

和 WHAT IS A JAMBOREE?

In Scouting, a jamboree is a large gathering of Scouts who rally at a national or international level. The first World Scout Jamboree was held in 1920, and was hosted by the United Kingdom. Since then, there have been twenty two World Scout Jamborees, hosted in various countries, generally every four years.

和 WHERE AND WHEN WILL IT BE HELD?

The next World Scout Jamboree will be held in 2015 in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan from Tuesday 28th July to Saturday 8th August 2015.

Yamaguchi is located in the western part of Japan facing the calm Seto Inland Sea. Kirara-hama is a reclaimed land in Yamaguchi-City, which is located in the western part of Honshu, extending about 1 km from north to south and 3 km from east to west (286 ha) and is equipped with developed facilities and parks.

和 JAMBOREE THEME?

The theme of the Jamboree is "WA: a Spirit of Unity." The Kanji Character 和 (WA) embraces many meanings such as unity, harmony, cooperation, friendship and peace. The overall Jamboree theme will embrace the three concepts of Energy, Innovation and Harmony. It is in this spirit that the Scout Association of Japan will welcome Scouts from around the world to the 2015 World Scout Jamboree.

和 WHO WILL BE ATTENDING?

Over 30,000 scouts and adult leaders National Scout Organizations from 165 countries from all over the world will attend this spectacular gathering.

和 WILL SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUTS BE ATTENDING?

SCOUTS South Africa is planning to send a contingent of two Jamboree Troops to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015.

A Jamboree Troop consists of a total of 36 Scouts and 4 Adult Leaders, one Troop Scouter and three Assistant Troop Scouters.

In addition to the Troop Scouters, the Contingent is also staffed by a Contingent Management Team and a Contingent Support Team. The total number of Adult Leaders is dependent on the number of Scouts in the Contingent. International Service Team Participants will also be part of the SCOUTS South Africa Contingent.

和 WHO MAY ATTEND?

To be a Scout or Ranger participant at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015, you need to have turned 14 but not yet had your 18th birthday at the start of the Jamboree. This means that if you were born . . .

- between 27th July 1997 and 28th July 2001 you can attend as a Scout participant
- after 28th July 2001 you'll have to wait for a future Jamboree.

If you were born on or before the 26th July 1997 you can attend as International Service Team (IST) or as an Adult Leader in a Jamboree Troop or as a member of the SA Contingent Management Team or SA Contingent Support Team.

All participants, Scouts/Rangers and Adult Leaders, must have been active in a Scout Troop/Ranger Crew for at least one year prior to 1st July 2015 and be recommended and approved by Group and Provincial Staff as well as a WSJ Selection Panel.

Preference will be given to those Scouts / Rangers who hold or commit to obtain the First Class Scout badge / Diamond badge by 1st July 2015.

All adults attending the 23rd WSJ as Contingent Management Team, Contingent Support Team, and Jamboree Troop or International Service Team staff are required to hold a warrant & have completed the required adult leader training.

Preference as an Adult Leader in a Jamboree Troop will be given to Adult Leaders who hold a Wood Badge.

和 HOW MUCH DOES THE JAMBOREE COST?

The current Rand exchange rate against world currencies has not been kind to us. We are currently finalizing our budgets, consulting with a number of travel agents and various suppliers and anticipate that the Jamboree fee will be in the region of R30,000 to R35,000 per participant. Of course, we will endeavour to get the best value for money and a good package at a reasonable price. (The cost of the 22WSJ was R25k)

This fee pays for your flights and all transportation to and from the Jamboree; all accommodation; all sightseeing; three meals a day; the Jamboree fee; all Jamboree on and off-site activities; tents and cooking gear you will use while at Jamboree; medical care during the period of the World Scout Jamboree itself (Medication and any costs relating to hospitalization are NOT included in the fee); several Jamboree badges; a World Scout Jamboree participation pack, including a handbook and a Jamboree scarf.

We are also investigating the possibility of a brief pre-Jamboree tour prior to the Jamboree as well as HOme HOspitality (HOHO) where Scouts stay with families in Japan for 2-3 days before the Jamboree. The itinerary will be dependent on the budget/cost.

