

26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION!

We know you're all busy, so we've created your very own TO DO list to make sure you have everything ticked off. Print it out and stick it on the fridge or in a place where you can see it easily.



- 1 PRINT OUT THIS NEWSLETTER AND SHOW IT TO YOUR FAMILY**
Don't miss the little details.

- 2 PHOTOS**
Ensure the photos of the attendees are on a plain background and are a full head and shoulder shot. Similar to what you'd see on a passport photo but with a smile.

- 3 WATCH WEBINAR 3**
Held on the 11th of August, Webinar 3 is filled with great information about what to expect at the Jamboree.
Visit <https://aj.scoutsqld.com.au/index.php/roadshow/>

- 4 PAYMENTS**
Ensure your payments are up to date as per the schedule. You can check this by reviewing the status page on your application.

- 5 UPDATE MEDICAL DETAILS**
Ensure that the medical details are as up to date as possible.

- 6 DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**
Please provide as much information as possible. For example - is allergic to eggs but can have in cakes or, lactose free but some brands and products are ok. The more information we have the better.

- 7 TRANSPORT**
Please email us so that we can make sure we capture any changes if applicable: transport@aj.scoutsqld.com.au

CONTINGENT LEADERS UPDATE

Welcome to the Queensland Contingent!

Dear Queensland Contingent Members,

With the Australian Jamboree 2025 approaching quickly, we are excited to bring you a comprehensive update filled with all the vital information you need.

This newsletter has been meticulously prepared to cover all content previously shared during three separate webinars to ensure that no detail is overlooked and that everyone in the Queensland Contingent is fully informed and ready for an incredible Jamboree experience.

Stay Connected

Stay updated with all the latest news and updates about the Jamboree by following our social media channel and checking our website regularly.

We will post important information, tips, and exciting announcements leading up to the event.

- **Website:** [AJ2025 QLD Contingent](#)
- **Facebook:** [Scouts Queensland](#)

Jamboree Overview

The Australian Jamboree 2025 (AJ2025) will occur from January 6th to January 15th, 2025. For the Queensland Contingent, the event begins with arrival on January 5th, 2025, and ends with departure on January 16th, 2025. The Jamboree will be held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park, a site well-known to many from previous events.

This Jamboree will host over 12,000 participants, including Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and international guests from countries such as the UK, Canada, Pakistan, and New Zealand.

The event offers an unparalleled opportunity for Scouts aged 11 to 16 to experience a national camp filled with activities, challenges, and the chance to forge lifelong friendships.

Yours in Scouting,
John Parr

TRANSPORT AND ARRIVAL

Transport Logistics:

- Participants from across Queensland will be travelling via buses or planes. Those in more remote locations like Cairns, Townsville, Longreach, Emerald, and Charleville will fly into Brisbane before joining buses to Maryborough.
- Buses will depart from key locations such as Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Ipswich, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Warwick, Toowoomba, Gold Coast, and Sunshine Coast. Some participants will have additional pickup points along the routes.
- Independent traveller's arrival information will be shared in a future newsletter.

Arrival Procedure:

- Participants will be delivered directly to their Jamboree Unit campsite.
- Upon arrival, participants will unload gear from trucks and buses and then proceed to set up their Jamboree Unit campsite. This is a critical part of the Jamboree experience, fostering teamwork and preparation for the days ahead.



UNIT STRUCTURE AND DAILY LIFE

Jamboree Units:

- The Queensland Contingent will consist of 31 Jamboree units, each comprising 36 Scouts and Venturers, organised into six patrols.
- Each Jamboree unit will be led by a Jamboree Scout Leader, three Assistant Jamboree Scout Leaders (Activities, Quartermaster, Health & Wellbeing), and two service leaders who will use the unit as a base for eating and sleeping.
- Patrols will function independently within their units, managing daily tasks such as cooking, cleaning, and maintaining camp hygiene.
- QLD units will host international patrols from Indonesia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Korea, the USA(FEC) and PNG.

Daily Activities:

- Patrols will rotate through duty days, off-site excursions, and on-site activities. Off-site activities include trips to Maryborough, Australia Zoo, and water activities in Hervey Bay.
- On duty days, patrols will be responsible for preparing meals, maintaining their campsite, and managing laundry using manual washing machines provided on-site.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Medical Services

A fully staffed medical centre will be operational 24/7, providing care for any medical needs. This includes doctors, nurses, and even dental services on-site. Transportation to Hervey Bay Hospital or Brisbane will be arranged in case of more severe conditions.

Each sub-camp will have a first-aid post with a Doctor, and each activity will also have a first-aid post.

Hydration & Heat Management

Each participant will receive a water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the event.

The Jamboree site will have multiple water stations, spray hoses, and shaded areas to help manage the heat.

Participants are advised to wear hats and choose between long or short sleeve polos as part of their Contingent kit.



KIT AND EQUIPMENT

Supplied Gear

The Queensland Contingent will supply all necessary camping equipment, including bell tents, cooking gear, and lighting.

