



The sun sets, as the Jamboree rises



By Daniel Brock

What a sight it was to see! Around 34,000 Scouts from all corners of the world in one space at one time, united in WA 和 - A Spirit of Unity. After more than 4 years of preparation and anticipation, the Scouts of the world have come together to create the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

The show kicked off with a flying start, literally, with a breathtaking aerial show from the Japanese Self Defence Air Force. The whole camp watched from their subcamps before they eagerly made their way to the long awaited Opening Ceremony.

As they prepared to enter the Arena many Scouts began to discuss their hopes for the event. Manuel Fitz, 24,

Austria, is a safety steward. He said "I would love a laser show. Even though I'm working during the ceremony, I'm hoping to get a great view of the show." Brietta, 15, Australia, was hoping to see Justin Bieber on stage! The next Jamboree is in North America, so who knows?

"Let's enjoy our 23rd World Scout Jamboree!"

Japanese idol group Yamaguchi Kassei Gakuen opened the Arena celebrations with a blast of Japanese pop music. It might have been new to some people, but that is the beauty of WA; that we can enjoy other cultures together. That is certainly what happened last night!

The arena was filled with colours, culture, and celebration.

Thousands of Scouts wore their uniforms and national dress with pride whilst flying the flags of their nations. It's clear that international borders and cultural differences won't stop us from creating a world of unity and friendship, both onsite and beyond.

Scouting aims to help us all to work together to build a better world. It was great to witness so many Scouts renew their promise to strive towards this common goal. As João Armando P. Gonçalves, Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, reminded us last night: "Now, it is in our hands to make this Jamboree like the world we would want it to be: a place of Peace, Respect, Collaboration, Diversity and Friendship."



Opening of the 23rd WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SCOUT MONDIAL



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Bienvenue au 23ème Jamboree Scout Mondial, ici au Japon.

Le thème de ce Jamboree est « WA » : un esprit d'unité. « WA » a plusieurs significations: « les liens forts d'amitié », « la compréhension de l'autre », « la paix ». Il qualifie également le « Japon ». L'esprit de Wa représente parfaitement le but de ce Jamboree.

34,000 scouts et chefs, venus de 150 pays et régions différentes, sont aujourd'hui rassemblés.

Pour vous, c'est l'occasion rêvée d'essayer de comprendre les langues et les religions du monde, de découvrir de multiples cultures et ethnies, faire de nouvelles connaissances et aller au-delà des différences; Et ceci, toujours dans un esprit scout.

Pour terminer, je souhaiterais vous présenter quelques-uns des scouts japonais ayant vécu le tremblement de terre et le puissant tsunami qui ont touchés le Japon il y a quatre ans. Ils ont redoublé d'efforts dans leurs missions volontaires mais ont encore plein d'énergie pour participer à ce Jamboree. Vous pourriez en apprendre beaucoup de ces jeunes.

A présent, je déclare l'ouverture officielle du 23ème Jamboree Scout Mondial.

C'est parti! Faites de votre mieux! Amusez-vous!

Welcome to the 23rd World Scout Jamboree here in Japan.

The theme of this Jamboree is "WA": a Spirit of Unity. "WA" also means, "close friendship", "mutual understanding", "peace" as well as an adjective of "Japan". WA represents exactly the goal of this jamboree.

We have 34,000 Scouts and Scouters gathered here from over 150 countries and territories.

What an opportunity you have to learn and understand different languages, religions, cultures, races, meeting new friends and overcoming such difference with scouting spirit.

Lastly, I want you to meet some Japanese Scouts who have been affected by the huge earthquake and tsunami that happened four years ago. They have been volunteering for in the recovery effort and still have enough energy to participate in the Jamboree. You may be able to learn something special from them.

Now, I declare open the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

Let us begin! Do your best! Have fun doing

Jamboree Heat Survival Guide



By Kay Baxter

As you see from the weather forecast, the average temperatures at the Jamboree can be over 30°C! We have a few ideas to help you to keep healthy and safe in the heat and the sun.