In addition to the Jamboree fee, you may also need to budget for the purchase of extra uniform parts and special Jamboree gear.



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和 DO I NEED TO PAY A DEPOSIT?

The Jamboree Contingent application must be accompanied by a save-a-place deposit of R6,000 in order to secure a place as a member of the SCOUTS South Africa Contingent to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

The full deposit will be refunded in the event of the application not being accepted and R500 of the deposit is non-refundable should the applicant withdraw his/her application once accepted.

This payment will serve as the first payment of the full Jamboree fee and is to be deposited into the SCOUTS South Africa bank account and a copy of the proof of payment attached to the application prior to submission thereof.

The bank account details can be found on the 23WSJ Application Form.

和 BY WHEN DO PAYMENTS NEED TO BE MADE?

A payment schedule will be sent to all successful Jamboree applicants and you will be required to make payments in installments, with the full and final payment being made by the latest 30th April 2015.

和 HOW TO APPLY AS A MEMBER OF THE SCOUTS SOUTH AFRICA CONTINGENT?

To attend the 2015 World Scout Jamboree you should first check to make sure that you meet the age and advancement / adult training requirements shown above.

Once you see that you are eligible to apply, you will need to follow the process below:

Go to the SCOUT South Africa National Web Site (<http://www.scouting.org.za>) and click on the 23rd World Scout Jamboree SA Contingent page.

Print and complete the relevant application form. This is the first step in the application process for all Scout, Adult Leader and IST Staff applications.

Application forms are also available from your local Provincial Headquarters.

It is important that you fill out the application completely, print clearly and ensure that the information is true and correct.

For Scouts it is especially important that you have your Court of Honour Chairman and Troop Scouter complete the recommendation and sign your application, verifying that they support and approve of your application, prior to you forwarding it to the 23WSJ Selection Panel for approval.

Each Adult Leader application must be reviewed by the Group Scouter, where applicable, and/or the District/Provincial Commissioner who will complete the recommendation and sign your application verifying that they support and approve of your application prior to you forwarding it to the 23WSJ Selection Panel for approval.

和 CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications must be submitted to The Contingent Management Team, SCOUTS South Africa Contingent, 23rd World Scout Jamboree, by the very latest 31st May 2014.

Please note – SCOUTS South Africa is sending two Jamboree Troops to 23WSJ, so be sure to get your application in soonest! The first seventy two Scout applications received will be considered first, and the rest will be placed on a waiting list.

和 CODE OF CONDUCT & PARENT/GUARDIAN'S CONSENT AND UNDERTAKING

All SCOUTS Jamboree South Africa Jamboree Contingent members will be required to agree to and sign a Code of Conduct and parents or guardians of all minors (under the age of 21) will be required to sign a Parent / Guardian's Consent and Undertaking.

和 TO WHOM DOES MY APPLICATION GET SENT?

Once you have completed and got the relevant parties to sign and endorse your 23WSJ application, the 23WSJ Application Form, together with a copy of the proof of payment of the Jamboree deposit, must be emailed to the 23WSJ Contingent Management Team on email **jamboree@scouting.org.za**. Please note that is the only email address that will be used for all incoming Jamboree correspondence!

Once you have submitted your application via email, the original signed hard copy of the application forms and the proof of payment must be sent to:

**23WSJ SSA Contingent Member Application,
Contingent Management Team
SCOUTS South Africa
PO Box 374, Newlands, 7725, Cape Town**

Please note that your 23WSJ Application does not guarantee a position as part of the SCOUTS South Africa Contingent, as your application still needs to be approved by the 23WSJ Selection Panel.

和 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

During June 2014 you will receive confirmation of the receipt of your Jamboree application and notification of whether any additional information is needed from you.

You may be asked to meet with the 23WSJ Selection Panel during June and July 2014 and shortly thereafter will be notified of your approval/denial as a member of the SA Contingent to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

Once you are accepted as a member of the SA Contingent to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan – then the FUN begins!! You can start preparing yourself for an experience of a lifetime in July 2015!