



# VICTORIAN CONTINGENT

## PARENTS RESOURCE BOOK



**25<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE**

*The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend, South  
Australia*

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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## **THE JAMBOREE EXPERIENCE**

A Jamboree is a unique experience for both youth and adults alike. It is an event remembered for a lifetime and is often considered the ultimate Scouting experience.

The Jamboree is one of the greatest examples of Scouting's ability to encourage and promote teamwork, participation, fun, understanding and new challenges. Nothing else we do in Scouting showcases our principles and method better than a Jamboree.

It is via a Jamboree that our youth extend their knowledge of themselves through involvement in an extensive range of challenging activities. Leaders who attend a Jamboree understand that their primary responsibility is looking after the well-being of our youth members.

Experience shows that lifelong friendships develop amongst Scouts and Leaders as a result of attending Jamborees and whilst it is impossible to fully explain why it occurs, it is this that makes a Jamboree truly the ultimate Scouting event.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Jamboree Dates**

AJ2019 will run from Friday 4th January until Sunday 13th January 2019.

Members of the Victorian Contingent will depart Victoria on Thursday 3rd January travel overnight and move in to their Jamboree Troop sites on Friday 4th January 2019. The Contingent will depart the Jamboree site late on Sunday 13th January after the closing ceremony and arrive at the 'drop-off point' on Monday 14th January 2019., tied but happy ☺.

- Jan 4th – Opening Ceremony
- Jan 5th to 11th – Activities
- Jan 12th – Market Day (Exact details TBA)
- Jan 13th – Half day of activities, site pack up and closing ceremony, get on the bus and head home!!

### **The Jamboree Site**

The 25th Australian Scout Jamboree (AJ2019) will be held at 'The Bend Motorsport Park' in Tailem Bend, South Australia. This site is approximately 9 km outside of Tailem Bend on the Dukes Highway, and approximately 100 km from Adelaide.

All of the infrastructure and services will be in place for the 10,000+ Scouts and Leaders attending to ensure that they have a successful and fun Jamboree.

### **Climatic Conditions**

Tailem Bend in January is known for its hot weather, in January of 2018 there were 5 days above 40°C, with the monthly mean maximum of 31°C. The overnight lows for January 2018 were a mean of 15°C with one night below 10°C.

At all times, all Jamboree participants must remember to Slip, Slop, Slap and Slide by wearing a high protection sunscreen, hat and shirt at all times and we also suggest sunglasses.

As noted above in the evening, Tailem Bend can become fairly chilly. Although temperatures are unlikely to drop to significant lows, the change from the heat of the day can make the evenings feel cooler than they often are. It is advisable therefore to ensure you have adequate clothing to accommodate hot days and cool nights is packed by all attending.

### **Banking**

ATMs will be available at the Jamboree site. The provider is to be confirmed. Full banking facilities will be available in the Tailem Bend township; however, scouts will not be able to leave site to access this service.

### **Postal Services**

Post boxes will be available in the Mall for outgoing mail. Stamps will be available for sale. Incoming mail will be distributed via Sub Camps. Mail should be addressed:

*Recipient full name*

*Recipient Troop Number*

*25th Australian Jamboree, The Bend Motorsport Park*

*PO Box 40*

*TAILEM BEND SA 5260*

### **Contingent Issued Gear**

All members of the Victorian Contingent will receive the following Victorian Contingent items: a 100-litre roller bag with telescopic handle, Contingent Shirt, 2 Contingent Badges, 2 luggage tags, 1 backpack, 1 drink bottle, 1 lunch bag.

The National Jamboree items include an AJ2019 National T Shirt, Scarf, Hat, and Badge.

### **The Jamboree Troop**

The Victorian Troop size in most cases will be 36 Scouts (6 patrols of 6 members) and 4 adult Leaders. There will be no service or activity Leaders allocated to a Troop for accommodation purposes. These Leaders will be accommodated in a special Leaders sub-camp.

Troop camp sites will be approximately 20m x 30m. Water taps and Sullage pits will be located at the intersections of every 6 Troop sites with two taps per sullage point.

