

JOIN IN JAMBOREE (JIJ)

What is "Join in Jamboree"?

The 15th World Jamboree, which was due to be held in Iran in 1979, was cancelled due to politics. Join in Jamboree (JIJ) was distributed to the participants for use in their own countries. This marked the beginning of JIJ. Since the number of participating Scouts at World Scout Jamborees is limited, JIJ has been provided to those unable to participate so they are able to experience the Jamboree Programme.

What is a Jamboree?

The basic concept of the Jamboree was developed by Lord Baden-Powell who wanted to hold one special event to bring together Scouts of all nationalities. The first Jamboree, held at London's Olympia in 1920, was the first truly international gathering of Scouts and brought together 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries. World Scout Jamborees have been held every four years since 1959, in principle, and hosted by National Scout Organisations all over the world.

This year the 23rd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, from the 28th of July to the 8th of August. This event will bring together thousands of young Scouts from over 200 countries and territories. The theme of the event is **"WA: a Spirit of Unity"**.

This year's challenge is a great opportunity for our Cubs to join in some of the Jamboree activities and, thinking ahead, preparing for Cubbing's centenary celebrations next year.

There are three sections to the Challenge based on the three Jamboree concepts.

"ENERGY"

We all know Cubs have boundless energy! Through camping and hiking Cubs connect with the natural world. They learn to appreciate the beauty of nature, to respect and to protect it. Take your Cubs on an outdoor outing; an early morning walk in the park; a hike; get the younger Cubs to visit the older Cubs on camp; a walk on the beach, visit the botanical gardens, etc. Whatever you plan, allow the Cubs time to just sit and absorb the energy of nature. As a Six let them share their experiences or even write a poem about it.

"INNOVATION"

Take part in the attached programme. Try and run the programme during the period the Jamboree is being held (28/07 to 08/08/15).

"HARMONY"

We have a very exciting project ahead of us to celebrate the centenary of Cubbing – watch this space!

This year's service project is to lay the ground work for next year's challenge. Make contact with an Early Childhood Development Centre (crèche, primary school, etc.) in your community. Spend some time with them; have a party, run a programme, play some games, read to the little ones, etc. Whilst busy having fun, find out what their needs are and how you can assist in meeting those needs during next year's challenge.

To qualify for the certificate and badge you need to complete all three sections. The Challenge closes on 31 October 2015 and all entries must be submitted to your Regional Office by no later than 14 November 2015. Don't forget to send any media articles and photographs along.

Have "lotsa" fun and enjoy the Challenge.

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