

# 26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

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# FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION!

We know you're busy, so we've created your to-do list to ensure you have everything ticked off. Print it out and stick it on the fridge or somewhere else where you can see it easily.

 **TICK ONCE COMPLETED**

- 1 PRINT OUT THIS NEWSLETTER AND SHOW IT TO YOUR FAMILY**  
Don't miss the little details.
  
- 2 PHOTOS**  
Ensure the attendees' photos are on a plain background and are full head and shoulder shots—similar to what you'd see on a passport photo but with a smile. ID Photos have been sent to the printers, but reprints are possible at AJ.
  
- 3 WATCH WEBINAR 4**  
Held on the 24th of November, Webinar 4 is filled with great information about what to expect at the Jamboree. Visit <https://aj.scoutsqld.com.au>
  
- 4 PACKING**  
Become familiar with the packing list and make a start.
  
- 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, if someone is allergic to eggs but can have them in cakes, or if they are lactose-free, some brands and products are okay. 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](mailto:transport@aj.scoutsqld.com.au)

# CONTINGENT LEADERS UPDATE

## Welcome to the Queensland Contingent!

Dear Queensland Contingent Members,

With the Australian Jamboree 2025 (AJ2025) just around the corner, we are thrilled to provide you with this comprehensive update. Following the fourth webinar, this newsletter consolidates the latest details, ensuring everyone is well-prepared for an unforgettable experience.

Our goal is to ensure every Scout, Venturer, and leader in the Queensland Contingent feels informed and excited as we approach this extraordinary event. Whether it's your first Jamboree or one of many, we're here to support your journey every step of the way.

### Stay Connected

To stay updated with the latest news, tips, and announcements:

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

Important updates will be shared regularly, including travel details, packing tips, and Jamboree activities.

### What's Next?

With the fourth webinar behind us, here are key highlights to focus on as we approach AJ2025:

- **Packing Checklist:** Ensure you use the QLD-specific equipment list and label all items.
- **Transport Details:** Review your travel arrangements and confirm pick-up and drop-off points.
- **Merchandise:** Watch for your Jamboree kit, which will arrive soon.
- **Health & Well-Being:** Update health records and prepare any necessary medications.

We're here to answer your questions and provide guidance as you finalize preparations. Let's make AJ2025 an experience to remember!

Yours in Scouting,  
John Parr  
Contingent Leader, Queensland AJ2025

# KEY PREPARATIONS

- ID Photos: ID photos have been sent to the printers. If a photo changes, we can reprint an ID tag at AJ. An ID photo was required to be a current, passport-style headshot with no hats, sunglasses, or casual poses.
- Packing Checklist: Use the QLD contingent equipment list available on the website. Label everything, including toothbrushes and water bottles. Please avoid using the Snowgum-provided list, as it differs from QLD requirements.

The Queensland packing list can be found here: [QLD Packing List](#).

- Merchandise Delivery: Kits include a Jamboree shirt, backpack, water bottle, hat, scarf, badges, and more. All items will be shipped directly to the postal address provided on your application. Shipping began on Tuesday 03/12/2024

**LABEL EVERYTHING WITH  
YOUR NAME AND UNIT  
NUMBER – EVEN  
YOUR TOOTHBRUSH!**



# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The QLD contingent aims to minimise phone use to enhance the immersive Jamboree experience.

- Youth Members: Phones are allowed but discouraged. Each unit will develop a code of conduct governing phone use. Charging facilities are limited to medical or accessibility-related needs. Lockboxes will be provided for secure storage.
- Venturer Staff and Leaders: Phones are permitted for job-related communication but must follow agreed codes of conduct.



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- **Medical Support:** A 24/7 medical centre on-site will handle physical injuries, illnesses, mental health support, and even dental emergencies. Off-site specialists are accessible if needed.
- **Medications:** Medications must be clearly labelled. Blister packs are encouraged but optional if instructions are clear. Refrigerated storage is available at subcamp HQs and contingent HQs.
- **Dietary Needs:** All dietary requirements (medical or cultural) will be accommodated via the CAKE system. This system ensures suitable meal options for modified diets. Personal food preferences will not be considered as modified diets.
- **Anxiety Support:** For many, this is their first Jamboree, which can feel overwhelming. Leaders are trained to provide emotional support, and safe spaces are available at unit sites and contingent HQ.



# TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

## \*QUEENSLAND TRAVEL DATES: 5TH & 16TH OF JANUARY 2025\*

**Jamboree Dates:** January 5–16, 2025 (contingent arrives a day early).  
**Visitors' Days:** January 10, 11, and 12.

**Travel Arrangements:** Bus and flight details have been emailed to participants. Independent travellers must meet at the Maryborough Speedway by 10:30 AM on January 5 for check-in.

**ID Photos & Flights:** All participants travelling by plane will require a photo ID. An email has been sent outlining these requirements, so please check with this.

**Baggage:** Suitcases or duffel bags up to 120L are allowed. Youth participants must use sleeping mats, as stretchers are not permitted to protect tent floors and conserve space. Leaders may use stretchers with added floor protection.



## SNACKS

The first meal supplied at the Jamboree site will be dinner on the night of January 5th. Please pack snacks and lunch for the trip to the Jamboree site.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Transport Hot Line - 07 4333 1577

During AJ2025 Transport Periods, we will operate a Transport Hot Line – 07 4333 1577 staffed by Scouting Volunteers. This is your point of call for any questions, difficulties or advice whilst we are in transit.

This will operate during the following hours (it will not operate during the Jamboree)  
 - 3.00am on the 4th January to midnight on the 6th January  
 - 3.00am on the 16th January to midnight on the 16th January

Before and during the Jamboree, the contact for any transport-related issues is [transport@aj.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:transport@aj.scoutsqld.com.au)

*An email from the Transport Director with more specific information has been sent.*

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## WHAT TO WEAR WHEN TRAVELLING

When travelling TO the Jamboree, please wear full uniform with correct contingent badges.

When returning home FROM the Jamboree, please wear the Australian Jamboree shirt (not the Queensland shirt).

We arrive to the Jamboree as separate Contingents and we head home as one.



# ON-SITE SUPPORT & FACILITIES

## Contingent HQ

A hub for relaxation, assistance, and refreshments. Scouts can enjoy cold drinks and even slushies (\$2.00). Leaders have access to high-quality coffee and quiet spaces.



## Scout Shop & Vendors

Offering Scout gear, snacks, and essentials. Both cash and card payments are accepted, but ATMs on-site charge a fee per transaction.

## Laundry

Detergent is provided, and each unit will have manual washing facilities.

# MESSAGES FROM HOME

We're excited to announce a special way for families to stay connected with their Scouts attending the Australian Jamboree!



## Letters (via email)

Parents can send messages to their children via email at [messagesfromhome@aj.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:messagesfromhome@aj.scoutsqld.com.au).

These messages will be printed and delivered once a day, likely in the late afternoon, to each of the Units. This is a wonderful way to ensure that your Scout feels supported and loved, even while they're away having epic adventures.

## Phone Calls

AJ will be offering public phones on site to ensure everyone can stay connected with their family and friends. These phones will be conveniently located in the 'Gathering Place' at each of the Subcamps, making it easy for you to keep in touch no matter where you are.



# KEY CONTACT DETAILS

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