Sleeping Arrangements shall be in accordance with the policies of the Victorian Branch, the Victorian Contingent policy regarding sleeping accommodation at the Jamboree is:

- Separate tents must be provided for and used by youth members and adults
- All sleeping tents should have adequate space to allow the occupants to stand fully upright and internally store only personal property and possessions
- All tents must have ventilation adequate for the weather conditions
- Sleeping tents must not be used to store food or other such items
- All members of a patrol will be accommodated within a designated area although separate male and female tents must be provided for each mixed gender patrol

### **Absences from Camp Approval**

Scouts and Leaders may need to leave the camp during the Jamboree for a number of

personal reasons. In these special circumstances, Scouts must have approval from the Victorian Contingent and the Jamboree Troop Leader (JTL). This approval will only be given with prior written authority from the Scout's parents/guardians. These arrangements must be made before the Jamboree by submission of the appropriate form. This form is available to download from the Parents Information page on the Victorian AJ2019 Website at:

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/events/scouts/australian-jamboree/parent-information/>

The JTL must know:

- where and with whom the Scout will be
- exactly when the Scout will be leaving and returning to the Troop
- a contact telephone number during the period of absence.

### **Troop Funds**

If Troops intend to organise a kitty to fund additional replacement items such as batteries etc. contributions from Troop members must be kept to a minimum amount so as not to place further financial burden on families.

### **Badge Swapping**

This is an important Scouting tradition, promoting interaction between members of different Contingents and expanding Scouts' knowledge of the breadth of Scouting.

### **Market Day**

During the Jamboree, an event called 'Market Day' takes place, where Sub Camps will have areas for Troops to set up their stalls and be given specific times to peddle their wares. During this day, each Jamboree Troop is asked to organise an activity for other Troops and visitors to enjoy – the activity should be fun and designed to amass "Jamboree Cash". The equipment for the activity needs to be simple and easy to transport to the Jamboree, and you will need to bring it with your Troop gear.

Market day is also visitor day. This is the only day that family can visit the site. If you want to visit your scout you will need to apply in advance details are not yet available, however, they will appear on the AJ2019 site at:

<https://www.aj2019.com.au/activities/visitors-day/>

### **Religious Observation**

This starts with the Scout Promise and is reinforced with grace at meals and prayer. Make sure that dignity is maintained at these times. Every effort should be made to identify those who wish to take part in the observance of their own religious beliefs. Care should be taken to ensure that all Scouts are given the opportunity to attend services if they wish.

Religious Services for all denominations may be organised along with a Thanksgiving Service for the whole Jamboree.

Religious observances for all scouting members will be facilitated according to the various religious requirements. For information regarding services/observances the scouts can contact their Sub Camp Headquarters once at the Jamboree. Further information can be found at the AJ2019 Welfare "Drop In Zone" during Jamboree.

## **Eating Sensibly at the Jamboree**

There will be sufficient food provided at the Jamboree. It will be possible to gain extra rations if necessary from the Sub Camps QM if your Troop should be running short of food. While Jamboree food has been carefully selected to give a proper nutritional balance, there is sometimes a tendency for Scouts to eat junk food and skip meals. Jamboree Troop Leaders do monitor this situation and advise Scouts accordingly. A lot of energy is used at Jamboree so regular, nutritional meals are prepared to help our Scouts get through the day. A normal day's nutrition covers breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and supper, and will include fruit and vegetables, cereals and carbs, meat and eggs, and plenty of water and other fluid. It would be helpful to talk before the jamboree with your scout about the need for good nutrition and that they should follow the guidance of their leaders

## **Kitchen Hygiene**

Strict cleanliness should be paramount especially in the kitchen, food storage and dining area. Needless to say, those involved in the preparation and serving of food should frequently wash and rinse their hands in hot water with soap and use a sanitizing solution as well.

## **Rubbish Disposal & Recycling**

Separate rubbish and recycling wheelie bins will be located throughout the Sub Camps. These will be exchanged daily for clean bins.

