

# NSW Contingent Newsletter



## About our Logo:

- An abstract top view of the NSW State Flower, the Waratah.
- Suggests the excitement of a group coming together and celebration.
- Has links to Aboriginal culture

## With three months to go, things are hotting up!

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter from the NSW Contingent to AJ2016. With just over three months to go until the Opening Ceremony, I am pleased to be able to tell you that preparations are *well in hand* within the Contingent, Sub Camps and Activities.

A Jamboree requires many Leaders to assist with services and functions to run such a huge event, and I know that the Leaders involved in these other areas are also spending many hours to get

everything ready for you!

If you have any questions about your preparations for the Jamboree, please refer to our Contingent Website or contact your Region Liaison Leader.

Please keep our Newsletters handy as a good reference.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Jamboree!

*Randall*  
NSW Contingent Leader

## Some facts:

### NSW Contingent:

- Number of Scouts: 2,502
- Number of Venturers: 105
- Number of Rovers: 110
- Number of Leaders: 747
- 74 Troops across Three Subcamps
- 1 Venturer Subcamp
- 1 Service Leader Subcamp

### International Scouts:

- 15 Troops are hosting Scouts from other countries
- Scouts NSW will be hosting Scouts from: New Caledonia, Sri Lanka, Germany, UK, Japan, Timor-Leste and Bangladesh.

## Contingent Newsletters:

Each Contingent Newsletter you receive contains important information about the Jamboree. This information is for you *and* your family, so please read them carefully and pass them around.

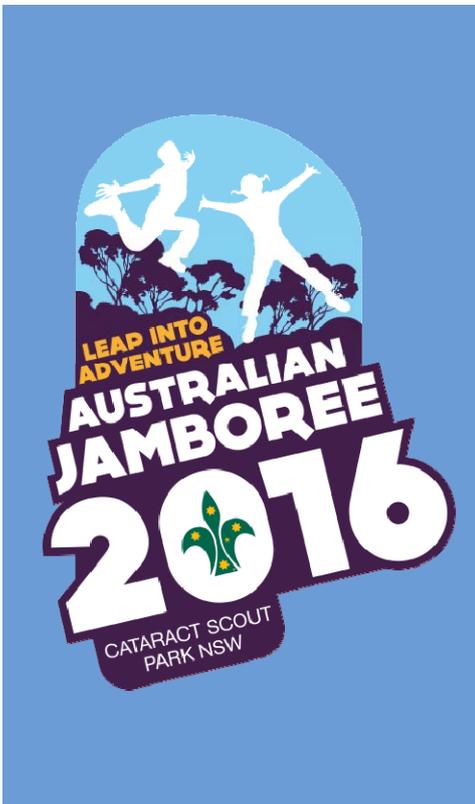
Our Newsletters are being emailed to all members of the Contingent using the email address recorded on their Jamboree application.

We will also be putting a copy of each Newsletter on our [www.PatrolTent.com](http://www.PatrolTent.com) website in the AJ2016 area, for your reference.

While we are at the Jamboree we will be placing a lot of photos on various social media sites for everyone to see just what fun the Scouts are having at Jamboree!

You will be able to follow us on: Twitter, DailyBlog, Facebook, Instagram and Imgue.





## Preparing for Troop Life at AJ2016:

Each Scout at the Jamboree is a member of one of our 74 Jamboree Troops. Included in the Troop are five Leaders taking on the formal roles of Jamboree Troop Leader, Quartermaster, Activities Leader and Welfare Leader. The fifth Leader will usually be assigned to help with Welfare or Activities as their main role.

Before the Jamboree each Jamboree Troop is required to hold at least one 'shakedown camp'. The concept of the shakedown camp is to test out the suitability and readiness of the gear that is being assembled for the Troop.

A secondary role is to bring the Patrol together so they can get to know a little bit about each other. Often Jamboree Patrols are mixed Patrols from home Troops, other Troops within the District or Region.

A number of Troops have already had their shakedown camp and have scheduled regular get-togethers for their Patrols. What a great way to get ready for the Jamboree!

Usually shakedown camps are completed by the middle of October to enable all those last minute repairs, purchases and plans to be completed, rechecked and ready for packing and the journey to the Jamboree site.

Having Jamboree Troop social nights is another excellent idea to enable Leaders and Parents to meet, talk and get to know each other as well as the Scouts in the Troop. Make sure there is time to get 2 or 3 of these in!

Are you ready to

**Leap into Adventure!**

## Personal Information:

Your Jamboree application contains a lot of information about your individual needs, and contact details. Between now and the Jamboree we need you to keep this information up-to-date.

The following is a list of *vital* information we do need you to focus on and keep up-to-date at all times please:

- **Next of Kin** names and contact information
- **Medical** details, especially as they change

Medical services are available within the Jamboree Medical Referral Centre. More serious medical needs will be referred to a local hospital.

If you normally take a medication at home – *you need to continue to take the medication while at AJ2016!* A Jamboree is not the best place to have a medication holiday!

Follow this link and sign on to your application to review and update your personal information:

[AJ2016.patroltent.com](http://AJ2016.patroltent.com)

Your Jamboree application number is our key reference and needs to be included with any email or correspondence with the NSW Contingent.



## Preparing your Scout for Troop Life:

Parents – you can help to prepare your Scout for the Jamboree by letting them help with:

- Washing and hanging out clothes
- Keeping their own belongings together
- Getting the dinner table ready for the family
- Preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner for the family
- Cooking breakfast, lunch and dinner for the family
- Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to the family
- Washing and drying dishes...and putting them away

Encourage them to help you with supermarket shopping, and explain your choices. Help them to use additional patience with siblings.

