



22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011
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Dear unit member and parents,

Below is the most up to date information we have regarding the Jamboree. We realise you may still have questions which hopefully we can answer at the meeting today. We are waiting for some information to be sent to us from the UK Contingent Team and when we have that we will pass it on.

Travel arrangements

Traveling Copenhagen and the Jamboree.

On Monday 25th July we will meet at Nottinghamshire County Scout Headquarters, Unit 1, Trinity House, Robey Close, Linby, Nottingham, NG15 8AA. Time still to be confirmed by the UK Contingent. We will travel by coach to Birmingham Airport. We fly at 7.10pm arriving in Copenhagen at 10.00pm. (flight number SK2536) We will travel onto the Jamboree in Kristianstad, Sweden on Wednesday 27th July by coach.

Traveling to Home Hospitality

We will leave the Jamboree site on Sunday 7th August, returning to Copenhagen by coach. From Copenhagen we will fly to Amsterdam at 6.10pm arriving in Amsterdam at 7.35pm. (flight number SK553) From there we will travel to the town where we are staying for HoHo. We don't know which town this will be yet.

Travelling Home

We will leave Amsterdam on Friday 12th August at 4.30pm and arrive at Birmingham airport at 4.45pm. (flight number KL1431) We will then travel by coach to Nottinghamshire County Scout Headquarters, Unit 1, Trinity House, Robey Close, Linby, Nottingham, NG15 8AA. Arrival time still to be confirmed.

Luggage and Uniform

The unit will need to arrive at Nottinghamshire County Scout HQ in full uniform – the shirt they have been provided with, complete with badges, UK necker and navy activity trousers/shorts or navy skirt or smart navy trousers. We suggest they wear their (clean!) walking boots/shoes to save space in their luggage. We will be taking photos before we leave and we will be travelling and arriving in uniform.

The unit has been provided with a UK Contingent cargo bag and a UK Contingent rucksack – no other luggage will be allowed. The cargo bag will go into the hold and can

weigh up to 20kg. The rucksack is their carry-on bag and can be up to 8kg in weight. Overweight bags will be charged and the charge passed onto the unit member. A kit list has been included with this letter. Whilst not exhaustive it should provide some guidelines. Please remember this is a camp not a holiday! Each unit members will also be given a pair of tights, tunic and hat to pack into their bag before we get on the coach, so please leave space for these. Scouts should pack a belt to wear with their costume.

Can I please draw your attention to the request on this list not to take pen knives. They will not be needed at camp and the rules of carrying knives abroad are different to those in the UK. In Denmark for example they are very strict and because they have been changed recently, the authorities are very hot on challenging people, no matter how small the knife. Even transferring a knife between bags in a public place could attract unwanted attention. Please do not bring one.

Please can we also request that strappy or strapless tops which show bra straps are not packed. We will be meeting many different people, with different cultural understandings and beliefs and we wish to be sensitive to these cultures. Vest tops with thick straps are acceptable.

Throughout the time we are away alcohol will not be permitted. The Jamboree organisers have made it very clear that should a participant be found with drink or illegal substances or their behaviour is inappropriate they will be sent home. If this does happen it will be up to parents to collect their child from the Jamboree and make arrangements to return them home.

Medication

I have asked for a copy of each unit members European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) If I have not had a copy please can you give me one. Those who do not take a card will still be covered by the insurance policy. However, the medical claim process will be simpler and easier with a card.

For those unit members who do take prescribed medication please make sure they have sufficient amounts for the time we will be away. It is recommended that spare medication is also taken. We have been advised that those who will be carrying prescribed medication, in particular insulin and needles, should get a doctors letter to explain what the drug is used for and who it is to be used by. We have also been advised that over the counter drugs are very expensive in Sweden so unit members may wish to take a small supply of aspirin or similar for personal use.

Postage

Please be advised that it will not be possible to post anything from the UK to the Jamboree site. There will however, be a post office for outgoing mail. Unit members may wish to send postcards home to people who have been supportive of their fundraising efforts as a thank you, or just to say hi to mum and dad!

Timetable

We have been given some information as to what we will be doing whilst at the Jamboree – though much is still a surprise.

Wednesday 27th July – arrive at Jamboree site.
Thursday 28th July – Opening Ceremony.
Friday 29th July – Monday 1st August – on site activities.
Tuesday 2nd August – Wednesday 3rd August – Camp in a Camp.
Thursday 4th August – Culture Festival.
Friday 5th August – on site activities.
Saturday 6th August – Closing Ceremony.
Sunday 7th August – Leave for HoHo.

