

# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 3  
October Edition



# 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.

Tick Once  
Complete

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**Have you made all of your payments.**

Please check the registrations system, final payments were do on 1 October 2023.

<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/>

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**Print this Newsletter out and show it to your family!**

Don't miss the little details.

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**Read this Newseletter carefully.**

It's quite long and has lots of new information.

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**Ensure that your passport information is submitted.**

Both the passport details and a scanned copy of the photo page of your passport is to be promptly uploaded to the 'Travel Details' tab on OLEMS by **20 October 2023**

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**Double check your ODay date is in your calendar.**

Triple check if you need too!

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**Check your medical details are accurate on OLEMS**

It is important that the medical information provided on OLEMS is correct please check this information,

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**Get in touch with your Patrol Adult Leader or Venturer Scout Support Leader.**

Ensure that you have been in contact at least once with your adult Leader. If you haven't heard from them, contact us by emailing [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au)

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# Contingent Leader's Welcome

The countdown is on! There are just 80 days until the Australian Contingent departs for our adventure of a lifetime with over 3,000 new International Scouting friends!

By now all Scouts should have received some communication from their Patrol Adult Leader. We have been hearing that Patrols have had online meetings, nominated Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, and have started to form the basis of friendships that will last years to come.

If you haven't heard from your Patrol Adult Leader, please email [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au) so we can follow up.

Our team has been working hard to finalise accommodation, modified diet arrangements, medication plans, flights, travel teams, merchandise distribution, Post-Tour activity bookings, passports, and final payments. There is a huge amount of work that goes into organising an Australian Contingent, so if you happen to catch up with a member of the Contingent Management Team at the Orientation Days, say hello and thanks!

You can expect one more Newsletter before we depart Australia for the Jamboree. We are also running a final series of Virtual Town Halls for all those last-minute questions – details on page 3.

Catch you at the Orientation Days!

If you have any questions at any time, please reach out by emailing [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au).

**Tom Dowsley**  
Australian Contingent Leader

# Virtual Town Halls

For any last-minute questions about our Jamboree adventure, we will be conducting a final series of Virtual Town Halls. All sessions will be recorded.

We'd like to see all the Patrol Adult Leaders at either of the sessions. For all other Contingent members, attendance is optional.

## Scouts

2:00pm AWST / 5:00pm AEDT Sunday 10 December 2023 - [Join Here](#)

## Venturer Scouts and Venturer Scout Leaders

4:00pm AWST / 7:00pm AEDT Sunday 10 December 2023 - [Join Here](#)

## Patrol Adult Leaders

4:30pm AWST / 7:30pm AEDT Wednesday 6 December 2023 - [Join Here](#)

9:00am AWST / 12:00pm AEDT Saturday 9 December 2023 - [Join Here](#)

Please note these are repeat sessions – please just attend one

## International Service Team

4:30pm AWST / 7:30pm AEDT Thursday 7 December 2023 - [Join Here](#)

# News

If you're after past newsletters, recordings of Town Hall sessions or other updates, please visit the News section of our [website](#).

# Additional Contingent places available for Adult Leaders

We are pleased to announce that we have some additional places available for adult Leaders to join the Australian Contingent to the 23rd New Zealand Jamboree!

The positions are available for Leaders who are interested in supporting the Jamboree program as members of the International Service Team (IST). At the Jamboree your role will be to help facilitate activities for the young people attending the event from Australia, New Zealand and around the pacific region!

We have the following places available:

- Depart and return to Adelaide: 1 place
- Depart and return to Brisbane: 3 places
- Depart and return to Sydney/Canberra: 3 places.

We may have some places available for depart and return to Melbourne. If you are from Melbourne and are interested in the opportunity, please email us.

All these opportunities are open to adults who are available to depart Australia on 28 December 2023 and return to Australia on 8 January 2024. The cost is \$3,095 which is inclusive of the Jamboree fee, flights, transport, equipment (tent and stretcher), catering, accommodation, Pre-Tour in Auckland, travel insurance and merchandise.

If you are interested, please email [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au). Positions will be filled on first-come, first served basis.

# Venturer Scouts

At the 2024 New Zealand Jamboree there are two options for Venturer Scouts:

- Venturer Active: these participants engage in the same Jamboree program as Scout participants. There are 85 Australian Venturer Scouts in the Venturer Active category.
- Jamboree Support Team: this team will help to deliver the Jamboree program. There are 11 Australian Venturer Scouts in the JST category.

