



Western Australian Contingent

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NEWSLETTER No 1

On behalf of the Western Australian Contingent to AJ 2010 – 22nd Australian Jamboree, I would like to take this opportunity to **WELCOME** you as a very valuable member of the WA Contingent.

Should this be the first Jamboree you have attended, then you are in for the most exciting time of your life and on the other hand, if you have been to more than one Jamboree, you know what fun they are!

I am Vern Casey (my scouting name is Rivashere) and I have been appointed the Contingent Leader for Western Australia for AJ 2010.

The Contingent team members that are joining me are experienced people who will help, support and guide you through AJ 2010 with all arrangements, flights, pocket money and welfare.

We estimate that between 700 to 800 Scouts and Leaders will make up our Contingent attending AJ 2010 and the overall total expected at AJ 2010 will be about 12,000 members from Australia and Overseas. Our Contingent will be the biggest to leave Western Australia for many years

The last Jamboree theme in Victoria was “**GET IN THE GAME**” and at AJ2010 at Cataract Scout Park in Sydney, it will be “**TEST YOUR LIMITS**” and with a theme name like this, it will be guaranteed that you will!

Scouts will be challenged; both in Patrols and individually to face new challenges and develop new skills based around their physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual development and the Scout Award Scheme.

WHEN IS IT?

AJ 2010 will open on the 4th January 2010 and will conclude on 14th January 2010

The Western Australian Contingent will move in about the 2nd and 3rd January 2010 and the expected move out day is the 15th January 2010.

JAMBOREE SITE – CATARACT SCOUT PARK

AJ 2010 will be held at Cataract Scout Park, which is approximately a one hour drive from Sydney airport and is located between Appin and Wollongong. Have a look at Google Earth and see if you can find it!

The site is undulating with lots of trees. It is a purpose built Jamboree site and has hosted many an Australian Jamboree and one World Jamboree. It has bitumen roads, ground cover and permanent infrastructure including ablution facilities.

The Jamboree site is huge and you will enjoy the early morning and late afternoon strolls to and from your Troop site! You may even find the shortest route to everything, if you are lucky!

Western Australia for the first time will be hosting our very own Sub Camp. It will be Sub Camp 3 (Orion), so make sure you look out for it! Some of you may be lucky enough to have your Troop site within Sub Camp 3.

The Cataract Scout Park Jamboree site includes all the Troop Sub Camp areas, a market place, arena and a wide range of activity sites and facilities. Visit the web site and have a look at what activities will be available.

The Jamboree will be divided into Sub Camps each with its own Headquarters and special name. Our Troops will be spread around these Sub Camps and this way you will get to meet Scouts from other States and overseas.

YOUR JAMBOREE SCOUT TROOP

Each Western Australian Troop will consist of 36 Scouts, 5 Line Leaders, plus 1 Service Leader as well. Scouts from the same home Troop will be kept together.

The Contingent Headquarters Team is responsible for forming the Jamboree Troops and allocating the Troop camping sites. You will be advised later what Troop you will be in and soon after that your Jamboree Troop Leader will be in touch with you to arrange a pre - Jamboree camp giving you and your Leaders an opportunity to meet.

At each Jamboree everyone has a job to perform. For Scouts you will be part of the daily "Duty Patrol" doing the cooking, dishes, fetching food and keeping your camp site clean. Leaders may have the job of Troop Leader, Quartermaster, Activities or Health and Welfare or one of many other jobs that need to get done.

JAMBOREE QUALIFICATIONS

SCOUT QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum qualifications for this Jamboree are: -

- Must be in the Scout Section.
- Must be an invested Scout and hold the Pioneer Badge before 30th September 2009.
- Any Scout who has not attained their 11th birth date will be subject to assessment.
- ·Have camped under canvas as a Scout, for ten (10) nights, at least three (3) of them to be consecutive. Camping with schools and family will not be considered.
- ·Must not have attained the age of 15 years before the 4th January 2010).
- Be considered by their parents/guardians and Scout Leader to be of both sufficient maturity and good behaviour to successfully participate in the Jamboree
- ·Must be recommended by their Scout Leader, Group Leader and District Commissioner and approved by the Contingent Leader.
- **Must** be able to handle 14 days away from home without mum and dad.
- Be able to sew torn clothes, buttons and badges.
- Be able to wash clothes under camp conditions by hand.
- It is recommended that you be immunized against Tetanus.

By qualifying in **all** of the above, you will be prepared to participate fully in AJ 2010

LEADERS QUALIFICATIONS

- * Must hold a Certificate of Adult Leadership or be non - warranted rank as at 30th September, 2009
- Must be in good health and it is recommended that you be immunized against Tetanus.
- Be competent in the same skill areas as Scouts.
- Attend AJ2010 with a current “Working with Children” card and sign the NSW Protective Employment Declaration form with the application.

