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## Western Australian Contingent

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### NEWSLETTER No 3

#### 60 DAYS TO DEPARTURE and WE'RE COUNTING DOWN!!!!!!

#### **NOT LONG NOW!**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 already and the excitement is mounting! This is Newsletter No 3 and possibly the last newsletter that I will send to you!

From now on all relative information will be coming from your Jamboree Scout Leader (JSL). They will keep you informed about AJ2010, your airline departure times, hand you your scarf, t/shirts, swap kits, backpacks and other gear that you require.

By now you should have had, or will be holding shortly your pre - AJ2010 camp to meet all the other members of your AJ2010 Troop.

Each Jamboree Troop will have about 36 Scouts, 5 Line Leaders and 1 Activity Leader. This will mean that each Troop will have 6 Patrols and just because you may be a PL or an APL in your home Troop, it doesn't necessarily mean you will be one during AJ2010. Your Jamboree Troop will be made up of between 3 to 10 other Scout Troops, so you can imagine how many PL's and APL's there will be! Through the Patrol System your JSL will have the job to sort out the PL's and APL's.

You should now be checking to ensure you have all the necessary gear I wrote to you about in Newsletter No 1. (In the event you have misplaced this information, I have included it again for you in this Newsletter).

There will be so many things for you to do at AJ2010 and there will be some work for you to do every day, so now is the time to make sure you are prepared for AJ2010. You must be able to wash and/or mend your clothes, wash dishes properly and quickly, and keep yourself and your gear clean and neat.

You must have earned your **Pioneer Badge**. Why the Pioneer Badge? The reason is simple. While Jamborees are a fun thing, you will also find it hard work and it will be like one "humongous" Scout camp. So to be prepared for it you must know how to go camping, how to cook and how to put up tents. The Pioneer Badge level teaches you the basic essentials that you need to know to assist you through a Jamboree.

**REMEMBER THAT MUM WON'T BE THERE TO HELP YOU!**

## **PAYMENTS – AM I UP TO DATE?**

By now you should have made all your payments and be fully financial. If you have not completed your payments then this needs to be done urgently to guarantee you a seat on the plane and a spot at AJ2010. **Remember - to go to AJ2010, you must have paid all your money before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009.**

## **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

Your Jamboree Troop Leader has now been advised of all flight schedules and you should already know if you have had your pre Jamboree camp or you haven't you should find out soon.

If you are a member of Qantas frequent flyers and have not already provided your number to your Leader, please do so as soon as possible so that points may be credited to you for the flights. Parents cannot claim points on their child's flight.

Despite anything you may have heard to the contrary all **Scouts are to be in the correct Scout uniform (which is your Scout Shirt and Dark Blue Pants or shorts)** as this will be their identification for Qantas check in. Leaders are requested to have photographic identification available if required by Qantas.

For security reasons, all knives, sharp objects or cutting implements of any kind and any length, whether of metal or other material, knitting needles and sporting goods, must be carried in your check in baggage. They cannot be carried in your cabin baggage or on your person. If they are, the articles will be removed and not be returned. Any bottles containing more than 100ml of fluid will also be confiscated. Aerosol cans are NOT permitted on aircraft

Passengers carrying hypodermic needles will need to declare them at the screening point. Where possible, please provide documentation or identification to confirm any medical condition regarding hypodermics if it should be required to be produced. Medication should have a professionally printed label identifying the medication or a manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label attached.

Troops will be assembled by Troop Leaders BEFORE check in. Boarding passes for the Troop will be distributed before luggage check in. It will be a requirement that parents and friends will have said their goodbyes to Scouts before check in. **Please do not attempt to say goodbye at the departure lounge.**

**Please ensure you are at the Qantas Perth Domestic Airport departure point well before departure time – AT LEAST AN HOUR. Your Troop Leader will tell you where you are to meet**

## **NEWSLETTERS 1 AND 2**

Both Newsletters are available on line. If you cannot remember receiving them please go online to [www.aj2010.com](http://www.aj2010.com) and on the face page is a link to Contingents on the right hand side. Click on the Contingent tab and at the top of the next page is Contingents, go down to Western Australia and look for the newsletters! You will need them both to be properly prepared.