## Key Dates you need to know:

- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** : Troop gear delivery, bulk merchandise pickup
- **November** – late : pre-ordered merchandise will be available in your Region
- **January 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>** : Depart for AJ2016
- **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** : Arrive at AJ2016
- **January 9<sup>th</sup>** / Super Saturday
  - Market Day -
  - Future Scout Day
  - Visitors Day
- **January 14<sup>th</sup>** : Depart AJ2016 for home
- **January 16<sup>th</sup>** : Troop gear collection day

## Preparing for Service Leader Life at AJ2016:

All Leaders at Jamboree who are not allocated a Line Leader role are called 'Service Leaders'. This is the fantastic team who help run all aspects of the Jamboree except the line roles. Some of these Leaders have been working on the event since early 2014, others have joined teams along the way, and there will be hundreds arriving on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 'ready to go'.

Service Leaders include (currently) 105 of our States' Venturers, 110 Rovers and approximately 360 Leaders and other Adult Members of Scouts Australia NSW.

Some Service Leaders already know their role at the Jamboree. Those who do not will be advised of their role during October, November at the latest.

Service Leaders will generally be accommodated in either the Venturer Sub Camp or Service Leader Subcamp, and eating in central dining facilities. Unless you have been specifically advised, you will be sleeping in tents which you need to bring yourself. Shared (single gender) tents are an option if that suits you.

Your tent (and optional chair of course) should be brought to Cataract on the Troop Gear day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. Venturer Service Leader gear will be stored and locked in a building on the Venturer Subcamp, other Service Leader gear will be stored and locked in a building on Site 9. Access to these buildings to store your gear will be between 7.00am and 3.00pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NSW will have Contingent Welfare Leaders assigned to the Venturer Service Leader Subcamp and the Service Leader SubCamp. They will be in touch with you before the Jamboree to check on any special needs you have noted on your Jamboree Application, and to generally say 'hello'. Your Welfare Leaders will be sleeping in the same Subcamps as you.

## Avoiding dehydration:

It is so important to remain well hydrated while you are at Jamboree. Think about it: it is the middle of summer, you're in a sunny, warm, sheltered NSW environment, and you'll be busy all day, every day. The easiest way to avoid dehydration and heatstroke is to drink, drink, drink.

### Parents:

*Please discuss this with your Scout.*

The body's initial responses to dehydration are thirst (which encourages water intake) and decreased urine output (which conserves water loss). As dehydration progresses the urine will become concentrated and more yellow in colour. As water loss increases more symptoms develop e.g. dry mouth, dry eyes, reduced or absent sweating, muscle cramps, nausea and vomiting, heart palpitations, light-headedness (especially when standing), weakness, and decreased urine output.

Dehydration and heatstroke are not fun. Not even a bit. So ... drink, drink, drink, until you can drink no more.



## Leaders arriving early:

Nominated Leaders are being asked either by their **Jamboree Director** or a **NSW Contingent Director** to arrive early to help with the final setup of the Jamboree.

If you have been specifically asked, then there are three things that apply to you:

1. You are making your own way to and from AJ2016 at your own cost
2. You will be catered for from lunch time on the day you are scheduled to arrive
3. When you arrive, you are required to check in with the NSW Contingent Admin Team

Please do not arrive early unless you have been asked to by a Director. Catering will not be available to you until your scheduled arrival date and time.

## Scouts not arriving or departing with their Troop:

Scouts who have approved independent travel arrangements with the NSW Contingent *will be advised of arrangements in due course.*

Parents should note that there are **11,000** people coming into and leaving from the site over a 24 hour period and this involves a lot of coach movements on to, around, and off the site. The entire site will be restricted to Coach and foot traffic only during these times.

Arrival and departure times for independent travellers will be limited to strict times to ensure the safety of the other 10,999 Scouts on-site.



Dear Diary

### Venturers, Rovers, Leaders:

While at the Jamboree you are entitled to two rostered days off!

The means:

- two days away from Scouts
- not thinking too much about the Jamboree
- going off-site, all day

Coaches will be available to take you to Campbelltown (and possibly Wollongong) where you can start your relaxing day off. Tours are also available with more details on the AJ2016 site in due course.



## Souvenirs / Merchandise:

All members of the NSW Contingent (*with some Leader exceptions*) will be provided with the following as part of joining the NSW Contingent:

- NSW 90 Ltr Travel Bag – all your gear must fit in this bag
- NSW Contingent Day Pack – for daily use: lunch, drinks, medications...
- NSW Contingent Polo Shirt
- NSW Neckerchief – to keep you cool on the hot days
- NSW Contingent Sun Hat – *new item*
- Contingent Badges
- Troop Badges – if you are in a Jamboree Troop
- Service Leader Badges – if you are not in a Jamboree Troop

In addition, a selected range of souvenirs will be available from the NSW Contingent Shop. A small amount of cash to splash might be the go here – but you will need to be quick...!



All members of the NSW Contingent also receive an AJ2016 PoloShirt and Scarf.



## Further Information:

- NSW Contingent Website : [AJ2016.patroltent.com](http://AJ2016.patroltent.com)
- NSW Contingent Merchandise : [merchandise.patroltent.com](http://merchandise.patroltent.com)
- NSW Region Liaison Leader Contacts : [Click Here](#)
- Jamboree Application System : [applications.aj2016.com.au](http://applications.aj2016.com.au)



Yes Mum, I'll do my washing at