LEADER SELECTION

The selection of Leaders to be on the Troop Line will be the responsibility of the Contingent Executive. Priority will be given to Scout Section Leaders for the Troop Line and wherever possible, **one** home Leader will be with their own Scouts, but this is dependent on numbers and the make up of the Troops. I will endeavor to do my best in this area to please everyone without any guarantees.

For all Leaders selected to attend AJ2010 there will be a **compulsory briefing weekend on 29th and 30th August 2009 at Manjedal**

LEADERS - KEEP THIS DATE FREE AS THIS IS A "COMPULSORY MEETING!"

There is no extra cost for this Leaders weekend. Further details regarding attendance times will be forwarded at a later date.

JAMBOREE FEES

Scouts \$1,950

Leaders \$1,450

Venturers \$1,490

The 1st payment of \$500.00 for Scouts, \$400.00 for Leaders/Venturers was payable by the 31st March 2009 and should have accompanied your Application Form. If you haven't paid a deposit, you need to do so **NOW**.

The 2nd payment for Scouts is \$500.00 and Leaders/Venturers \$400.00 due on 31st May 2009.

Please use 2nd Payment Sheet (attached) and **ensure your name and AJ2010 registration number is on it**, so it may be allocated correctly.

The 3rd payment for Scouts is \$500.00 and Leaders/Venturers \$350.00 due on 31st July 2009.

Please use 3rd Payment Sheet (attached) and **ensure your name and AJ2010 registration number is on it**, so it may be allocated correctly.

The final payment for Scouts is \$450.00, Leaders \$300.00 and Venturers \$340 is due on 31st August 2009. Please use Final Payment sheet (attached) and **ensure your name and AJ2010 registration number is on it**, so it may be allocated correctly.

Receipts will not be forwarded as you will be able to check online with your application under the STATUS tab. Any queries regarding payments then please contact me.

The last 3 pages in this newsletter are to be used when making payment of the outstanding amounts of the 2nd to final payment. Please remember to put your name on them.

If your Group is making the payments on your behalf, ensure that they provide names and AJ2010 registration numbers and appropriate amounts per person are entered, otherwise money cannot be allocated to Contingent members and the cheque/money will be returned unprocessed for correct clarification.

NOTE...NOTE...Please ensure your fees are paid on time to ensure you retain your place in the Jamboree. Any problems in this area then please discuss with me.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

Once we have received your letter of request to travel independently regarding travel arrangements, we will then respond to you with the fee.

REFUND POLICY

If after making application, you are unable to attend the Jamboree, you must advise Branch Headquarters in writing as soon as possible.

Withdrawal penalties: If the withdrawal is received prior to 31st August 2009 – Full refund applies

After 31st August 2009 - subject to a withdrawal fee of 20% of the FULL Contingent and travel fee

After 31st October 2009 - subject to a withdrawal fee of 40% of the FULL Contingent and travel fee

After 1st December 2009 - there will be NO REFUND of the Contingent and travel fee

(The withdrawal fees may be reduced to \$20.00 if a substitute application is received and accepted).

The Contingent reserves the right to refuse any application, in which case a full refund will be made.

You may view at anytime online the payments that you have made to the WA Contingent by logging on to your application form and select the “Status” tab.

CONTINGENT T/SHIRTS

Each member of the Contingent will be issued with one Contingent T/shirt complete with the Contingent badge. This is included in your Jamboree fee. Extra shirts can be ordered by filling out the attached form and returning it to Western Australian Contingent as soon as possible. The cost of additional T/shirt will be \$25.00 each.

Contingent members note! Please check that you have advised your T/shirt size on the online application form. Failure to do this will mean that you will be issued with a "medium" size T/Shirt.

POCKET MONEY

Pocket money will be limited to a maximum of \$100.00, as it will only be used for the odd confection line, drink or souvenir. Remember that everything is provided and that pocket money must be considered as "spare" money and not essential.

All Western Australian Contingent members will be able to have their pocket money looked after by the Contingent. This saves time waiting in a queue at banks or teller machines, as well as minimizing the amount of money that can be lost.

All pocket money is to be paid into Western Australian Contingent no later than 30th November 2009 for safe keeping. It will be available to Contingent members as from 5th January 2010 as and when required, provided Leaders are notified 24 hours in advance. The Troop Line Leaders monitor the pocket money system.

A form for lodgment of pocket money to Western Australian Contingent will be included in the next newsletter.