## UNIFORMS

**It is a requirement of the WA Contingent that all attending members will travel to and from AJ2010 in full uniform including correct pants and shoes.**

**The uniform consists of your scout shirt with AJ2010 scarf, blue trousers or shorts (jeans are not acceptable), blue socks, black or brown shoes (not multicoloured or white)**

Your JSL will explain to you how and when we will need to wear uniforms for AJ2010. The AJ2010 scarf provided will be worn with full uniform, when departing WA.

Our black & gold State scarf will be handed out during the last days of AJ2010 by your Troop Leader and will be worn on the return trip home, so **DO NOT swap it!**

**Ensure that your name, State, AJ2010 Troop number is on everything, including your uniform!**

**REMEMBER...** Don't take anything that you cannot afford to lose. Items of value or sentimental value should be left at home. **The Contingent will not accept any liability for any items being lost, stolen or misplaced.**

## POCKET MONEY

The Pocket Money scheme was explained in Newsletter No 2, so please ensure that pocket money for AJ2010 (maximum \$100) is paid by November 30th on the form in that Newsletter or on the WA Contingent website. Payments can also be made by direct deposit into the same account as other Jamboree payments. If you have extra money on you your JTL may collect the extra money from you on the flight to look after it for you so you do not lose it.

## WITHDRAWAL FEES

Withdrawal fees now apply (refer Newsletter No 1).

## COLLECTION OF CONTINGENT MEMBERS

Any person/parent wishing to remove a Scout or Leader from the site must first make arrangements with me or the committee in writing, prior to the departure date. REMEMBER any one who is going to pick up a Scout after AJ2010, must in writing, furnish the Contingent Leader with an itinerary and suitable identification including photos to support any request for removal or pick up.

For the safety of our Scouts, our Duty of Care to you and your Scout/s, this rule will be strictly adhered to **“without exception!”**

Please ensure that we have all information well prior to departure to AJ2010.

For Scouts who have a **“Denied or Restriction Access”** order, I need to be advised in writing “In Confidence” to me and sent to PO Box 66 COMO. (Details at the end of this Newsletter)

## INDEPENDENT TRAVELLERS

### Have you given us your itinerary?

#### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

Independent traveler's arrival point to AJ2010 is the front gate of the Jamboree site at Cataract Scout Park at 3pm on 3rd January 2010. **You are to meet with Sheridan Bunney** who will be able to check you in and bring you through from the gate. DO NOT proceed to your campsite before checking in.

Parking for parents dropping Scouts is in the Visitor's Car Park. Scouts must be in **FULL** uniform. Parents will NOT be allowed on site on move in day. If you are going to be late then please advise us as soon as possible, so we may accommodate you.

**Parents/Guardians are to wait with the Scouts until Sheridan Bunney advises you to depart.**

Parents of Scouts travelling independently after the Jamboree, should collect the Scouts from the front gate of the Jamboree site at Cataract Scout Park at on 15th January at 11am. Parents need to check out with our WA Contingent representatives who will release the Scouts to you on production of suitable identification.

Parents/guardians will not be admitted to the site on the drop off or pick up days.

The address for AJ2010 will be: -

**Name of Scout  
Troop No  
Western Australian Contingent  
22nd Australian Jamboree  
APPIN NSW 2560**

**Our WA Contingent contact phone numbers and email address will be posted to the WA website as soon as we are advised of them.**

## PHONING HOME

Mobile phones are not to be brought to AJ2010.

Phoning home from AJ2010 will be difficult. Phones will be located in the Fraternity Tents on your Sub Camps.

If your Scout wishes to phone home then maybe establish a Home Link 1800 number to make it easier, as the phones may be non coin operated units.

Alternatively AJ2010 members may like to purchase a Phone Away Card for \$10 or \$20 prior to AJ2010. These cards are available from Telstra shops, major newsagents or Australia Post.

However, rather than phoning home, why not write instead? It will be easier and that way you avoid any disappointment.

**REMEMBER...DO NOT bring mobile phones...** mobile service reception is not known at AJ2010 and you don't want to lose them. **We do not have a facility to charge batteries** for you.

**Parents**, if your Scout rings you because of homesickness, please let us know at WA Cont. HQ **immediately after** their call. **DON'T WAIT to see if they settle down! We can only help you and support them IF you advise us.** We have with us dedicated Leaders and Health & Welfare people whose position it is to assist your Scout through this time.