Make sure to drink plenty of water. You will sweat a lot to keep cool. Carry your water bottle all the time so that you can replace this water loss. You should take it with you around the site and for activities. All the taps on site have drinking water, so you can fill up your water bottle as much as you need. Try to drink some rehydration salts, salty soup or a soft drink every day. Sweat has salt as well as water, so you need to replace this, too.

Wear a **hat** to protect your face, eyes and neck from the sun. Even if you take it off for activities, you should wear your hat as you walk around. Your hat will protect you from heat stroke and sunburn, so you can keep having fun at the Jamboree.

If you need to cool down quickly during the day, find some shade and hold a cold water bottle on your neck, wrists, elbows, backs of your knees, and ankles.

You need to stay cool at night time too - it can be as hot as 23°C. You can lie under a damp towel in your bed to keep cool. A cold shower before or after sleeping helps to keep you cool, and keeps you clean.

Eating enough food is important too. You might

feel less hungry in the heat, but food is important for energy, water and salt.

So, to have the best time you can at the Jamboree, remember the three 'R's - rest, refuel, rehydrate. Look after your friends and make sure to wear sun cream!

Comment profiter de ce Jamboree ensoleillé.

Les températures au Jamboree peuvent dépasser 30°C! Premièrement assurez-vous de boire beaucoup pendant toute la journée. Partout sur le site, il y a des points d'eau où l'on peut remplir les bouteilles d'eau, donc pensez à toujours emporter une gourde aux activités. De plus pensez à apporter un chapeau. Le chapeau est vraiment important car il vous protège de la chaleur et des coups de soleil. Quand vous avez rapidement besoin d'un refroidissement pendant la journée, vous pouvez faire une petite pause à l'ombre et mettre une bouteille d'eau froide sur votre gorge, vos genoux, vos coudes etc. Pendant la nuit, il est également important de rester au frais, vu que les températures ne baissent pas beaucoup. Pensez aussi à manger suffisamment même si vous n'avez pas trop faim à cause de la chaleur, car vous avez constamment besoin d'énergie, d'eau et de sel. Et n'oubliez pas la crème solaire!



Check-in

By Luke Brickley

Logic would dictate that the Welcome Center would be in chaos on the 28th July, given the arrival of over 25,000 participants, however this turned out to be the exact opposite of the truth. Queues appeared to be calm with people quite happy to just chat to each other. This is an observation that Amy Beckett, twenty, United Kingdom, made. She went as far as

to say that "Everyone was friendly" and showed "true scouting spirit".

This Spirit of Unity, 和, pronounced Wa, is the driving force behind the World Scout Jamboree. This is echoed in the collaboration that happened between the Welcome Center and the ICT Department, working together to make the process go even smoother. To do this, they set up touch screen tablets to allow a quick and easy check in. This seems to have worked well. Astrid F. Jacobson, 18, Norway, said "The system was fast and organised. It was actually really easy and the guidance through it was great".

So, to everyone at the Jamboree, remember to embrace not just the word Wa but the spirit of the Jamboree also. Whilst you're standing in that queue and the sun is beating down on you, think like a Scout, stop seeing a queue and start seeing it as an opportunity; to make new friends, to talk to people from a range of countries, and finally, to do all this without having to travel further than the front of your tent!



Des scouts du monde entier sont arrivés au site du 23e Jamboree Scout Mondial. Tous les arrivant devaient passer le Welcome Center avant d'accéder au site du Jamboree. Les jours d'arrivée d'un tel événement sont souvent synonymes d'arrivées en masse, d'organisation et d'administration bancales et de files kilométriques et ennuyeuses.

Contrairement aux attentes, tout c'est déroulé calmement et sans problèmes majeurs. Les gens étaient contents d'être enfin arrivés et de faire leurs premières rencontres. C'est fascinant de voir tout ces scouts avec des cultures et traditions très différentes, rigolant et parlant ensemble. La nationalité n'a aucune importance à ce moment, chacun est tout simplement scout.

