



Welcome to the 2nd Africa Scout Moot IST!

Actions Required Before Arrival

Howzit IST! (*That's a typical South African greeting!*)

Welcome to the International Service Team (IST) for the 2nd Africa Scout Moot! An event of this magnitude relies entirely on the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. We are so excited to have you on the team!

To ensure a smooth arrival, please read this email carefully. It contains action items you must complete **before you travel**.

● **Action Required Before Arrival:**

- **IST Job Preferences:** You will be allocated to various operational areas (e.g., Activities, Campsite teams, Transport, Safety, Catering, etc.). Please review the **IST Catalogue** and rate your role preferences by **Midnight on Sunday 19 July** here: [IST Role Selection Form \(IST Catalogue\)](#)
- **Safe from Harm Training:** All participants must complete the event-specific online Safe from Harm induction. Complete the training and download your certificate here: [Safe from Harm Training Link](#)
- **SARS Traveller Declaration:** From 1 July 2026, all travellers entering South Africa are required to complete an online traveller declaration. Please review the details and complete your declaration before your flight here: [SARS Traveller Declaration Link](#)

📅 **Arrival and Transport Logistics:**

- **Arrival Date:** IST Arrival and Registration open at **12:00 noon on Thursday, 30 July 2026**. You must arrive and check in by this day, so you are ready for the mandatory **IST Training Day** starting the morning of Friday, 31 July. (*Note: If your flight is delayed and you arrive Friday morning, you must head straight into training upon arrival*).
- **Flight/Arrival Tracking:** Please ensure your arrival times and flight details are submitted via [Arrival Tracking Link](#) by **Midnight on Sunday 19 July** so our team can track your safe arrival.
- **Travel Attire:** We highly recommend that you travel and arrive at the Moot in your Scout uniform or at least wearing your scarf. This will allow for easy identification by our welcome teams at the ports of entry!
- **Transport:** Please note that airport transfers are **not** included in the Moot fee. However, OR Tambo International Airport is only 14km (a 20-minute drive) from Arrowe Park. E-hailing services (like Uber) are safe, readily available, and highly recommended for this short trip unless your CMT has made other arrangements.
- **Travel Safety Update:** We understand you may have seen recent news reports regarding protests in some parts of the country. Please be assured that our campsite, activity locations, and transport routes remain completely safe and unaffected. You can read the official Scouts South Africa travel notice for full peace of mind here: [Scouts South Africa Travel Notice Link](#)

 **What to Bring to Registration:** Have the following printed documents ready for our Administration team when you arrive:

- ✓ Your printed **Safe from Harm Certificate**
- ✓ Your **Letter of Good Standing** from your NSO
- ✓ Your **Medical and Travel Insurance** details

Travel Reminder: Ensure your Visa (if required) and Yellow Fever Certificate are in your hand luggage. Participants can check their specific Yellow Fever requirements here: [Yellow Fever Requirements Link](#)

Packing Reminders (Be Prepared!):

- **Backpacks Only:** Please pack all your gear into a hiking backpack. **No wheelie bags** are allowed, as the campsite terrain is not suited for them.
- **Tents and Sleeping Bags:** You must bring your own tent (**1 tent per person**) and a **warm sleeping bag**. August days in Gauteng are sunny, but the nights can get very cold!
- **Mess Kit:** IST members will be catered for (including pre-packed meals for off-site duties). Bring your mess kit, a reusable water bottle, and a **closed "lunchbox" with a lid** for taking meals on shift.
- **Plugs and Power Banks:** South Africa uses specific Type M (large three-prong) plugs. International visitors often get caught off guard by this. Please pack a suitable travel adapter and a fully charged power bank for your journey and your tent.
- **Pocket Money:** While your core meals are covered, we advise bringing some local currency (South African Rand / ZAR) or a widely accepted credit/debit card for the Moot tuckshop, food vendors, or official event merchandise.
- **Culture Day and Trading:** Don't forget your traditional attire, or local snacks for Culture Day. Also, bring plenty of Scout badges and Contingent items for trading!

 **Official Merchandise Pre-Orders:** Still need to grab your Moot gear? We have a very limited stock of official merchandise (beanies, buffs, mugs, etc.) still available for pre-order online. Secure your items before they sell out so they are ready for collection at registration: [Merchandise Pre-Orders Link](#)

Essential Reading and Communication:

- **Essential Reading:** Before reaching out with questions, please review our official Moot Bulletins here: [Moot Bulletins Link](#). We highly recommend reading **Bulletin #3** for our comprehensive **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** regarding money, connectivity, and safety.
- **Stay Connected:** For real-time updates on the ground, follow **@moot_africa** on social media and join our official broadcast channel here: [WhatsApp Channel Link](#).
- **Live Q&A:** We will be having a live Q&A on the 12th of July at 15:00. You can find the link here: [Live Q&A Teams Meeting Link](#)

If you have any crucial questions not covered in the bulletins, please reach out to your Contingent Management Team or contact us at 2arm.ssa@scouts.org.za. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to make this Moot an incredible experience.

Phezulu Nangephuzulu!

The 2nd Africa Scout Moot Organising Committee