



25th Australian Jamboree

The Australian Jamboree is a massive event that is only held every 3 years.

The next Jamboree, AJ2019 will be held at The Bend Motorsport Park in Tailem Bend, South Australia from 4 to 13 January 2019.

AJ2019 will be your chance to experience the best of Scouting in one place over 10 action-packed days. Camping as a community of Scouts from across Australia and the World, you will experience everything from participation in stadium shows to adventurous activities.

As a Jamboree is only held every three years, you'll probably only get one shot at going – don't pass this by!

Welcome from the Queensland Contingent for AJ2019

On behalf of the entire Queensland Contingent Team, I welcome you and your family to the Queensland Contingent for AJ2019.

Yes, that is right, you and your family, as the Jamboree experience is not only reserved for those attending, but in fact the whole family. The experience commences from the moment a decision is made to participate, which is many, many months before the actual Jamboree.

As a family you'll share the preparations for the Jamboree including, the Scout Group's fundraising efforts, Parents Information Nights, pre-Jamboree shakedown activities, assisting with assembling gear, watching the Troop depart, receiving (some) communications from the Jamboree and best of all, sharing extensive experiences and stories in the months following the event.

The Queensland Contingent Team looks forward to receiving your application. Our aim is to support all Jamboree participants so that they can have the maximum enjoyment and satisfaction before, during and after the event.

The road to AJ2019 starts now!

Sloth (Lachlan Whitta), Queensland Contingent Leader

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Why go to a Jamboree?

Imagine a really big Scout camp. No, bigger. Now put hundreds of those really big Scout camps together!

The Jamboree site is a small city, housing & feeding over 13, 000 people. It includes stages, entertainment, activities, campsites, meeting places and food. It's like taking a small town and filling it with Scouts – imagine the friends you'll make!

But if that's getting too scary, relax – you'll be camping as part of a Troop with about 6 patrols (so 36 Scouts) and 4 leaders from a variety of groups across Queensland. And you'll be with your mates from your home Troop as well.

The Jamboree site is only part of the story, there's also a range of activities which are run offsite.

Each day approximately 4,000 Scouts will enjoy activities off-site in places that include Adelaide city and the River Torrens, Port Adelaide and the Murraylands and Coorong.

The activities list for AJ2019 is yet to be released, but to give you a taste here's some of the things we did at previous Jamborees:

Beach Party, circus training, junkyard, city tour, initiatives, nerf wars, laser tag waterslides, swimming, flying fox races, discos, hair colouring, trade school, zorbing, high ropes, market day, remote control cars, concerts, mud, tattoos, obstacle courses, bike riding, mud, water activities, snake charming, mud, etc., etc. (Did I mention the mud?)

And, it really is a chance to make life-long friends.

But there is more...

Jamborees are a lot of fun, but also an immersion experience, building self-confidence and developing independence, responsibility, and self-reliance in the Scouts who attend.

A Jamboree provides a safe, structured environment for Scouts to challenge themselves to try new adventures, develop social skills outside their normal peer groups and gain new skills working together over 10 days. Scouts have even been known to clean their rooms without being asked, cook the family dinner and do their own clothes washing following return from a Jamboree.

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Am I Eligible?

Scouts

Eligible Scouts:

- must not have had their 15th birthday prior to 4 January 2019 i.e. Date of Birth on or after 4 January 2004;
- have gained the Pioneer level award;
- have camped under canvas (in a tent) for 10 nights (3 nights consecutively). Eight of the nights must be with their home Troop. These camps are to include preparation of meals, construction of campsites and all that is required in a standing camp; and
- be recommended by their Scout Leader.

The absence of a minimum age above is deliberate, while it may be possible for a Scout to be under 11 at the time of the Jamboree, the deciding factor is not generally if a Scout is too young but if a Scout is mature enough to successfully participate in the Jamboree. This is a matter that will need to be carefully considered by a Scout's parents and the Scout Leader prior to applying. The Scouts will be away from home for almost two weeks. To meet the badge work requirements, you would typically need to be an invested Scout in a Troop by the end of the first term in 2018 and attend most of the camps and activities throughout the year.