All Venturer Scouts will camp together in the Venturer Scout camp. You will be catered for in the staff catering area (this means your cooking is done for you!).

Patrol preference for Venturer Scouts have closed and will shortly be communicated directly to relevant Contingent members.

## Bonus merch for Venturer Scouts

Courtesy of the New Zealand Jamboree Team, you get some extra merch!

Venturer Active participants will receive one extra shirt. Jamboree Support Team members will receive two extra shirts for wearing whilst on duty at the Jamboree.

These shirts will be based on sizing already listed in your online application, and will be available for collection onsite.

## Additional gear suggestions

In addition to the already published Australian Contingent suggested gear list, there are some optional extras for all Venturer Scouts:

- Costume for VA and JST New Year's Eve 'Country and Western' themed party
- Costume for Scout Jamboree New Year's Eve 'Out of this World' themed party.

Either can be worn at both parties, and if you don't want to wear a costume - that is ok too! You could even come up with a costume that covers both themes!

## Travel to Jamboree from Auckland

Australian members of the Jamboree Support Team will travel from Auckland to the Jamboree site on the afternoon of 29 December 2023. This is to allow for role induction and training.

Australian Contingent members who are doing the Venturer Active option will travel to the Jamboree site on 30 December 2023 with the main Australian Contingent.

# International Service Team (IST) / Jamboree Staff

Our International Service Team is the group of adult Leaders who will be in a range of support roles at the Jamboree. Most of our IST will be involved with delivery of the Jamboree Program. The Australian Contingent has 25 IST members.

At the Jamboree, members of the IST will be known as 'Jamboree Staff'. There are approximately 400 Jamboree Staff involved in supporting the Jamboree.

## Camping and catering

All IST will camp together in the Jamboree Staff camp. You will be catered for in the staff catering area (this means your cooking is done for you!). You will be provided with a tent and a stretcher.

## Travel to Jamboree from Auckland

Australian members of the IST will travel to the Jamboree site on 30 December 2023 with the main Australian Contingent. There is a meeting for Jamboree Staff at 17:00 on 30 December 2023.

You can find out more about being a Jamboree Staff member [here](#).

# Operations

## Passports

Everyone **MUST** have a passport to travel internationally, with at least 1 month validity beyond your return date to Australia. That date is 8 February 2024 for those not attending Post Tour and 14 February 2024 for those who are attending the Post Tour.

If your valid passport details are not in OLEMS (our application system) please promptly upload those details by 20 October 2023 at the very latest. We require your passport details to confirm your flights.

You will not be able to attend the Jamboree if you do not have a valid passport.

For assistance in uploading your passport details into OLEMs please read our Passport Guide found [here](#).

## Flights and Airline Updates

All our flights have been booked and your travel itinerary can be found on the 'Travel Details' tab of your online application.

It is important you check your flight details to ensure your departure and arrival points in Australia are correct and your flight timings all line up.

Please contact our team by emailing [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au) if you notice any issues.

We are encountering changes to flight timings from some airlines as they update their schedules. We will notify you by email of any changes and upload the amended schedule on the 'Travel Details' tab on your online application in due course.

## Frequent flyer points

We are unable to upload individual frequent flyer numbers. You can claim your points via the airlines after your travel is complete.

Frequent flyer points cannot be accrued on the following Qantas Charter flights: QF300, QF301, QF302, QF303, QF305.

## Airline Meals

Our team will work with the airlines to ensure meals meet your dietary requirements. Unfortunately, the airlines offer limited dietary selections, but we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

If you have any dietary requirements, please ensure this is updated in your application by 20 October 2023.



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## Travel Teams

The Australian Contingent will be broken down into Travel Teams for the journey between Australian and New Zealand. Each Travel Team will include around 12 youth members and 1-2 adults. Adult members will be responsible for supervising and supporting the youth members in their Travel Team from the departure airport in Australia to the Auckland accommodation, and back to return airport in Australia after the Jamboree.

You will be in the same Travel Team to New Zealand and on the homeward journey.

Travel Team information will be communicated at the Orientation Days, where you will have an opportunity to meet your Travel Team before we depart.