Ce sentiment d'appartenance était donc visible dans les rires des gens au moment de leur arrivée. Le succès de ce premier jour va certainement favoriser des rencontres avec des gens du monde entier, favoriser la découverte de leur culture et traditions tout en vivant ensemble en paix et en harmonie.

Scouts arrive, from far and wide

by Leung Pui Shan, Cheng Peiyun, Cathy Webet

Scouts from all over the world have arrived and put up their tents on the site of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree, feeling excited about the camp ahead. Once they had set up, they spoke about their travel experiences, first impressions, and expectations for the upcoming event.

Most of the Scouts had to travel by plane to Japan followed by a bus or train ride to the Jamboree site. In general, Scouts have enjoyed their journey and have described it as enjoyable even though it was lengthy. The German Contingent took two different planes, followed by a 16-hour bus ride from Fuji. The Scouts of Norway and Burundi had to travel two days to arrive in Japan.

Most of the Scouts find it hard to believe how big the site is. Andrea, 17, from Mexico, said "I thought the campsite was a lot smaller". Portuguese Scouts think following their arrival that the camp is huge; so far they only know their way to the supermarket and back to their campsite!

Also here are the International Union of Muslim Scouts. After finishing her prayers in the Faith and Beliefs Area, Maryam, 29, UK, was spending time rolling scarves with friends. They are meeting Union members from many contingents. "Saudi Arabians, Italians and Africans have arrived too!"

The Algerian Scouts were tired from 24 hours of travelling. But that was quickly replaced with excitement when they arrived. Amina, 17, says "Everything is so different. Japan is like another planet!" Smiling, she says foreign Scouts are welcome to visit. "We cook tasty Algerian cuisine!" Amina continued "Scouting is like my second family. If everybody does Scouting, helps each other, and cares to make people happy like Scouts do, society will be a better place."



Interviewing Japanese Scouts

By Nils Rood

Waiting in line outside the newly opened Scout Shop are Japanese Scouts Akira Yokokawa, 17, Soushi Kudo, 17, Satoshi Tamura, 16, and their unit leader Harumi Endo. They travelled for 14 hours by bus from Nagano. As they left, the Scouts and Leaders at home sent them off with the traditional Japanese Scouting cheer "Yaa saka!" The cheer is performed when a Scout achieves something, is striving towards a goal, or to send someone off on



their way.

Soushi, Satoshi and Akira are all very excited about the Jamboree. The 23rd World Scout Jamboree is the biggest camp they have been to so far. "I want to make foreign friends", Akira says, and his friends agree. They want to get to know and learn more about many different cultures. "And to really get to know the spirit of 'Wa," Harumi adds.

Their plan for today is to get into the newly opened Scout Shop. They have already been waiting for two hours, and they still have an hour more. Satoshi, Soushi and Akira all want to buy souvenirs, or 'omiyage' as it is called in Japanese, for themselves and their friends at home.

Akira, Soushi and Satoshi are only a few of the 24,600 recently arrived participants. Over the course of three days, Scouts from 147 different countries and territories are arriving at the Jamboree. There will be many enjoyable experiences awaiting, as well as new friends. Hopefully everyone will get to feel the Spirit of Unity, and to everyone at the Jamboree: yaa saka!

No Passport, No flight

By Sara Bonetti

"I left my passport at home when I went to the airport in Lima," says Claudia, 14, Peru. By the time the Peruvian Contingent had arrived at Shin-Yamaguchi Station, it had become a funny story. "I don't know exactly how it happened, but I was so excited about going to the Jamboree that I just forgot about it." After she realised what had happened, her mum brought her passport to her. She and one other made the journey a day later to rejoin the group.

