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Message from the Contingent Leadership Team

Welcome to the 2nd newsletter for the NSW Contingent. We hope the excitement is building with so many key dates fast approaching.

A lot has been happening since we last wrote to you. And there's still a lot to do in the next 102 days before the opening ceremony for AJ2025. Your Jamboree Scout Leaders (JSL) are receiving large amounts of information to make sure we're ready to provide you with an unforgettable Jamboree experience.

One of the upcoming milestones for the Contingent team will be us heading to the Jamboree site in Maryborough for the final meetings with the Jamboree Organising Committee (JOC) and other Contingent Leaders. At this meeting we'll receive information on the Jamboree program, food, camping arrangements, and anything else that is currently yet to be confirmed. We hope to share lots more in the next NSW Contingent newsletter.

We are also excited to be getting ready for the arrival of your Contingent kit and merchandise. You can read more about the merchandise in this newsletter.

I strongly encourage you to contact and get to know other members within your Jamboree Unit or Service Leader cohort. Getting to know each other before the event will make it easier to 'hit the ground running' once we all arrive at the Jamboree site. If you have any questions or concerns about your Unit or your Service team, speak with your Jamboree Scout Leader or the NSW Contingent.

Any outstanding payments are now overdue. We 'll be unable to supply your equipment or confirm your seat on a coach if you do not pay all your outstanding payments. So please check now that you've paid everything owing. If you're unsure, immediately contact us on nsw.contingent@nsw.scouts.com.au.

We also ask that you update your Jamboree application form with personal details – such as changes to medications and dietary requirements – so that we can best support your particular needs whilst you're attending the Jamboree.

Please take the time to carefully read this newsletter as it contains a lot of information. I'd recommend that you read it two or three times to make sure you don't miss anything, and then pass it onto your parents to read.

Our final NSW Contingent newsletter will be out at the end of November to provide you with final details before our departure early in the new year.

Look forward to meeting all of you soon

Chris Buggie, Alex Morson and Mitch Stubbs
Contingent Leader and Deputy Contingent Leaders
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Health and Wellbeing

First aid has been a topic of discussion between all the Contingents. There are various levels of first aid to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Every attendee should be packing their personal first aid kit. It doesn't have to be a large or expensive one, but it should contain items they would want to have handy, in their day pack, should they need something to use for a minor injury.

It is mandatory for every Unit to pack a comprehensive first aid kit. This will be the same kit that you use for Group camps and that you would take to any activity. Please check that everything is within 'use by' dates and top up with items that may be running low. Think about who is in your Unit and consider what they may need. This will be discussed more at the next JSL meeting.

There will be a first aid post at each of the three sub-camps, with dedicated first aiders in place. There is also an onsite medical centre for some of the more serious incidents which might occur. This centre will be staffed with nurses and doctors and will work closely with the local hospital. At a Jamboree, we take health and wellbeing seriously and want to assure you everything has been thought of.

Note: whilst there will be no nuts on the menu at Jamboree, the site will not be 'nut free' so keep this in mind if you or a member of your Unit has a nut allergy. Products "may contain traces of nuts" and this will appear on the label. Please speak to your Jamboree Scout Leader or email the Contingent team if you have concerns with this.

In keeping with our traditional motto of 'be prepared', everyone should be considering travel insurance for this event. Fingers crossed that the event will not be cancelled and there will be no significant weather event in Queensland in the lead up to or during January 2025. But just in case, you would be wise to take out travel insurance. This will also assist with ambulance transport if needed, lost luggage and damaged devices. Please investigate and consider taking out personal travel insurance for yourself or your youth member attending this event.

International Scouts

We mentioned to you in Newsletter #1 that several of our NSW Units will be hosting international Scouts. In case you're interested, here is the home country of our guests:

- Canada
- Ethiopia
- Indonesia
- South Korea
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Timor Leste
- United Kingdom

So, come prepared to swap badges with people from all over the world!