Participants only need to bring their personal gear as outlined in the provided packing list.

Each participant will receive from the AJ2025:

- Jamboree Shirt
- Jamboree Hat
- Jamboree Scarf
- Jamboree Woggle
- 2 x Jamboree Badges
- Name Tag

Preparation is key for a successful jamboree experience.



QLD Contingent Supplied

- Contingent Shirt (long or short sleeve as per choice in applicable system)
- Contingent Back Pack
- Contingent Water Bottle (plastic with space for unit number and name)
- 2 x Contingent badges
- 2 x Queensland name tapes
- 1 x Queensland contingent luggage tag



Badge trading is a popular activity at the Jamboree, allowing Scouts to collect and exchange unique badges from other contingents.

Ask your unit Leader or Jamboree Scout Leader for more information.

Jamboree Scout Leaders (JSLs) may choose to bring additional gear for their units, but patrols do not need to provide any extra equipment.

Everything required for a comfortable and successful camp is supplied.

FOOD AND CATERING

Catering

All meals will be provided on-site, with patrols responsible for preparing their meals on duty days. Special dietary requirements have been carefully considered, and the catering team is well-equipped to handle any specific needs.

Participants are encouraged to bring some spending money for snacks or souvenirs. A rough guideline suggests around \$20 per day, but this can vary depending on individual preferences.

Eftpos is the preferred payment method.



On-Site Facilities

In addition to the standard catering services, there will be opportunities to purchase additional food and beverages, including ice creams and drinks.

Participants should bring a debit card for any additional purchases, as the site will primarily operate as a cashless environment.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

On-Site Activities

The Jamboree site will host a variety of activities, including abseiling, climbing walls, and adventure challenges. Evening entertainment will feature live performances and interactive shows, ensuring that there is never a dull moment.

Participants will have access to a range of facilities, including a slushy machine at the Queensland Contingent headquarters for a refreshing treat on hot days.



Off-Site Excursions

Each patrol will participate in three off-site days, exploring local attractions such as Australia Zoo and Hervey Bay.

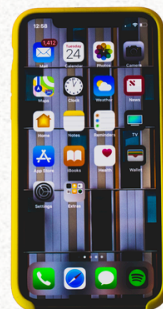
These excursions are a chance to experience the local culture and enjoy some of Queensland's most famous tourist spots.

COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Mobile Phones

Scouts and Venturer participants will not be able to use mobile phones. Any phones brought to camp will be kept in the locked box.

Daily updates and photos will be shared on the Queensland Contingent Facebook page, allowing families to stay connected with their child's Jamboree experience.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND VISITORS

Visitor Days

Visitors Days are scheduled for January 10th, 11th and 12th, 2025. Parents and friends are welcome to visit but must register in advance. The Jamboree is a secure site; only registered visitors will be allowed entry.

All Scouts and Venturer participants will be onsite on the 11th. The 10th and 12th are normal program days, and your Scout may be offsite, so if visiting, please check with your JSL later in the year if you are planning a trip.

Bookings will open on the 1st of October 2024.

Activities will be open for visitors to observe, and there will be opportunities to purchase food and souvenirs on-site.

Venturer staff may be offsite on the 11th as it is an opportunity for all Venturer staff to do an activity together.

Cub and Joey Scout Day

A special day for younger scouts to visit the Jamboree is planned for January 11th, 2025.

This "Future Scout Day" allows Cubs and Joeys to experience the excitement of the Jamboree and look forward to their own future Scouting adventures.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Cost Breakdown

The cost for Scouts and Venturers attending as participants can be found on the website. This fee includes all meals, accommodation, activities, Jamboree kit, and transport to and from the event.

For Rovers, leaders, and other eligible adults supporting the Jamboree, the fee is a discounted rate acknowledges their volunteer contribution.

Spending Money

Spending money is to preferably be card. The JSL will have a locked box, and each Scout will have a bag to keep their eftpos card, wallets, cameras, etc, for safekeeping. The JSL will have designated times to open the box.



Payment Schedule

Payment details, including deadlines, are available on the Queensland Contingent website.

<https://aj.scoutsqld.com.au/index.php/faq/>

All payments need to be finalised by 30 September 2024.

Many groups have organized fundraising activities to help cover the costs of the Jamboree. From recycling drives to sponsored events, there are numerous ways to raise funds.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Curfew and Supervision

Curfews will be established by each Jamboree unit in consultation with their leaders. This is designed to ensure that all participants are well-rested and ready for the next day's activities.

Venturers, while older, will be expected to adhere to the unit's agreed-upon curfew.



Laundry Facilities

On-site manual washing machines will be available for participants to do their laundry.

Patrols are encouraged to take advantage of their duty days to manage their laundry collectively, ensuring everyone has clean clothes for the duration of the Jamboree.

Additional Equipment:

All necessary equipment, including tents, cooking gear, and lighting, will be provided by the Queensland Contingent.