Claudia is one of 35 Scouts from Peru. Ten days after leaving, they are having a great time. "It has been so exciting. We have met a lot of Scouts from all over the world, everywhere we go." Starting in Lima, they have visited Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, and then Shin-Yamaguchi. To prove they weren't tired yet, the group started singing and dancing, sharing their enthusiasm with others as they arrived at the Jamboree site.



Jamboree in pictures

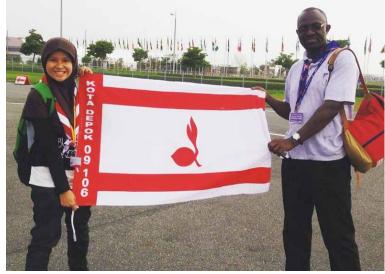












































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A one-day off-site programme to Hiroshima will provide opportunity for all the participants to learn from the events of 1945. Participants will visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park including the museum.

Programme Outline

Peace Memorial Ceremony

Peace Programme

As 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of cities in Japan, we are creating the possibility to representative Scouts - possibly one from each NSO - to attend the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima.



Global Development Village (GDV)

GDV will be an on-site module programme, which tries to raise awareness of global issues such as peace, the environment, development, human rights and health among participants. As the 23WSJ will be held in Japan, GDV will focus on disaster mitigation. We will ask for active involvement of the UN agencies, NGOs and NPOs. GDV programme will be distributed to the world for preevent materials, as well as being part of the Join-in-Jamboree programme.

Exploring Nature

A full day module programme that will foster better understanding of the surrounding nature will also bring appreciation to the environment. This programme will be held in Yamaguchi City where Kirara-hama is.

Cross Road of Culture (CRC)

CRC will be an activity to promote the exchange of cultures, and learn respect for the cultures amongst participants.

Also in the CRC programme, we will try to have a programme aimed at deepening the cultural understanding of Japan from traditional culture to pop culture among the participants.

City of Science (COS)

COS, which will be one-day programme in Kirara-hama, will deepen the understanding of advances in science and technology and the benefits and problems associated with science. This programme provides a venue for learning about the development of fuel cells and other energy sources for the future, ecological problems, and robotics and automotive technologies.



Community Services

There will be a day for community services. Participants can compare their own community to another community. This programme includes practical implementation of the "Reaching Out" strategy in the local community. Participants will be able to experience the real Japan by working with local people.

Water Activities

Water activities such as sailing, wind surfing, snorkeling, rafting and fishing will be carried out at lakes, rivers or the nearby coast.





The Food Houses



by Rosa Amptmeijer, Nils Rood

Right next to the Dome, you can find a large field with seven white tents. These are the International Food Houses. They are beautifully decorated, displaying local cuisine and different cultures from countries all around the world. Taiwanese Tea Eggs, Hungarian Hamburgers and Japanese Ika Yaki are just some of the many different dishes to be found here. The Food Houses also have games, activities and displays from their home countries. Even though the cultures vary widely, the Food Houses all have one thing in common - they are all managed by enthusiastic people who put a lot of heart and effort into their jobs.

Netherlands

Behind white picket fences featuring a cow and some tulips, you will find a world of orange belonging to Dutch Horizon, the food house of the Netherlands. They serve Dutch specialties like poffertjes, stroopwafels and tostis, all of which are made on the spot. You can also find activities inside the Dutch food tent throughout the Jamboree like karaoke, open podium and parties. For the full schedule, check out Dutch Horizon! They have a place to relax where you can play Monopoly with the Dutch troop names, buy clogs and burn your name on them, tie a woggle or a friendship bracelets, weave on a loom, and read a Dutch Donald Duck comic. And if you happen to lose your sunglasses, they have Dutch Horizon sunglasses you can buy.

Scouts of China (Taiwan)

A different tent is Gourmet Taiwan, the Food House organised by the Scouts of China (Taiwan). Da-Yung Wang, says that it's more than just a Food House because it's not just about the food. It's about the traditional culture of Taiwan and China, for example displayed with the traditionally patterned hanging fabrics decorating the tent. As well as tasting the culture, you can also try a deep fried squid ball, instant pork noodles and rice dumplings. Those are cooked for you by Prof. Peter Pan, professor of Traditional Chinese and Taiwanese Culture from Mingdao University in Taiwan.