Event Registration (OLEMS) Login

Through OLEMS our Unit members will select menus and activities and request reports and access other necessary information.

Every person will need their OLEMS log-on at the event so remember to write down and pack your OLEMS username and password. The portal youth members will access will NOT have two factor authentication activated and will not contain their application data, but will use single sign-on to access the Q-Store and other areas. Please ensure your youth member knows the username and password associated with their account.

Think of your OLEMS log-on like you think of your clean underwear ... don't leave home without it.

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

Shakedown Camps!

Throughout August, we've seen the first of our Jamboree Shakedown camps held at Glenfield Scout Camp, hosting the 11 Units coming from South Metropolitan. Two of the Scouts attending this camp shared their experiences of the weekend.

Callum C, 1st Picnic Point, T042

"South Met held their Shakedown camp at Glenfield Scout camp on 24-25 August. We met our Line Leaders and Unit members we'll be spending two weeks in QLD with, our Unit was made up from five different home Units.

We got to set up our new eight-person tents, what we are going to take to the Jamboree. We practiced putting up our dining fly, worked on our Unit Code, designed our Unit Shirt, and prepared our gateway. I can't wait to go to AJ2025 in January with my friends and make many new friends there."

Jasmine M, 2nd GyMEA, FC033

“We had an early start to the day with practicing setting up camp and running activities. Our six Patrol Leaders, including myself, ran multiple activities throughout the day to help everyone get to know each other.

My favourite activity of the camp was the scavenger hunt. We had to find objects and take photos of them. Sometimes it was difficult to find the items, so we had to ask around and meet new people. Some items were even from other Jamboree Units. At one point my Patrol was trying to find a coin and we had to dance for 30 seconds just so we could get a photo with it.

The Shakedown camp was a great opportunity for our Jamboree Unit to figure out what equipment we needed to take, where it will need to go, and if it will even all fit in the Unit crate. This camp definitely benefitted all of the Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Leaders who are attending the Jamboree in Unit lines. It was great to even see what other Units were doing for their site.”

If you've not yet held your 'shakedown' camp, make sure you tell us when it's happening because some of the NSW Contingent team members may come along to say 'hello'. They will, of course, check with your JSL about them dropping in to the camp.



Blue Cards

Adults, if you have not yet submitted your application for a Queensland Blue Card, time is fast running out. This is a requirement of the Queensland Government and something we need to enforce.

If you don't have not started your **Blue Card by 30 September 2024** you won't be having much fun because you may not receive this in time for Jamboree. **No Blue Card means no attendance at Jamboree.**

Please act now to apply for your Blue Card if you have not already started your application. [Find out more here](#) and follow all the steps – 1 through to 6.

If you need help, reach out to nsw.contingent@nsw.scouts.com.au and one of the team will contact you.

Do not delay otherwise you will be unable to go to Jamboree.



Merchandise and Souveneirs

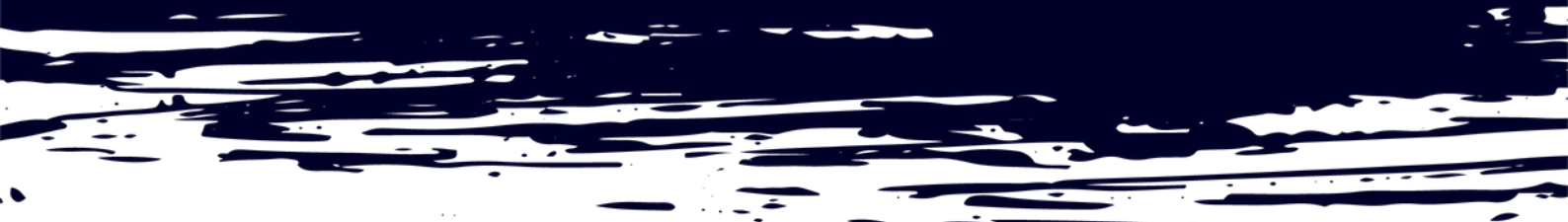
We've been working on designing a range of NSW Contingent merchandise that will mean there's something to suit everybody. The merchandise will be for sale in the lead up to the event and many items will be for sale at the event.

