Visitors Day
16 January 2025	Coaches deliver Jamboree attendees back to their home area.
01 February 2025	G5 containers delivered back to Cataract Activity Centre and content to be collected by adults from every Unit.

For all the upto date information visit our website at www.jamboree.nsw.scouts.com.au
Any questions can be emailed through to NSW.Contingent@nsw.scouts.com.au