## **ACTIVITY PROGRAM**

The Activity Program will run from Saturday Jan 5th until Friday Jan 11th, Market Day will be Saturday Jan 12th and there will be a half day of activities followed by Troop pack-up and closing ceremony on Sunday 13th.

### **The Scouts will do A LOT at a Jamboree but some highlights will include**

- Evening entertainment on the main stage every night. Here they will get fireworks, laser lights, music concerts and some big-name talent performing just for them.
- Allawah Mall - An Action-packed mall space that will be open pretty much all day every day (except after lights out of course).

### **3 huge days of offsite activities including**

- Woodhouse Activity Centre - An overnight camp (Yep, a camp in a camp) at South Australia's renowned Woodhouse Activity centre in the Adelaide Hills.
- Wet 'N Windy - A full on day of water activities.
- Metro Mania - A visit to the Adelaide city finishing in either Glenelg or Port Adelaide.

View Off Site Activities at the link below:

<https://www.aj2019.com.au/activities/off-site/>

## **Onsite activities will include (But certainly are not limited too)**

- **Shooting Range** - Rifles, Archery, Firearm Safety, Demonstrations.
- **Trades Experience** - Woodwork, Plumbing, Gardening, Hair and Beauty, Toy Making.
- **Technology Discovery** - Demonstrations, Presentations, Hands-on Experiences, Drone School, Programming, JOTA\JOTI.
- **Adventurous Activities** - Rock climbing, Abseiling, Obstacle courses, Mountain bikes, Crate stacking, Land Yachts.
- **Heaps more including** - Beach Volleyball, Water Obstacle Course, Performing Arts, Arts and Crafts, Movies Theatres, Board Games, Team Building, Problem Solving, Escape Rooms, an Internet Café, the list goes on.

View Onsite Activities at the link below:

<https://www.aj2019.com.au/activities/on-site/>

## **Extra Cost Activities.**

### **Gliding**

AJ2019 is offering a 20-minute flights in a 2-seater motorised glider.

The pilot will handle the take-off and landing, but the scouts will have the opportunity during the flight to fly it themselves! With the airfield onsite, they will see the Jamboree site and surrounding areas.

### **Full Throttle**

AJ2019 is offering laps of a real racetrack in a real Race car.

The scouts will have an opportunity at "The Bend" during the Jamboree to get on track as a passenger with a team of highly experienced drivers.

All the drivers are CAMS licenced and many have championship trophies to prove how quick they are.

### **Details for both these activities at:**

<https://www.aj2019.com.au/activities/extra-experience/>

YOU MUST APPLY IN ADVANCE OF THE JAMBOREE.

## **WELFARE**

### **Hydration**

Because of the combination of heat, sun and activity, it is imperative that everyone drink ample fluids on a regular basis each day. Dehydration can strike suddenly and viciously – both youth and adult alike.

It is recommended that every person drink at least 2 - 3 litres per day – but not soft drink, fizzy carbonated drinks should be kept to a minimum. Water, possibly with some Tang added or electrolyte drinks, fruit juices and hot/cold tea, coffee or Milo are better alternatives.

Even milk drinks should be approached with caution as milk and lots of activity in the heat



can have sickening results with some people. Carrying a water bottle with you around the site is also an excellent idea.

### **Slip, Slop Slap and Slide**

With the hot climate and amount of sunshine expected during the SA summer in January, it is absolutely vital that every member of the Contingent is "sun smart". Therefore, a wide brimmed hat should be worn at all times when outside as well as long sleeved shirts and 15+ or 30+ block out sunscreen should be used on the face, neck, ears and other exposed areas. Also consider wearing sunglasses.

### **Stings and Bites**

There is a risk of mosquito bites at the site. Preventative measures by Scouts and Leaders to be undertaken include the use of roll-on insect repellents (do not take pressure packs). It is recommended that "Rid" or "Tropical Strength Aerogard" repellents be used and that full cover-up clothing be worn at dusk and onwards during the evening.