Bookmark this page and visit it often to see what NSW merchandise is available - <https://scoutshop.com.au/t/aj2025/contingent-collections>

You can go online and buy whatever you want and your purchases will be posted from the week commencing 11 November 2024 so you have it well before we leave for Jamboree.

Our NSW Contingent collection items currently live on the online shop are:





To get you in the Jamboree spirit, you may also want to consider:

- AJ2025 event merchandise <https://scoutshop.com.au/t/aj2025/official-souvenirs>
- AJ2025 outdoor gear <https://scoutshop.com.au/t/aj2025/outdoor-product>
- General clothing and footwear <https://scoutshop.com.au/t/aj2025/clothing-and-footwear>

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.

Moving People and Equipment

People

Units will board coaches on 5 January and travel through the night to arrive on the Jamboree site for breakfast between 6-8am Monday 6 January. Our intention is to coordinate where coaches stop for diner on 5 January so that we can minimise the congestion and delays.

Every coach traveller is permitted to take only their backpack and a pillow in the coach. Everything else must be packed inside your NSW Contingent 90L Jamboree wheelie bag or in your Unit's G5. Nothing is to be strapped on the outside of your wheelie bag.

More detailed information on the coach arrangements will be supplied closer to the event, once it's been confirmed.

Gear/Equipment

Your Unit's gear will be taken to Maryborough in a shipping crate called a G5. A couple of weeks before Christmas, the NSW Contingent team will arrange for all the G5s to be transported from Cataract Activity Centre to the Jamboree site.

Unit G5s will be delivered to your Unit site. Venturer Scout Service Leader and Service Leader G5s will be delivered to the respective sub-camps.

Packing day at Cataract

Your Jamboree Scout Leader and other leaders will be packing your Unit Gear on Saturday 16 November at Cataract Activity Centre.

Nov 16th, the Contingent Team will have a lot of work to do after your leaders leave the site.

Risk Management

The NSW Contingent team has been assessing our risk management procedures for the Jamboree, especially in the aspect of travel to and from the Jamboree. We are very confident we've covered all bases, however the main aspects for everyone travelling with the Contingent to the Jamboree is **BE ON TIME!** Don't be late to your coach pick-up point, and we'll take it from there.



Suggested Personal Packing List

CLOTHING

- 1 x Event polo shirt *
- 1 x Contingent polo shirt *
- 1 x Event bucket hat *
- 1 x event scarf and woggle (supplied)
- Scout uniform
- 4 x collared shirts (long sleeve preferred)
- 3 x lightweight shorts
- 1 x lightweight pants
- 1 x rain jacket
- 1 x wide brimmed hat
- 2 x Pyjamas
- 5 x pairs of underwear
- 5 x pairs of socks
- 1 x lightweight jumper or jacket
- 1 x swimming costume (board shorts, swim shirt/rash vest)

FOOTWEAR

- 1 x pair of sturdy footwear
- 1 x pair of shower shoes (thongs)
- 1 x swimming shoes for water activities

BEDDING

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Inner sheet
- Camp mat
- Stretcher

TOILETRIES

- Wash bag
- Bath towel
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo and conditioner
- Comb/brush
- Shaving gear (if necessary)
- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- First aid kit
- Sunscreen (SPF 50+ minimum)
- Insect repellent (roll on or spray)
- Personal first aid kit
- Coat hanger

OTHER BITS

- Head torch and spare batteries
- Water bottle
- Compass
- Dilly bag and eating set (plate, bowl, cup, cutlery, 2 x tea towels all in a dilly bag)
- Tissues / Handkerchief
- 10 x clothes pegs
- Garbage bags x 3 (dirty and wet clothing)
- Wheeled bag *
- Day pack *
- Medication if required (must be packed in a webster pack)

*** Indicates items supplied by the NSW Contingent or Jamboree team**

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