## **MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

As you may appreciate it was a long time ago when we filled out our applications. If your **medical conditions have changed since you filled in the application form we need to know.** You may access applications on line 24/7 and update any part as required all the way up to departure date. It is important that we have correct information especially in the medical statement!

## **VISITORS**

Please refer to Newsletter 1 regarding how to visit and how much lead time you will need to give! **Visitors will not be able to participate in any AJ2010 activity or Troop line meals.**

## **PERSONAL CAMPING GEAR**

Following is the list again of personal camping gear that you as a Scout or Leader will need to bring to the AJ2010. 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 **maximum weight for your luggage will be 23kgs** and **your hand luggage is 7kg.** **Under no circumstances is anything to be strapped to the outside of your main luggage bag.** It will be removed and handed back to your parents. ALL of your personal gear must be contained inside your bag.

**DO NOT bring swags** as these too will be handed back to your parents – they cannot come to AJ2010.

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 – Correct uniform shirt and AJ2010 scarf, blue trousers or shorts (jeans not acceptable), blue socks, straight black or brown shoes (not multicolour or white), AJ2010 hat as supplied.**

4 pr. shorts (minimum)

6 T/shirts (including Contingent T/shirt). Camp shirts optional. (Girls **NO** lace/strap type tops. Be sun smart!)

Jeans, long trousers or tracksuit pants

6 pr. socks (minimum)

6 changes of underwear (minimum)

Jumper, wind cheater or jacket

2 pr joggers or sand shoes (one old pair) **NO** sandals

Bathers

2 sets sleepwear

6 hankies or small box tissues  
Spare brimmed hat  
**WET WEAR GEAR**  
Raincoat or poncho

**Thongs are not permitted (except when showering)**

#### **BEDDING**

Ground sheet (140cm X 200cm)  
Sleeping bag  
Inner sheet (optional)  
Blanket  
Airbed or sleeping mats (**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.  
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** tea towels permitted

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Travel bag for gear – Provided	Small torch and spare batteries
Back pack for hand luggage - Provided	Repair/sewing kit
Writing set (to write home)	Camera (optional) cheap only
Insect repellent creams or roll on - no aerosols	Sunburn cream and lip balm
3 lg. plastic bags for soiled or wet clothes/shoes	Shoe cleaning kit (if applicable)
Sunglasses (optional)	10 clothes pegs
Laundry soap powder or liquid	Coat hanger for uniform

**Pocketknives are not permitted at AJ 2010. Pocket and sheath knives are not to be taken. If Scouts bring them they will be confiscated. The law as it stands in NSW prohibits the carrying of these types of implements. People caught with knives in their possession may be charged with an offence.**

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

#### **FOOTWEAR**

Comfortable footwear at AJ2010 is a must, if not vital! Please ensure that your footwear will last the duration of AJ2010. In the past, many Scouts have been forced to acquire replacement footwear at Jamborees because their own have not been able to withstand the rigors of a Jamboree.

You are reminded that thongs, lace up and open sandals are **NOT permitted** (except when you are in the shower block). Shoes are to be worn to and from shower block.

If you are going to buy new shoes, then cheap ones will do. Make sure you have broken them in well before AJ2010.

### **FINALLY**

About **200 WA adult leaders** are attending AJ2010 **to help you** have a good time. **ALL of them are giving up their holidays and every one of them is paying to attend**. They won't do everything that you the Scouts get to do. Always remember that they are wonderful people who receive very little reward for all of their efforts, so please, **don't forget to "thank" them** every now and then during AJ2010 and perhaps after it is finished.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those people who have backed me in the preparation of AJ2010 and to my Contingent Team a **"very special thanks"** for your continuous valued support.

To the Scouts, parents and friends that are all a part of AJ2010, I bid you good luck with all your preparations and look forward to welcoming you at Cataract Scout Park, Sydney for AJ2010.

So, there it is in a nutshell, the last of all the information I have to give to you. Please do not forget to help your Troop Leaders to prepare for AJ2010.

Should you need to know anything further then re read Newsletters No 1 and 2, or contact your JSL and if you still need further information please contact one of our team?

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All the best for a joyous Christmas and **see you at Cataract Scout Park** for **AJ2010**.

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