### **Washing and Showers**

Sometimes, in the excitement of being away from home and from regular routines – like bathing every day - Troop members can forget to shower and clean their teeth. Hard to imagine but, yes, it does happen. Leaders in the Troop will supervise this and encourage Scouts to adopt a regular washing and hygiene routine while at Jamboree. This will be continuously checked and enforced for the entire Jamboree period. Your help in ensuring your Scout understands the importance of personal hygiene will make it easier for the Leaders and your Scout's Patrol and tent-mates. No- one likes to be around a stinky Scout.

### **Clothes Washing**

This should be encouraged on a daily basis to avoid being caught out by wet weather or clothes going mouldy in the heat. The leaders will help the Scouts (especially the younger ones) with their washing. Explain to your scout why and show how it needs to be done. Regular Troop washing sessions with plenty of hot water and washing powder readily available are useful inducements. Ample clothes lines and pegs should be provided in the Troop Lines. Given the time that the scouts will be away they will need to wash clothing.

### **First Aid Kits**

Each Sub Camp will have a full time First Aid Post (FAP) staffed by qualified personnel. Any illness, incident or emergency situation should be referred to the medical staff. Minor injuries should be treated in the Troop and Scouts should be encouraged not to go to the First Aid Post for Band-aids, etc. Therefore, each Troop should have a First Aid Kit readily available at all times.

### **Personal Medications**

Leaders will not administer any medications without the specific written permission and instructions from parents/guardians.

Anybody bringing personal medication to the Jamboree must make sure that there are clearly written instructions about when and how it is to be used included with the

medication.

Youth members should give all medications, with the appropriate written instructions, to the Jamboree Troop Leader. Any medication taken to the Jamboree should be carried in the Scouts hand luggage while travelling.

## **PERSONAL GEAR**

### **Gear List:**

The following list has been drawn up to help you prepare for your time at the Jamboree. The Personal Gear List is for both youth members and adults.

### **General Clothing Items**

- 1 Uniform Pants / Shorts / Sox
- 1 Spare Pullover (warm, woollen)
- 3 Pairs of Shorts
- 5 Tee Shirts (collar style recommended), NOTE: No Singlet Tops, these are not Sun Smart.
- 1 Swimming Costume
- 1 Bathing Cap (optional)
- 5 Changes of Underwear (minimum)
- 2 Pairs of Pyjamas/Sleepwear
- 5 Pairs of socks
- 6 Handkerchiefs or 1 Box of Tissues
- 2 Pairs of Long Trousers, Jeans or Track Suit Pants
- 2 or 3 Pairs of Track Shoes or Joggers (including one old pair for water activities)
- 1 Spare Pillow Case
- 1 Wide Brimmed, Soft, Floppy Hat (supplied by National Jamboree)
- *Thongs will not be permitted.*

*Jamborees are big scout camps, and the bigger the camp the more wear and tear on clothing. We suggest that you not send any designer label clothing – your scout is highly likely to get wet and muddy and even has a slight chance of staying dry and clean.*

### **Bedding**

- 1 Small Pillow (Backpacker's style) with pillow case.
- 1 Sleeping Bag and Blanket if required, 1 Inner Sheet (recommended).
- 1 Air Bed (not plastic) or Sleeping Mat, Camp Stretchers are not permitted unless they can fit inside your case/bag with your clothes. (The use or otherwise of Camp Stretchers can be discussed directly with JTL).

### **Eating Utensils**

- 1 Mess Bag (300 mm x 380 mm with a 20mm loop on an outside top corner)
- 1 Unbreakable Plate (shallow)

- 1 Unbreakable Plate (deep)
- 1 Unbreakable Cereal / Sweets Bowl
- 1 Knife, Fork, Spoon and Teaspoon
- 1 Unbreakable Mug
- 2 Tea Towels (Do not expect them to return!!)

