



13 November 2012

23rd World Scout Jamboree – Japan 2015

To: Provincial Commissioners –For Action
Provincial Managers – For Action
CC: Provincial Chairmen – For Information
National Commissioners – For Information
Chief Scout– For Information
Chief Executive Officer – For Information
Webmaster – For online publication

From: Brian February
Chief Scout’s Commissioner
e-mail: brian@scouting.org.za



FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION TO ALL SCOUTS AND ADULT LEADERS

Japan will host the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in 2015 and SCOUTS South Africa will once again be sending a contingent to this world event.

The theme of the Jamboree is “WA: a Spirit of Unity.” It represents the very essence of Japan, such as harmony and unity, and furthermore it represents Japan itself as well. Jamborees are great events as they bring together tens of thousands of young people from many countries and cultures under the banner of “Creating a Better World”. With active participation of Scouts from all around the world, the 23rd World Scout Jamboree will be a small world where participants discover the integration of tradition and cutting edge technology, peace building, environment and disaster prevention through experience. After this once in a lifetime event, Scouts gathered from all around the world will return to their countries as messengers of peace with a feeling of unity in Scouting in their hearts.

Dates: Tuesday, 28 July to Saturday, 8 August 2015

The Jamboree Site - The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan. Japan is an island country in the Pacific Ocean, where beautiful nature and modern cities coexist. You can find rich traditional culture as well as modern culture such as animation in Japan. Yamaguchi is located in the western part of Japan facing the calm Seto Inland Sea. It exemplifies many aspects of contemporary Japan such as a modern city, beautiful nature, traditional performing arts, old buildings as well as modern industries.

Concepts

The overall Jamboree theme, “WA: a Spirit of Unity” will embrace the three concepts: Energy, Innovation and Harmony.

Energy: - The 23rd World Scout Jamboree will demonstrate the energy of the Scouts from around the world, the dynamism of the Scout Movement and the active involvement of Scouts in a number of fields.

Innovation: - The Jamboree experience, learning cultures and traditions and different ways of thinking will inspire a new innovation.

Harmony: - Harmony represents a Culture of Peace, where Scouts with different cultures, religions and backgrounds gather from around the world, live together, respect and help one other.



Who is eligible?

- Scouts who will be 14 but not yet 18 at the time of the jamboree. This will be strictly applied.
- Rovers, Scouters and young adult leaders over 18 years may make themselves available as Unit Leaders or International Service Team members.

Please note that there will be a qualifying criteria applied to both youth and adult applications and only registered members may apply..

Jamboree Programme!

The World Scout Jamboree is an opportunity for participants to experience a quality Scouting programme based on the definition, purpose, principles, and the Scout Method, and also the needs of young people. Participants will develop physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually through large-scale camping experience in an international environment supported by adults. The whole Jamboree experience will form the Jamboree programme. This includes the programmes such as module activities, Subcamp life, interaction and exchange with Scouts gathered from all around the world, with the essence of the theme and the three concepts.



Peace Programme - A one-day off-site programme to Hiroshima will provide opportunity for all the participants to learn from the events of 1945. Participants will visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park including the museum.

Peace Memorial Ceremony - As 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of cities in Japan, there will be a possibility of possibly one or two scouts from each NSOs - to attend the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima.

Global Development Village (GDV) - GDV will be an on-site module programme, which tries to raise awareness of global issues such as peace, the environment, development, human rights and health among participants. As the 23WSJ will be held in Japan, GDV will focus on disaster mitigation. We will ask for active involvement of the UN agencies, NGOs and NPOs. GDV programme will be distributed to the world for pre-event materials, as well as being part of the Join-in-Jamboree programme.

Exploring Nature - A full day module programme that will foster better understanding of the surrounding nature will also bring appreciation to the environment. This programme will be held in Yamaguchi City where the Kiraraha is.

Cross Road of Culture (CRC) - CRC will be an activity to promote the exchange of cultures, and learn respect for the cultures amongst participants. Also in the CRC programme, they will try to have a programme aimed at deepening the cultural understanding of Japan from traditional culture to pop culture among the participants.



City of Science (COS) - COS, which will be one-day programme in Kiraraha, which will deepen the understanding of advances in science and technology and the benefits and problems associated with science. This programme provides a venue for learning about the development of fuel cells and other energy sources for the future, ecological problems, and robotics and automotive technologies.

Community Services - There will be a day for community services. Participants can compare their own community to another community. This programme includes practical implementation of the "Reaching Out" strategy in the local community. Participants will be able to experience the real Japan by working with local people.

Water Activities - Water activities such as sailing, wind surfing, snorkeling, rafting and fishing will be carried out at lakes, rivers or the nearby coast.

If you are interested in attending the 23rd World Scout Jamboree as a participant, leader or IST member, please look out a look out for updated information on the website.