Patrols do not need to bring any additional gear, although leaders may choose to bring personal items that enhance their unit's experience.

Final Preparations

With just a few months to go before AJ2025, now is the time to ensure that all preparations are in order. Make sure your application details are up-to-date, including any dietary needs or special requirements. Review the packing list carefully when it arrives and start gathering the items you'll need for the Jamboree.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Maryborough for what promises to be an unforgettable experience. Stay tuned for further updates, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,
The Queensland Contingent Team

MERCHANDISE

Pre-Sales Now Open!

All official Queensland Contingent merchandise is now available for preorder at the ScoutShop.com.au.



750ml Bottle

Double wall, stainless steel bottle.

Preorder \$29.95



380ml Travel Mug

Double wall, stainless steel travel mug.

Preorder \$19.95



Metal Lapel Pin

Metal pin for hat or lapel with Contingent logo.

Preorder \$4



Metal Woggle

Metal woggle with Contingent logo.

Preorder \$5



Metal Keyring

Metal keyring with Contingent logo.

Preorder \$8



Numbered Medallion

Limited edition numbered medallion with Contingent logo. Only 100 available.

Preorder \$19.95



Sticker

Premium 10cm vinyl sticker with Contingent logo.

Preorder \$2

Shop AJ2025 merchandise plus all the outdoor gear you'll need for AJ at the ScoutShop.com.au!



AJ2025 PACKING LIST



CLOTHING

TIPS

The weather in Maryborough in January is usually hot and humid (min 20°C, max 31°C). The average rainfall is 140mm, meaning it is likely to rain some days during the event – but it'll still be warm when it does.

CHECKLIST

- Event polo shirt x 1
- Contingent polo shirt x 1
- Scout uniform
- Long sleeve collared shirts x 2
- Shorts x 3
- Pants x 1
- Rain jacket x 1
- Event bucket hat x 1
- Wide brim hat x 1
- Pyjamas x 2
- Socks & underwear x 10 each
- Event scarf & woggle

SCOUT SHOP RECOMMENDS...

Provided by event

Provided by your contingent

Lightweight UPF50+ long sleeve button shirt or AJ2025 long polo

Lightweight quick dry outdoor shorts

Lightweight quick dry pants or zip-off pants

Snowgum Lightweight VaporTEC Ultra Waterproof Jacket

Provided by event

Snowgum Ranger or Yogi Wide-Brim Hat

Snowgum Coolbods Underwear & Coolmax Socks

Provided by event



FOOTWEAR

TIPS

Make sure you have worn your shoes before! "Breaking in" your shoes before AJ2025 will avoid blisters.

CHECKLIST

- Sturdy footwear
- Shower shoes
- Aqua shoes

SCOUT SHOP RECOMMENDS...

Cooper Waterproof Boot

Crocs / waterproof slides to wear in the showers (crocs preferred)

Aqua Shoes (closed toe water shoes)



BEDDING

TIPS

A +5°C rated sleeping bag will be warm enough for AJ25! However, if you would usually be camping in colder conditions, consider a -5°C or 0°C rated bag so you can use it in future.

CHECKLIST

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Inner sheet
- Camp mat (or stretcher)
- Stretcher (or camp mat)

SCOUT SHOP RECOMMENDS...

Self-inflating pillow

Flinders Sleeping Bag (+5°C)

Microfibre Inner Sheet (for when it's too hot for a sleeping bag!)

Camper Mat OR Hiker Mat

Easy Fold Camp Stretcher



TOILETRIES

CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash bag | <input type="checkbox"/> SPF50+ sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel x 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular & occasional personal medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, shampoo & conditioner | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitiser | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant / antiperspirant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair brush / comb | |

SCOUT SHOP RECOMMENDS...

AJ2025 Wash Bag

AJ2025 Beach & Travel Towel

Equip 1 First Aid Kit (Add in Daktarin Foot Care Powder!)

Bushman+ 20% Roll On

Save space with silicone Travel Bottles



THE OTHER BITS

CHECKLIST

- Head torch
- Water bottle
- Neck pillow
- Swap 'N Go Powerbank
- Dilly bag with mug, bowl, plate, cutlery & tea towel
- Wheeled bag
- Day Pack
- Ear plugs & eye mask

SCOUT SHOP RECOMMENDS...

120 Lumen Apollo Head Torch

600ml-1000ml Water Bottle*

Neck travel pillow

AJ2025 10,000 mAh lithium rechargeable battery

AJ2025 Dilly Bag
Delta Camp Set
AJ2025 Tea Towel

Jamboree bag*

Scout Event Day Pack*

***provided by some contingents**

AJ2025

PRE-ORDER SOUVENIRS

Event Tee

Swap Badges

Friendship Bracelet

Active Bag

Travel Mug

Playing Cards

Limited Edition Numbered Medallion

**& more... at the
ScoutShop.com.au**

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