### **Toiletries**

- 1 Face Washer
- 2 Towels (for showers and the beach) (Look are larger size Micro Fibre towel for showering, they dry quickly)
- 1 Toilet Bag containing:
  - Soap in a container
  - Toothbrush in a container and Toothpaste
  - Comb and/or Brush
  - Nail File/Scissors
  - Roll-on Deodorant (no aerosols permitted)
- Unbreakable Mirror
- Shaving Gear (if necessary)
- Cosmetics (if necessary)
- Sanitary Napkins (if necessary)

### **Wet Weather Gear**

- 1 Raincoat, Japara Jacket or Poncho

### **Miscellaneous**

- 1 Travel Bag (Contingent Supplied)
- 1 Day Pack for hand luggage (Contingent Supplied)
- 1 Pair of Reef Style Sandals (for showering)
- 1 Repair/Sewing Kit
- 1 Air Mattress Repair Kit
- 1 Writing Set, including Stamps
- 1 Large Insect Repellent Cream (no aerosols permitted)
- 1 Bottle Sunscreen, Lip Salve (15+) 1 Pair Sunglasses
- 1 Camera (optional)
- 3 Large, strong and clear Plastic Bags (for soiled or wet clothes or shoes)
- 1 Pegless Clothesline
- 1 Small Bag to store valuables in Troop Security Box (e.g. 300 mm x 300 mm, zippered top with name on the outside)
- 1 Bar of Laundry Soap (optional Washing Powder or Liquid for laundry – in secure

container)

- Small Torch and Batteries
- Clothes Hangers (optional)
- Swap Badges Camp Shirt (optional)
- Small Personal Radio OPTIONAL (The JOC is planning to operate a Jamboree Radio Station).

### **Pocket Money:**

Youth members to discuss the amount with their JTL.

### **Travel Bags:**

All items must be carried in the supplied Contingent roller bag.

### **Personal Luggage Limitations:**

For safety reasons, flammable liquids and other dangerous goods must not be carried in your luggage. Prohibited goods include matches, lighters, any aerosol, methylated spirits, paints, gun powder and some cleaning agents. Because of the safety risks and potential security problems, it is strongly recommended that such items as cellular telephones, portable music players and electronic games are not taken to the Jamboree. This especially applies to youth members.

### **Pocket Knives:**

Leaders are permitted to take a pocket knife to the Jamboree if they wish. However, sheath knives or machetes, etc. are not allowed to be taken. Pocket knives should not have a blade exceeding 60 millimetres in length. Leaders must pack their pocket knife into their main luggage bag and cannot, under any circumstances, carry a pocket knife with them at any time whilst travelling to/from or at the Jamboree. Under no circumstances are youth members allowed a knife of any description at the Jamboree.

### **Mobile Phones and electronic equipment:**

It is strongly recommended that mobile phones and electronic equipment are not brought to the Jamboree. Not only is there a high risk of these items being lost or damaged, there will be no available power outlets for recharging batteries. Past experience has shown that Scouts are happy to access the telephone facilities on site using a pre-paid phone card or similar facility offered by major phone service providers. To find out more about these services, please contact your preferred services provider. Mums and dads should not be too disappointed if they do not get a call from their scout, after all they are likely to be having too much fun to call home.

### **Dress Code:**

All Victorian Contingent Members travelling to the Jamboree will be required to wear the Victorian Contingent T shirt and Jamboree Scarf (if available). At the Opening and Closing ceremonies everyone will wear their normal Scout uniform with Jamboree Scarf. When we go off-site we go as Jamboree ambassadors – Jamboree hat, shirt and scarf. At all other

times –you dress Sun smart ... hat, sunscreen, etc, but otherwise it's up to you.

## INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

### Independent Travelers to AJ2019.

All members of the Victorian Contingent (both Leaders and Youth Members) travelling to the Jamboree independently arriving on Friday 4th January 2019 will be required to register off-site at the Viccon Booking in area, which will be located at Recreational Oval corner of Granites Road, and Second Avenue in Taillem Bend.

**Time to Arrive:** Independent Travellers are to arrive at AJ2019 on **FRIDAY** 4th January 2019, between **6:00 am & 7:00 am**, do not come early as there will be no one there to register you and you will not be able to get on site.