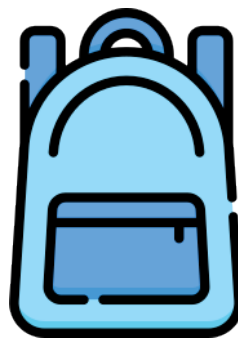
# Operations

## Checked and Carry-on baggage

### Checked baggage

The Contingent issued travel bag is the only bag you are allowed to check in. Your baggage limit must be kept under 20kg. Please keep in mind that you are responsible for your own belongings and will be required to carry/wheel this bag. You might also want to leave space for souvenirs and items you have swapped with your new International Scouting friends. Your bag must remain under the 20kg baggage limit coming home!

Carry on Luggage  
7kg



Checked Luggage  
20kg



### Carry-on baggage

Your carry-on bag must remain under 7kg and care must be taken when packing this bag. Your bag must not contain any dangerous items, liquids, or aerosols.

## 23rd New Zealand Jamboree Merchandise

The 23rd New Zealand Jamboree has released a range of merchandise for pre-order. The New Zealand Jamboree Team will prepare our orders and have them ready for our arrival at the Jamboree site.

### The Promo Room souvenirs

The souvenirs available from The Promo Room can be pre-ordered, picked up and paid for at the Jamboree. The price list for the souvenirs will be available mid-late October, the range will be from \$1.50 to \$20. Submit your requests via the website to secure your order. This offer closes on Thursday 30 November 2023.

Click here for [here](#) for more information.

### Scouts Direct Souvenirs

Scouts Direct are offering a range of Merchandise for the Jamboree. Goods can be ordered and paid for online, and Australian Contingent members can collect their order at the Jamboree. The opportunity to order closes on Wednesday 1 November 2023. There will be limited stock of the Scouts Direct merchandise available at Jamboree.

Click here for [here](#) for more information.

### Jamboree shop

The Jamboree shop will have other souvenirs available. We hope to publish a list of these in late November. The shop will also sell sweets, ice blocks, drinks, and badges.

# Operations

## Merchandise Update

Merchandise will be distributed at the Orientation Day that you have registered to attend. You will collect the following items:

- 90 litre wheeled travel bag
- 2 x Contingent shirts
- Contingent hat
- Contingent badges
- Jacket (optional)
- Name bar
- 2 x Australian Contingent scarves
- 2 x Baggage tags

To receive your merchandise your fees must be paid in full.

If you are unable to attend an Orientation Day and live in a regional area, your merchandise has been sent to somebody who lives near you. Information regarding collection will be emailed directly to you. The following merchandise has been sent to these regional participants:

- Contingent travel bag
- 2 x Contingent t-shirts
- Contingent hat
- Jacket (if ordered)
- 2 x Australian Contingent scarves
- 2 x Baggage tags
- The Contingent badges and name bar will be sent at a later stage.

If you are unable to attend and live within a 2.5-hour drive of the Orientation Day location, you need to arrange for your merchandise to be collected on your behalf. These plans should already be in place for the upcoming Orientation Days. Please ensure your fees are paid in full so your merchandise can be collected.

# Orientation Days

We can't wait to meet you all at our upcoming Orientation Days!

Due to how many attendees we have at each Orientation Day you can only bring one parent/ caregiver with you to the day. We understand you may want to bring the whole family, but we cannot fit you in so please help us by respecting this one parent rule.

Please wear your Scout Uniform to your Orientation Day.

Make sure the date is in your calendar! It is imperative you attend!

Make sure you are on time to your Orientation Day as the session will start promptly at the below times. We recommend you arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your session time to allow time for parking and accessing the venue.

City	Date	Time	Location
Adelaide	Saturday 14 October 2023	10AM	Flagstaff Hill Scout Hall 161 Black Road, Flagstaff Hill SA
Canberra	Sunday 15 October 2023	10AM	Kett Street Scout Hall Kett Street, Kambah ACT
Virtual	Sunday 22 October 2023	10AM - WA 1PM - VIC/NSW 12PM - QLD	Online Zoom Session
Brisbane	Saturday 28 October 2023	10AM	Hamilton Town Hall Corner of Rossiter Parade & Racecourse Road, Hamilton QLD
Melbourne	Sunday 29 October 2023	Session 1: 10AM Session 2: 2PM	Kensington Town Hall 30-34 Bellair Street, Kensington VIC
Sydney	Saturday 4 November 2023	Session 1: 10AM Session 2: 2PM	Dundas Community Hall 21 Sturt Street, Telopea NSW
Perth	Sunday 12 November 2023	Session 1: 10AM Session 2: 2PM	Scouts WA Head Office 133 Scarborough Beach Road, Mount Hawthorn WA

# Uniform

When moving through airports and travelling onboard flights to and from Australia you are required to wear your Australian Scout Uniform. This helps us to easily find you!