Camp in a Camp will require the following items; Clothes for a 24 hour period, waterproofs & warm jumper/jacket, swimming gear and towel, wet wear clothes/footwear, toiletries and wash kit, sleeping bag, roll mat/thermarest. All this should be packed in your rucksack not cargo bag, please make sure it fits.

Passports, money and valuables

These items will be the responsibility of the unit member. We as leaders cannot be responsible for 36 sets of passports, wallets, EHIC cards, mobiles, cameras etc. Please look at the insurance policy that was sent to you with the last parent letter and make sure the items your child is carrying do not exceed the insured amount. Whilst abroad we should be carrying passports with us so we would advise that unit members have a money belt or wallet that they can keep hidden underneath clothing. Please remember for the vast majority of the time we will be living in tents which do not have security. Unit members should not flash large amounts of cash or expensive items around as it could attract unwanted attention.

We are not specifying how much money your child should take with them. Please remember though that Jamborees are set up to be free once you arrive. All food, activities, transport and events have been paid for and will not cost us money whilst we are there. We understand however that unit members may wish to buy a souvenir, send home a postcard or try some new food at one of the cultural cafes that will be there and therefore may wish to take a small amount of money. The Jamboree site will be a cash less site. Each participant will be given an identity cards which can be charged with money for the participant to use. Currently we understand these can be charged via debit card or cash in Swedish Kronor, Danish Krone, UK sterling or Euros. If this information changes we will let you know. Each individual will be responsible for this identity card which will hold not just their money but all medical and home contact information. They will have to wear it at all times. More details on how to activate these cards and when they will be available to follow.

At Copenhagen and HoHo, there will be an opportunity to buy souvenirs but basics such as food and transport to organised activities will be free. In Denmark and Holland the youngsters will need cash in the relevant currency, or you may prefer to pre-load a debit card for them. Youngsters may wish to have with them a small amount of sterling for the airport and service stations on the journey to and from the airport.

Whilst we are not banning mobile phones and items like ipods we are stressing that there will be no charging facilities at the Jamboree site. We also feel that these items can prevent youngsters from fully participating in the Jamboree. They are also another

expensive item to be kept safe. Please talk to your child about these items and make a decision about whether they are needed and sensible usage whilst away.

Making friends

This is a huge part of the Jamboree experience. Several members of the Nottinghamshire 2007 Unit have kept in touch with and visited friends they made whilst at the Jamboree. We suggest unit members make business cards which have their picture and contact information on which they can give to friends they make. Much easier than scribbling it on a scrap of paper whilst there! Swopping items is also a great way to make friends and gain souvenirs. Unit members may wish to collect badges, woggles, neckers and other items to take with them to swop.

Pre Event in Copenhagen

This is being kept a closely guarded secret but we can reveal that we will be staying in hostels in Copenhagen all within walking distance to the centre. There will be activities which may include theme parks, the beach, giant treasure hunts and sports events. On the evening of Tuesday 26th July the UK Contingent will host a huge party for all the UK scouts.

Home Hospitality

It is likely that we will stay in pairs at HoHo, though we may have some youngsters staying in groups of three. No-one will be staying in a home on their own. As you can imagine finding homes for over 3,500 people in eighteen different countries is not easy and we have been asked to be flexible on this. It is unlikely we will find out individual details of who we will be staying with before we leave. We will be giving each HoHo pair a USB stick with photos on from our Jamboree preparations and pictures of local attractions which they can give to their host as a gift. Your child may also wish to buy a small gift for their host. Ideas for gifts are a unit badge, mug with the Union flag on, Robin Hood teddy, Nottinghamshire lace, football/rugby merchandise from the county or a Robin Hood hat. In my experience host families are also very interested in your family, where you live and scouting in the UK so you may wish to take some pictures of your family, friends, Explorer unit and postcards of Nottinghamshire.

Reunion

Despite not having attended the Jamboree yet we are already turning our thoughts to the planning of a reunion. We will be taking the unit away Friday 21st October to Sunday 23rd October. If your child would like to be involved in this event please let us know by the next meeting (July 10th) so we can book them in. The only cost to you will be buying lunch for the Saturday and Sunday. We will also be doing a parents presentation event to tell you about our Jamboree adventure on the 7th October at Nottinghamshire County Scout HQ, Linby which you and your family are invited to. More details to follow.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions that occur to you after this meeting.

Yours in Scouting,

Ali Taylor.
Nottinghamshire Jamboree Unit Leader.