Look for the Victorian Contingent flags/gazebo or other signs.

Independent Travellers will be registered and given their ID tags. Viccon will handed over the scouts to their JTL and Jamboree Troop as they will also be at the Recreational Oval and they shall then travel to the AJ2019 site on the bus with the rest of their AJ Troop.

Venturers, Leaders and other Adults will be free to find their own way or may be also transported by one of the Troop buses.

**Viccon will not be transporting any gear from the car park to Troop Sites.**

### Independent Travelers from AJ2019

At the conclusion of the Jamboree All Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders departing independently must report to the Victorian Contingent Headquarters Immediately after the Closing Ceremony with their luggage prior to the departure of the Contingent buses from the Jamboree site.

Independent travellers will be advised of times and location for pick up prior to the Jamboree commencement.

All youth members travelling independently from the Jamboree must submit a 'Release Form'.

The 'Release Form', this form is available to download from the Parents Information page on the Victorian AJ2019 Website at:

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/events/scouts/australian-jamboree/parent-information/>

This form must be completed, signed by both parents / guardians as appropriate and returned to the AJ2019 Victorian Contingent Administration, 152 Forster Road Mount Waverley Vic. 3149. The completed Release Form must be received before 10th December 2018.



The 'Release Form' will require a photocopy of the driving licence or if no driving licence an identification card bearing a legible photo and signature of the person picking up the youth member.

## **CONTACT WITH PARENTS / GUARDIANS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION**

In the event of an emergency, the Victorian Contingent Headquarters or JTL will contact parents/guardians or families if this should be necessary. This will apply to all contacts resulting from incidents while Contingent members are in transit or at the Jamboree.

The Contingent Leader is responsible for making calls in these circumstances because they will decide when sufficient detail and facts are known to be able to justify the contact. Our aim is not to scare or mislead parents/guardians or families.

Therefore, please stress to the Scouts in your Jamboree Troop that they must report any sickness or accident to one of their Leaders and should not call home. This is particularly important in the case of off-site activities.

### **Emergency Messages**

As you can appreciate, it will be difficult for messages from home to be given to Scouts and Leaders at the Jamboree campsite. Parents/guardians and families should understand that all emergency messages from home should be directed to the Victorian Contingent Headquarters.

The following telephone number will be available for external queries or enquiries for the Jamboree, in the immediate days preceding and during the event: - 08) 7534 6000

Every effort will be made to communicate emergency messages to Scouts and Leaders, it will be of great assistance if anyone likely to want to contact a Scout or Leader in an emergency is aware of the appropriate Sub Camp, Troop number or job (for Activities Service Leaders).

Messages of a general nature cannot be handled by the Contingent Headquarters staff or the Jamboree Administration Headquarters.

In these cases, Scouts and Leaders should have access to public telephones in every Sub Camp (we are awaiting confirmation of details) from which to make contact with people at home. Suitable times should be arranged as necessary before leaving for the Jamboree.

### **HOMESICKNESS**

Even the veteran leaders on site will get a little homesick at some point during the jamboree – usually missing the comfort of their own bed. Your scout may experience homesickness as well. The leaders will be watching out signs of homesickness so that they can help your scout have the best possible jamboree. You can help by not reminding your scout about how great it is at home and encouraging them to stick with the experience. If you get a call from your scout try to focus on the fun experiences that they are having, they will have time after the jamboree to hear all about what you did whilst they were away.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

A Jamboree can be a wonderful life experience for Scouts and Leaders, as well as for parents / guardians and the families of a Scout. As such, it is imperative that Scouts are prepared for and supported for an event of this size and influence. Your local Scout Leader, Jamboree Troop Leader and Contingent Team will provide the Scouting knowledge, camping environment and preparation for the Jamboree, but it is up to you to support your Scout's attendance in a positive manner through encouragement, and to be a part of the sharing of the experience from the start - when the decision is made to apply to attend – and right through to the months following the event. The 25th Australian Jamboree will be the most rewarding experience the Scouting movement can provide for your Scout, and the memories will last their lifetime.

