

South Metropolitan Region Scout Jamboree 2022



2nd – 8th January 2022

Camp Coutts

Adult Leader Q & A



Hi adult Leader,

This document is designed to answer as many of your questions about the South Metropolitan Region Scout Jamboree 2022 as possible. This Q & A document will be updated a few times as we receive more questions from leaders, parents, and youth members. The most up to date version will be available on the South Metropolitan Scouts Website.

Website: <http://smscouts.roundtablesoftware.com.au/activities/south-met-region-scout-jamboree-2022/>

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If you have further questions, please reach out to the Jamboree Team via the email at:

SM-Jamboree2022@nsw.scouts.com.au

It should be noted that answers provided within this document may change over time as the event planning continues. This document is a guide to help communicate the plans for the event to the many adult Leaders supporting the event.

Event Details

Q: Are the dates of the event confirmed?

Yes, the dates of the event are confirmed. The first week of January is typically the easiest period for our adult volunteers to commit to a week-long camp, such as Jamboree.

Q: Is the location Confirmed?

Yes. We are well advanced at planning our event at Camp Coutts, Waterfall.

COVID-19 & Health Restrictions

Q: How will the event manage the risk of COVID-19?

The event will have an extensive COVID-Safe plan and abide by all the local, state and national restrictions and polices to ensure the event is as safe as possible for all participants. Further information on this COVID-Safe plan will be communicated to leaders as it develops.

Q: Will the event even be able to run under the health restrictions?

It is impossible to tell what the restrictions will be come January 2022, but we can't sit around and wait, or we will run out of time to plan the event. The event will be run in accordance with all relevant NSW health orders and restrictions, and we will be adaptive and flexible in our

planning. With the recent NSW Government re-opening announcements, we believe the event can successfully run within the NSW Government rules, come January 2022.

We ask leaders to bear with us as we make necessary adjustments to the event, as it develops to ensure it is as safe as possible for everyone. Any changes or adjustments will be communicated to leaders as early as possible.

Q: Will you require vaccination to attend the event?

We will be following the requirements and policy regarding vaccination set by Scouts Australia (National) and Scouts Australia NSW Branch (Scouts NSW). Please refer to the Scouts Australia Vaccination policy found here - <https://scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Scouts-Australia-Vaccination-Policy.pdf>

Event Program

Q: Will the Program Change?

We are currently putting the finishing touches on the program, and it will be available on the region website soon, but we also have some 'Plan B' options in case we need to modify things due to Covid, fire danger or any other unforeseen circumstances. Whatever happens our aim is for the Jamborette to be fun and full of a variety of experiences for Scouts.

Q: Will there be an Opening & Closing Ceremony

Yes, there will be an Opening & Closing Ceremony just like at a Jamboree.

Q: Will there be night entertainment? If so, what is being planned?

Yes. We are planning night entertainment at the Jamborette. While the exact details of night activities are still under development, this is likely to include a combination of active (such as Inflatable Challenges, Music & DJ's) and also some more relaxed and chilled night-time activities (such as a Movie Night and Chill-Out Space).

Q: How will Scouts arrive to the event on 2nd January and depart the event on the 8th of January?

At the beginning of the event Scouts will be asked to assemble at a common marshalling location (likely to be Waterfall Train Station) before being transported into the Campsite via Minibus or walking down the track. The departure at the end of the event will be the reverse procedure. This will be in a similar fashion to the "Bump-in" and "Bump-out" process for Region Camps. The finer details of this plan are still being developed and will be communicated to all Leaders.

Q: How will you be transporting the youth members to / from activities during the event?

Our aim is to utilise as much public transport as possible, including catching the train to & from Waterfall Train Station to both the Water Activities location & City Day. The Jamberoo activity day will require a Bus for transport, which will be organised as part of the event.

Scouts will be required to provide their own Opal Card for use when we are using the Trains. We will provide more information on how much credit each Opal Card requires before the event.

There will be quite a bit of walking required between camp and the station and activity sites. Please let us know if any Scouts will need assistance due to medical conditions.

Q: Is Jamberoo Action Park Day, extra cost?

No, the off-site visit to a water park, which is currently planned as Jamberoo Action Park, will be included within the event cost. There will be no additional fees for this activity.

Q: Will there be any optional extra activities, like a normal Jamboree?

No, there will not be any additional opt-in activities like at a Jamboree. This event is focused on the core elements of a Jamboree experience.

Q: What type of adventurous activities are planned for the event?

A range of adventurous activities are currently being planned. These activities may include abseiling, mountains biking, slacklining, crate stacking, team challenges etc.

Q: How will the Program function?

