

AJ2025

26th Australian Jamboree

International Newsletter



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Welcome to AJ2025

Welcome to the 26th Australian Jamboree - AJ2025! We are thrilled to have you join us for what promises to be an exciting, fun-filled, and adventurous experience.

You'll be making lifelong memories, learning new skills, and connecting with fellow Scouts from around the world right here in Maryborough, Queensland, Australia. Get ready for an unforgettable time!

Lisa Picking
International Commissioner of Australia

Marlene Haese
Manager - International AJ2025



AJ2025 Countdown

We're officially less than 70 days away from the 26th Australian Jamboree! the excitement is building, and we can't wait to welcome you to Maryborough for an unforgettable experience. Make sure you're preparing by:

Completing your WOSM Safe From Harm training.

Finalising your travel and packing plans.

Getting ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Stay tuned for more updates, and don't forget to keep counting down the days!

A Day in the life of a Patrol

Being part of a patrol means sharing responsibilities, collaborating, and making decisions together. Here's what a typical day might look like:

Morning: Start your day by preparing breakfast with your patrol in your Unit, then head out for your activities.

Activities: AJ2025 offers a wide range of activities and choices to discover by On-Site and Off-Site. Choose your activities using an app that allows you to customise your Jamboree experience. Each day there will be a range of options you will be able to select as a patrol to participate at each Activity Zone. Each patrol will go to all activity Zones, but may not do all the activities depending on their chosen rotation.

Evening: After a day of activities and making memories, you will return to camp for dinner, then head off to the Night Activities at the Mini Arena or Main Arena.

MEET THE TEAM

Get to know the friendly faces who are here to support you throughout your Jamboree adventure! Here is a snapshot of your international support team.

MARLENE HAESE

Manager - International

Favorite part of Jamboree: Watching Scouts having fun and meeting other new Scouts

Last International Event: 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Fun Fact: I have been to 6 International Jamborees plus 2 previous Australian Jamborees.



MAX MANSON

Assistant Manager - International

Favorite part of Jamboree: Meeting fellow Scouts from all over Australia and the World in the Mall.

Last International Event: 7th Roverway 2024 in Norway.

Fun Fact: I was the youngest Australian Contingent Leader for an International Event.

PHIL HARRISON

International Team Member

Favorite part of Jamboree: Meeting people, solving 'challenges'.

Last International Event: 43rd World Scout Conference in Cairo, Egypt 2024, 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Fun Fact: I have been to 10 Australian and 8 World Jamborees, plus a lot of other events.



ERNST M FELBERBAUER

International Team Member

Favorite part of Jamboree: Opening Ceremony.

Last International Event: 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Fun Fact: I only travel to Australia when there is an Australian Jamboree.



What to Expect at AJ2025

An Australian Jamboree is packed with adventure, creativity, and learning! You'll be camping in patrols, participating in a wide variety of activities from high-adrenaline outdoor challenges to hands-on workshops and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) experiences.

You'll also enjoy a visit to the Australia Zoo, where you can see some iconic Aussie animals like kangaroos, koalas, and crocodiles. Be ready for fun, learning, and making friends from across the globe!

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR BLUE CARD?

Everyone attending AJ2025 who is over the age of eighteen, will need to apply and hold a Blue Card. Blue Cards are Queensland's government enforced certificate to be able to work and volunteer with children/minors.

The application process has a number of stages to it and for that reason, we recommend starting your application for your Blue Card as soon as possible.

[Click here for a detailed step by step guide to apply for your Blue Card.](#)

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International Stalls

We are excited to offer all international participants the opportunity to host an International Stall during the Jamboree. This is your chance to showcase your country's culture, traditions, and your National Scout Organization (NSO). Share your Favorite foods, games, music, and stories with fellow Scouts from around the world!

More information about how to sign up and participate will be shared in the first Contingent Leader (CL) update coming soon, so stay tuned!



Discover Maryborough

Location: Maryborough, Queensland is a historical town known for its heritage architecture, museums, and parks.

Climate: In January, expect hot summer weather with temperatures ranging from 30°C to 35°C and very humid, so make sure to stay hydrated and protect yourself from the sun.

Heritage: Maryborough was one of Queensland's primary ports during the 1800s and is famous for being the birthplace of P.L. Travers, the author of Mary Poppins. It is also home to one of the oldest Botanical Gardens in Australia.



AJ2025 MERCH

Pre-order your AJ2025 merch now and arrive smoothly into the Jamboree, looking sharp and ready for adventure! Merchandise will also be able to be purchased onsite at the shop.

International shipping is available for online orders and can be selected at checkout. However, to ensure you receive your items before the event, we recommend selecting **Click & Collect** and picking up your order at AJ2025.

