

26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

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HELLO FROM THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE!

Good morning Queensland families!

As we kick off another exciting week, our Jamboree spirit is shining as bright as ever! Our fantastic team is bustling with energy, making sure our young participants and volunteers are safe and well-prepared for all the adventures ahead. At Jamboree, we live by our Scouts' motto: Be Prepared. It's all about building resilience, confidence, and lifelong friendships. Let's keep supporting our young people as they tackle challenges and grow into strong, capable individuals. Whether at home or here at the Jamboree, let's make this week amazing!

Visitor Day / Future Scout Day / Market Day

Despite the weather, we embraced the true Scout spirit and made the most of Market Day, the three Visitor Days, and Future Scout Day! Our Jamboree has returned to just participants and volunteers.

We're very thankful for all of the visitors who were so interested in our Jamboree. It was definitely a memorable event.

Camping Standard Awards 🏆

As QLD Camping Director Wolf, aka John Palmer, says - "The little champions are doing a great job maintaining the standard expected for their campsites." The weather is still making things a little challenging; however, spirits are high, and resilience is building.

New Camping Standard Awards:

- C008
- C055
- T011
- T038
- FC026

Gateway Awards 🏆

If you haven't yet seen all of the Gateways, please find the three Facebook posts on the QLD Contingent page from Friday 10.01.25, where they're showcased per sub-camp.

New Gateway Awards:

- C026
- C033
- C006

Your Seaside Awards 🏆

- 1st Place - FC065
- 2nd Place - T031
- 3rd Place - T054

Service Leader, Thank You

On Sunday evening, we welcomed our exceptional adult service leaders into the Queensland Headquarters for a very special thank you event. Our Contingent Leader, John Parr, was thrilled to recognise the dedication and hard work of these amazing individuals, whose efforts are crucial in making this Jamboree a resounding success.

Their commitment to ensuring a safe, enriching, and enjoyable experience for all Scouts and Venturers is truly inspiring. By enabling resilience, confidence, and camaraderie, they demonstrate the true spirit of Scouting. A heartfelt thank you to all our adult service leaders for their tireless contributions and for being such outstanding role models.

Confusion Amidst Jamboree

Under the blazing sun and with the heat cranking up, the atmosphere at the Jamboree is as vibrant as ever. Weariness is starting to creep in, but the spirit remains.

The once easily recognisable Queenslanders have now blended into a colourful mix, thanks to the lively shirt, badge, bag and scarf swapping tradition. The Queensland contingent shirts, a hot item, were quickly snatched up from the Scout Shop as Scouts eagerly exchanged them for shirts from other contingents or bought them because they weren't Queenslanders. This playful confusion-causing exercise has created a great conversation starter for the Queensland Marketing and Communications team when they're on a Queenslander hunt!

One memorable sight was a proud Queenslander who had traded a Queensland scarf for another contingent's scarf and purchased an ACT shirt. The young person was proud to share that he was a Queenslander, even though it would be easy to mistake him for another contingent.

The story behind each swap or purchase adds to the excitement and creates shared experiences. These simple gestures of swapping attire showcase the confidence and adaptability of the Scouts but also reinforce the sense of unity and mutual respect that defines the Jamboree spirit.

Yours in Scouting,
The Queensland Contingent Jamboree Team

PS - Leaders & Volunteers: We'd love to feature your stories or observations in our newsletter! If you'd like to contribute, please email dc@capricorn.scoutsqld.com.au

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