- Australian Scout Shirt (for your relevant section) – including New Zealand Jamboree Australian Contingent Name Bar, which is to be located on your pocket, and the Contingent Badge sewn on the right-hand side of your shirt in the space for event badges.
- Beige or stone coloured pants or skirt in line with the Scouts Australia National Uniform Policy.
- Scout belt (optional).
- Black/brown boots/shoes.
- Australian Scarf tied with a friendship knot.

Please take some time to ensure your badges are in the correct location on your Uniform. See the diagram to assist in the positioning of you badges.

You are representing Scouts Australia. Ensure your uniform is neat and presentable.



# Health & Wellbeing

Here's hoping this newsletter finds all our New Zealand bound Scouts, Venturer Scouts, and supporting adults fit and well. The Health and Wellbeing Team will be checking all applications over the next few weeks and contacting families and leaders where extra support is required. Tom, our Contingent Leader, has been in touch with the New Zealand Jamboree Team and our accommodation providers regarding the provision of special diets, so make sure your information is up to date.

If you have any concerns, please get in touch with Louise (Health and Wellbeing Lead) through the [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au) email address.

## Personal First Aid kits

These are always handy to have so make sure yours is up to date and that you add it to your packing list.

## Medications

Medications must be individually recorded in OLEMS, and all youth members are required to give prescription medication to their Patrol Adult Leader / Venturer Scout Leader to secure. Each youth member requiring will have a medication chart kept with their Patrol Adult Leader / Venturer Scout Leader. Please ensure you have enough medication to last your trip and that it is all in date. Please also ensure that the medication is in a sealable bag or bottle with clear names and instructions for use, in the original packaging provided by the pharmacist.

All Contingent members must continue to take their medication for the duration of their time overseas. Do not take a 'medication holiday', as our experience suggests that this won't help you to have a positive Jamboree experience.

Any prescribed medications require the person to carry a letter from their doctor, or a copy of the prescription, to pass through New Zealand border control. All youth members will be required to carry their own medication through New Zealand border control, and it will be collected by your Patrol Adult Leader upon arrival at our accommodation in Auckland. Please see this [website](#) for more information.

If youth members are taking non-prescription over the counter medication with them to New Zealand (e.g., antihistamine, Panadol), these medications must be listed on the 'Medical' tab of the online application system. These medications should be transported in their original packaging in a sealable bag or bottle, clearly marked with their name.

## Update your medical details

We rely heavily on the details you put into the online registration system (OLEMS) to keep you well. Please keep updating the system with any changes to dietary or medical conditions.

# Admin & Finance

## Payment Information

All payments are now due. You will not be able to collect your merchandise at the Orientation Days if your fees are not finalised.

If you are experiencing difficulties making your payments, please email [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au).

You can log into OLEMS [here](#).

Payment	Scout & Venturer Active	Scout & Venturer Active + Post Tour	Venturer Scout (JST) & Supporting Adult	Venturer Scout (JST) & Supporting Adult + Post Tour	Due Date
Deposit	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	19 February 2023
2nd Payment	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	1 April 2023
3rd Payment	\$750	\$1,200	\$750	\$1,200	1 June 2023
4th Payment	\$750	\$1,200	\$750	\$1,200	1 August 2023
5th Payment	\$750	\$1,235	\$95	\$535	1 October 2023
TOTAL	\$3,795	\$5,135	\$3,095	\$4,435	

## Withdrawing from NZJ2023-24

If your circumstances have changed and you need to withdraw from the Australian Contingent, please email us at [nzj2024@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2024@scouts.com.au)

Please note there are no refunds provided for withdrawals from the Contingent after 1 June 2023.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Having questions is a normal part of an experience like this, head over to our FAQ page to check us some of the questions that might be coming up regularly.