Within each Jamborette Unit, there will be four Patrols. Like at a Jamboree, different Patrols will be completing different activities each day. Some Patrols may head to off-site activities at the on the water activities day or Jamberoo Day while others may stay on-site and complete a range of on-site activities. On-site activities will have an AM & PM activity block separated by lunch. The City Adventure Day is planned for the Wednesday (the middle day of the Jamborette) and will involve all Patrols heading off to the city together for the day's activity. (i.e. everyone will complete the City Activity on the same day).

Q: Does the Program include Duty Patrol time?

Yes, there will be an allocated Duty Patrol for throughout the Jamborette. These Duty Patrol periods enable Scouts opportunities to assist around Camp with the preparation of meals and other tasks, but they also allow for some "down-time" for each Patrol during a busy seven-day program!

Eligibility Criteria

Q: What is the participant eligibility criteria to attend the Jamborette?

The eligibility criteria has been designed to firstly capture Scouts who would otherwise miss out on a Jamboree experience. This criteria also acknowledges that some of the 'typical' requirements for a Jamboree, such as achieving a certain badge or a certain number of nights camping, may have been disrupted due to restrictions over the last 18+ months.

The critical for youth participants (Scouts) is as follows:

- Born between 8 January 2007 and 8 January 2010 inclusive (i.e. minimum age of 12 years old and not had your 15th birthday by the end of the Jamborette).
- An invested Scouts and have completed their Introduction to the Scout Section badge.
- It is strongly recommended that the Scout has achieved their Outdoor Adventure Skills Stage 3 Camping prior to the event. Acknowledging that recent restrictions may have impacted a Scouts ability to achieve their Stage 3 Camping, this is not a mandatory requirement.
- It is recommended that a Scout has completed at least one camp away from home with their Scout Unit (or Cub Unit). If the youth member has not attended a Camp with their Scout Unit (or Cub Unit) before, a recommendation will be needed from their adult Scout Leader and/or Group Leader.
- Must be recommended as suitable to attend and approved by your adult Scout Leader and/or Group Leader.

***NOTE:** An earlier version of the information package had the wrong birth years included for the age range, this has now been updated to reflect the birthyears of a 12 to 15-year-old at the time of January 2022. If you have questions about the age range for the camp, please contact the Jamborette Team, they will be happy to assist.*

Q: A Scout attended AJ2019, can they attend this Jamborette?

Yes. While the intention of the event is for Scouts who did not attend AJ2019, Scouts who meet all the other eligibility criteria (i.e. still a registered Scout within the age range for the event etc) can attend.

Q: Can a Scout who is not 12 by the time of the event attend (i.e. an 11 year old Scout)?

Any Scout who is 11 years old at the time of the event, will be eligible to attend AJ2025 as a participant.

If a Scout will not be turning 12 by the start of the event and they wish to attend the Jamborette, they may be considered to attend if the following criteria has been met.

This criteria includes: They must be at least 11.5 years of age by the time of the event; they must have been a member of the Scout section for at least 6-months prior to the event (i.e. have been in the Scout Unit since July 2021); they must have an adult Leader from their home Scout Unit attend the event as Leader; they must have a recommendation from their adult Scout Leader within their Scout Unit to indicate that they are suitable to attend the camp,

(including the ability to camp away from home for an extended period of time). These matters will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with that youth members Adult Scout Leaders.

Q: How will Scout Leaders review and “recommend” Scouts as suitable to attend?

The adult Scout Leaders will be emailed by the Jamborette team with a list of Scouts from their Scout Unit who have applied and will be asked to review the names of the Scouts wishing to attend and provide their recommendation or raise any concerns they may have about any certain application. These recommendations may include providing information on things like what additional support that may be required to ensure a particular youth member enjoys their time at the event.

Q: A Scout has not achieved their Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) Camping Stage 3, can they still attend the Jamborette?

Yes – OAS Camping Stage 3 is preferred as it shows you will have the skills needed for Jamborette. We know that opportunities for camping have been limited this year, so this isn't mandatory. Scout leaders will be asked to review youth member applications from their Scout Unit considering whether less experienced youth members are ready for this type of camp. We'd encourage Scout Units to include some patrol-based cooking and camp skill activities in their weekly program nights to help ensure all youth members attending are prepared.

Q: A Scout has not attended a physical camp with us before, can they still attend the Jamborette?

Yes, but this will be at the discretion of that youth member's adult Scout Leaders in their Scout Unit. Scout Leaders should review every youth member from their Unit who registers to attend and ensure they believe that they are suitable for a seven-day long camp. We strongly recommend that ALL youth members attending Jamborette have camped before with their Scout Units, but we appreciate given the last 12 months there have been some limitations to participating in Camps.

In addition, adult Scout Leaders are asked to consider a youth members ability to work as a Patrol during a camp, including their ability to follow instructions from their Patrol Leader and ensure that they actively work as part of a Patrol, including sticking together during activities.

Q: What is the eligibility for Youth Helpers (Venturer Helpers) for this camp?