If you are just turning 11 years old at the time of AJ2019, you will have the opportunity to attend AJ2022, which may be more appropriate. Please talk to your leaders and consider this matter carefully.

Venturers

While Venturers often attend Australian Scout Jamborees and assist with activities, I strongly recommend Venturers first consider attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree being held in North America from the 22nd July to the 2nd August 2019. The eligible age range for youth members to attend the World Scout Jamboree is 14 to 18 years as at the dates of the event.

If you fall within this age group, you will not be disappointed if you attend the World Scout Jamboree instead of AJ2019. Please register interest at <http://www.wsj2019.scouts.com.au/>

Venturers attending AJ2019 must be 16 years old or over at the start of the Jamboree.

Adults and Leaders

All adults and leaders attending the Jamboree must be members of the Scout Association, have completed all necessary training appropriate to their role and hold a current Blue Card.

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Where's Tailem Bend?

Almost at the end of the mighty Murray River, not far from where it flows into Lake Alexandrina.

The Jamboree site is about 90mins from Adelaide Airport and an hour from the Woodhouse Scout Activities Centre.

How will we get there?

The Queensland Contingent will travel to Adelaide by air from major regional airports in Queensland, and then bus to the Jamboree. If you elect to travel independently, this will reduce your fee – but remember that it's not as simple as just flying into Adelaide airport!

Please allow for transport either side of the event, flights will likely leave on 3 January 2019 and return on 14 January 2019.

Fundraising

Don't groan - Fundraising is a major part of the Jamboree experience. Fundraising is not just about raising funds to get to the Jamboree.

Think about these aspects:

- how much more valuable is something that you've worked hard for?
- the fun that will be had working with the other Scouts
- for parents, the social interaction in spending time with other parents.
- the strong friendships that will be built prior to traveling together to the Jamboree.

Maybe you can afford to attend without any fundraising? That's great, but it would be even better to lend a hand to your mates and help them get to the Jamboree. Many hands really do make light work of fundraising – if everyone gets involved this will be a much easier task.

How can I get More Information?

One of the best sources of information is talking to someone who's been to a Jamboree before – like your leader. Many of the older Scouts and Venturers have also been to Jamborees.

Watch the official jamboree website as it develops:

<http://www.aj2019.com.au>

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To stay in touch with the Queensland Contingent and start planning your journey on the road to AJ2019, please follow the Queensland Contingent on Facebook or visit the Queensland Contingent website.

<https://scoutsqld.com.au/members/program/qld-contingent-to-aj2019/>

A community page has been established for the Queensland Contingent on Face Book.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/AJ2019QldContingent/about/?ref=page_internal#

Ok, I'm Sold – Now How Much?

The Scout fee for AJ2016 is **\$2,475** per Scout.

	Scout	Venturer & Adults
Jamboree Fee	\$1,150	\$ 685
Contingent Fee	\$1,325	\$1,305
Total	\$2,475	\$1,990

Please note: The final payment may vary dependent upon the impact of fuel prices prior to the Jamboree.

This may seem expensive, but it includes all activities, food, camping, transport – everything you need (apart from the cans of soft drink that most Scouts seem to need for survival!).

For comparison, note that the fee for AJ2016 (Sydney) was \$1,950. AJ2019 is 3 years later and the site is more than twice the distance away as Sydney – so it's not a surprise that this one is a bit more expensive.

With a bit of effort and early planning many Scout Groups can raise enough money for everyone to go without needing to contribute financially. Start fundraising today!

Keep an eye on the Queensland Contingent website for tips and tricks with fundraising and how to mobilise your Group to maximise the number of Scouts attending AJ2019.

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Count Me In – How do I Apply?

Applications will be received online through the Jamboree website.

<http://www.aj2019.com.au>

The applications system is expected to open on October 1st, 2017.