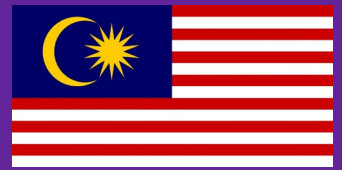
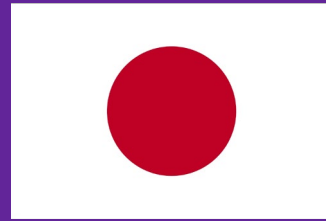
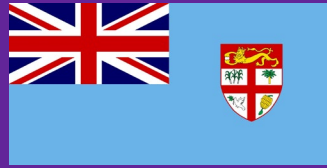
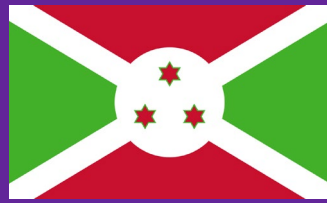
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Epping VIC 3076
Australia

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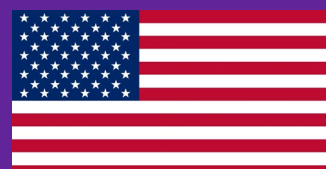
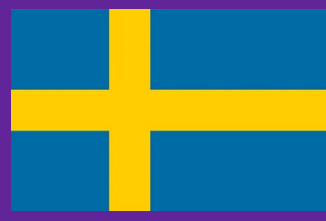
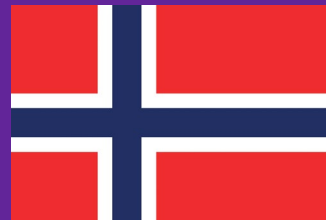
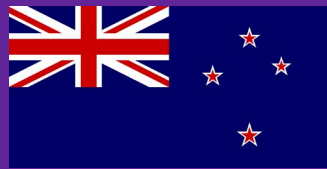
[Checkout all the merch and pre-order now.](#)





International Contingents

One of the most exciting parts of the Australian Jamboree is the chance to meet Scouts from all over the world! We're thrilled to welcome participants from all of these different nations, making this a truly global event. You'll have the opportunity to make new friends, learn about different cultures, and share your Scouting experiences with people from across the globe.





Jamboree Expectations: Keeping Safe and Having Fun

As we welcome participants from all over the world, it is important to follow some key guidelines:

Child Safety: We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for everyone. All 18+ ensure you've completed the WOSM Safe From Harm training before attending!

Dress Code: Closed-in shoes and sun-safe shirts and broad brimmed hats are required at all times. This helps keep you safe and comfortable during all activities.

Behaviour: English is the primary language of the Jamboree, and we ask that everyone speaks respectfully and appropriately. Our phone policy allows personal devices for translation, so feel free to use them for communication support if needed.

AUSSIE SLANG

As you prepare for your adventure in Australia, get ready to hear some unique and fun phrases! Aussies love their slang, so here's a quick guide to help you understand some of the common phrases you might hear during your time at the Jamboree:

G'day – A friendly way of saying “Hello!”

Mate – A term for friend or companion, used frequently in place of “buddy.”

Arvo – Short for “afternoon.” Example: “Let's meet up this arvo.”

No worries – Equivalent to “no problem” or “it's okay.”

Bathers/Togs – Swimwear. Example: “Don't forget your togs for the water activities!”

Sunnies – Sunglasses.

Thongs – Flip-flops (not what you're thinking!).

Servo – A gas station or petrol station. Example: “We stopped at the servo for snacks.”

She'll be right – Everything will be fine.

Maccas – McDonald's. Example: “Want to grab brekkie at Maccas?”

With these phrases in mind, you'll be chatting like a local in no time!





Spotlight on Aussie Animals

Get ready to meet some of Australia's most famous animals during your visit to Australia Zoo! Keep an eye out for:

Kangaroos: Iconic Australian marsupials known for their powerful legs and jumping ability.

Koalas: Cute and cuddly tree-dwellers who sleep up to 20 hours a day.

Crocodiles: Australia's top predators – you will learn all about them up close!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Unit Leader Communication: If you haven't yet heard from your Unit Leader, don't worry - they will be in touch soon! Your unit leader will be your main point of contact for all general Jamboree questions, if you have not heard anything, ask us, we will assist you in getting in contact with your Unit.

Medical & Dietary Information: Make sure to submit your medical and dietary information in OLEMS before arrival! This is to ensure that YOU have the best experience.

Language and Phone Policy: Our official language is English, and we expect respectful and appropriate language at all times. You are welcome to use personal devices for translation if needed.