Venturers are eligible to attend the Camp, as long as they meet the Venturer eligibility criteria for the event. Venturers attending the Camp are there as Venturer Helpers NOT as participants at the event. There will be no separate program for Venturers, though they might have the opportunity to participate on some activities. Venturers attending camp should speak to the organising team to ensure there is a role for them at the event. There are many ways for Venturers to assist at the Jamborette, including on day & night activities, catering and logistics, First Aid and much more. Venturers with activity skills, e.g., abseiling, water activities, are particularly welcome.

Camp Logistics

Q: How will Scouts arrive to the event on 2nd January and depart the event on the 8th of January?

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Q: When can the camping equipment for each Unit be transported to / from the Jamborette Site?

Camping equipment for each Jamborette Unit will be able to be transported to the site before the start of the camp. Under our current plans, trailers will be able to be stored on-site during the event, but as-per normal arrangements no vehicles will be able to be kept on-site. Each Jamborette Unit will make their own arrangements for transporting in the personal gear.

Q: Will the participants get a Jamborette ID?

Yes, each participant will receive a Jamborette ID. The form this ID will take is still under investigation, it may be a lanyard, wristband or something different all together.

Camp Unit Set-Up

Q: Will the camp be in our home Units OR will Scouts be placed into Jamborette Units, similar to a Jamboree?

Scouts will be placed in Jamboree Units for the event, this will include a combination of Scouts from their own home Scout Unit and also Scouts from other local Scout Units. Our first intention is to keep Scout Units from the same district together at the Camp when forming Jamborette Units, but this all depends on how many registrations we receive for the event.

Q: How will Jamborette Units be put together?

Jamborette Units will be put together by the Jamborette Team with consultation and involvement of the District / Hub-Teams.

Q: How many adult leaders will be with each Jamborette Unit?

A minimum of four adult leaders will be with each Jamborette Unit. Any carers required to support Scouts with special needs will be additional to this.

Q: Who will provide the gear for the camp?

The camping gear for this camp will be sourced from the existing gear from across the groups and leaders allocated to each Jamborette Unit. Sourcing the camping gear for each Jamborette Unit will be the responsibility of the adult leaders within each Jamborette Unit.

Support Roles for Adult Leaders

Q: What jobs are there for adult Leaders?

There are many ways adult leaders who work with all youth sections in Scouting to assist at this event. The key adult leader roles include:

- Line Leaders – These adult leaders will be allocated to a Jamborette Unit for the camp, within each Jamborette Unit each adult Leader will have a specific role/
- Activity Leaders – These adult leaders will be allocated to a certain activity where they will be assisting.
- Support Leaders – These adult leaders may have a specific support role, such as logistics, sites & services, admin, first aid, welfare etc.

If you would like to volunteer for a specific type of adult leader support role, please indicate this on your application form. If you have any specific skills, qualifications or experiences that you may think will be beneficial to the event please include these on your application and email the Jamborette Team.

Catering

Q: How will catering be done at Jamborette?

The current plan for Jamborette catering is that we will engage Woolworths Online to do deliveries to the site every day or every second day. Each Jamborette Unit will have a budget to order from Woolworths, which will arrive as one large order and then distributed to each Jamborette Unit. We will provide a sample menu and order list, similar to menus and shopping lists at previous Jamborees. This will allow Jamborette Units to modify the order lists to cater for any special diets for their Scouts or leaders. The exact details of how this will work are still under development, but this is our current plan.

Toilets & Facilities

Q: Will extra toilets be provided at Camp Coutts for the event?

Yes, similar to a Region Camp, additional portaloos will be provided on-site for the duration of the camp. While we will endeavour to provide toilets in convenient locations for Unit campsites and activities, we are limited by the need to maintain access to these portaloos for regular pump-out processes. These toilets will be in addition to the existing permanent facilities at Camp Coutts.

Q: Will extra showers be provided at Camp Coutts for the event?

Yes. Additional shower facilities are currently being planned for the event in addition to the permanent shower facilities current at Camp Coutts.

Adult Leader & Adult Helper Support

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions?

You can contact the **Jamborette Email:** SM-Jamborette2022@nsw.scouts.com.au

OR

Peter Jamieson or Mark Connell who's contact details are on the next page.

Who are the Team behind the event?

Q: Who are the Leaders behind this event?

While the Team behind the event is growing (and we welcome anyone who wants to lend a hand in any capacity), the main team members so far & their roles are as follows:

Event Chairperson: Peter Jamieson (RC Scouts) - peter.jamieson@nsw.scouts.com.au

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Damien (Dink) Ryan (Deputy Regional Commissioner) - damien.ryan@nsw.scouts.com.au

If you think you could assist the Team in any way, please reach out to either Peter or Mark. We are always looking for more support and skills to ensure this is a successful event.