TRAVEL TO AJ 2010

All travel costs to and from the Jamboree are included in the fees as charged. All members, unless travelling independently, will travel with the Western Australian Contingent on scheduled flights with Qantas.

Leaders and youth members wishing to travel independently **MUST** make a request in writing to the Contingent Leader. Youth members may only travel independently with parents or legal guardians.

Leaders will not be permitted to travel independently with youth members, other than the Leaders own children. No other form of transport will be considered.

ADULT VISITORS – (MOST IMPORTANT)

Unlike past Jamborees, the 22nd Australian Jamboree **will not be open** to the public and as a result all persons wishing to visit must apply to enter the site. **All Scouters** who plan to wear their uniform must apply no later than 48 hours prior to their visit.

All non Scouters must **apply 5 days prior** to allow for the compulsory clearances to be obtained. Failure to apply will mean access will be denied. It is also important to note that all visitors must be off the site by 6pm unless prior approval to remain has been granted by the Jamboree Organising Committee.

The laws in NSW pertaining to youth protection are quite strict and need to be adhered to by all visiting State Contingents. Parents and Leaders need to understand that the above is a minimum requirement and I ask that you do **NOT** turn up to the site unless you have made arrangements to visit.

You may apply through the Western Australian Contingent and we will pass your itinerary along to the Jamboree Organising Committee on your behalf to expedite the ease of you visiting the site and your Scouts.

PERSONAL CAMPING GEAR

Following is a list of personal camping gear that you as a Scout or Leader will need to bring to the AJ 2010. You may wish to bring more but remember two things: -

1. You will be limited with luggage weight and size, and
2. You will need to carry it over distances.

The most important thing to remember when taking gear to any Jamboree is **not to take anything that you can't afford to lose and put your name, State and Jamboree Troop name on everything you are taking!** At least if you lose it, you will stand a better chance of getting it back.

CLOTHING

- 1 complete Uniform (including correct footwear)
 - 4 prs shorts (minimum)
 - 4 T/shirts (including Contingent T/shirt) Camp shirts optional
 - Jeans, long trousers or tracksuit pants
 - 6 prs sock (minimum)
 - 6 changes of underwear (minimum)
 - Jumper, windcheater or jacket
 - 2 pr joggers or sandshoes (one old pair)
 - Bathers
 - 2 sets sleepwear
 - 6 hankies or small box tissues
- NO thongs permitted except for showering**

WET WEAR GEAR

- Raincoat or poncho

BEDDING

- Ground sheet (140cm X 200cm)
- Sleeping bag
- Inner sheet (optional)
- Blanket
- Airbed or sleeping mat (**no stretchers**)
- Pillow (backpacker style preferred)

TOILETRIES

- Toilet bag
- Soap in container
- Toothbrush in container
- Toothpaste
- Comb/brush
- 1 towel and face washer
- 1 large beach towel
- Nail file/scissors (optional)
- Shaving gear (if necessary)
- Unbreakable mirror
- Sanitary napkins and cosmetics (if necessary)

EATING UTENSILS

- Mess/dilly bag (cotton type)
- 1 unbreakable shallow plate
- 1 unbreakable deep plate
- 1 unbreakable sweet/cereal bowl
- 1 unbreakable mug
- Knife, fork, dessert spoon, t/spoon
- 3 "giant" pkts Chux (10 pk)
- NO t/towels permitted

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Small torch and spare batteries

Camera (optional) cheap only

Insect repellent creams or roll on - no aerosols

3 lge plastic bags for soiled or wet clothes/shoes

Sunglasses (optional)

Laundry soap powder or liquid

Writing set (to write home)

Coat hanger for uniform

Sunburn cream and lip balm

Shoe cleaning kit

10 clothes pegs

Pocket knives are not permitted at AJ 2010. Pocket and sheath knives are not to be taken. If Scouts bring them they will be confiscated and returned at the end of AJ2010 in Perth.

A Day Pack & Bum Bag will be provided as part of your Contingent Kit. These should be used as hand luggage whilst travelling and during the Jamboree for activities etc.

A large bag will also be provided for your entire luggage. Everything but your hand luggage must be in this bag and YOU have to carry it.

REMEMBER---Put your name, State and Jamboree Troop on EVERYTHING!

ENQUIRIES

Should you have any problems or queries, please contact: -

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The next newsletter will be sent via email and is anticipated to be out in August, which will provide you with the latest update about AJ 2010. Please ensure that your email address shown in your application is current. A copy of all Newsletters will be available on the WA Contingent website.

Yours in Scouting,

Vern Casey

Contingent Leader

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1st May 2009.