Hungary

A sight that's hard to miss is the giant, illuminated Rubik's Cube in front the Hungarian Csárda, the Hungarian Food House. They offer a mix of modern and traditional Hungarian culture. If you're hungry, try lángos (flatbread with various toppings) or goulash (soup with meat or mushrooms, vegetables and paprika). If you're too hot, cool down with a non-alcoholic cocktail. If the Japanese weather is just a cool breeze for you, you can spice things up with a traditional Hungarian folk dancing lesson, arranged every day from around 7 PM.

Switzerland

Closer to the road near the Dome is the Swiss Food House. If you're a fan of cheese and chocolate, you do not want to miss it! An actual professional cheesemaker works in the tent! They want to show the Spirit of Unity, so they have made an anko croissant - Japanese bean paste inside a Swiss croissant. Besides that they also have Swiss pastries, garlic bread, chocolate croissants and Swiss ice tea. In front of the tent, they have a herd of cows, cheese and chocolate to decorate, so you know you're in the right place. From time to time you will also be able to experience live yodelling at the Swiss Food House, together with the sound of the traditional talerschwingen.

Osaka, Japan

One of the two Japanese Food Houses comes from Osaka. They are serving specialties from their home town like ika yaki (squid pancake), kaki gori (shaved ice), and okashi (confectionary). They have ice lollies as well, in several different flavours such as melon and pear. Dutch scouts outside the food house confirmed the tastiness of the ice, saying it's very refreshing in the hot weather, and even better than ice lollies found in the Netherlands.

Gunma, Japan

The second Japanese Food House is from the Gunma prefecture, in the middle of Japan in the Kantō region. They don't serve the same as the Osaka Food House, here you can find instant ramen and yakisoba noodles, manufactured in Gunma prefecture. In the evening they serve Yakitori (chicken skewers), and they will also have a local DJ playing dance music to be enjoyed by all the visiting guests.

Rainbow Café

If you're looking for a place to talk, sit and where you can just be yourself, you can visit the Rainbow Café, located with the Food Houses. Their goal is to showcase and talk about all kinds of diversity, more than simply cultural diversity. It's a safe place to be yourself, their slogan isn't without reason; 'happiness is open to all'. Here you can come and talk about anything you want, nothing is taboo. There will always be people here available to talk to. Look for the rainbow badge, people wearing those either at the café or around the campsite are there for you, and you can stop and talk to them anytime. For the evening programmes, you can find the café underneath the rainbow flags.

So if you're in the mood to try some new food, make friends and meet different cultures, you should definitely check out all the amazing Food Houses.

À deux pas du Dome se trouve une plaine où sept tentes sont installées. Il s'agit des pavillons culinaires scouts dans lesquels certains pays proposent des spécialités culinaires: hamburgers hongrois, ika yaki japonais en font partie. On y trouve également des jeux, des petites expositions et des activités diverses. Toutes ces tentes ont pour but de vous faire découvrir leur culture dans la joie et la bonne humeur.

En plus de ces tentes nationales, on y trouve le Rainbow Café, signalé par le drapeau arc-en-ciel. Il s'agit un endroit où vous pouvez venir discuter de ce qui vous tient à coeur, sans aucun tabou. Son slogan, "Le bonheur appartient à tout le monde", parle de lui-même. En plus d'être un café durant jusque 17h, il passera de la musique, organisera des spectacles, des discussions, des séances de speed dating, le tout sous le thème de l'arc-en-ciel. Le Rainbow Café est ouvert à tous, tous les jours, jours et nuit.

Si la découverte de nouvelles gastronomies ne vous tente pas, les Pavillons Culinaires sont le meilleur endroit pour se faire de nouveaux amis.

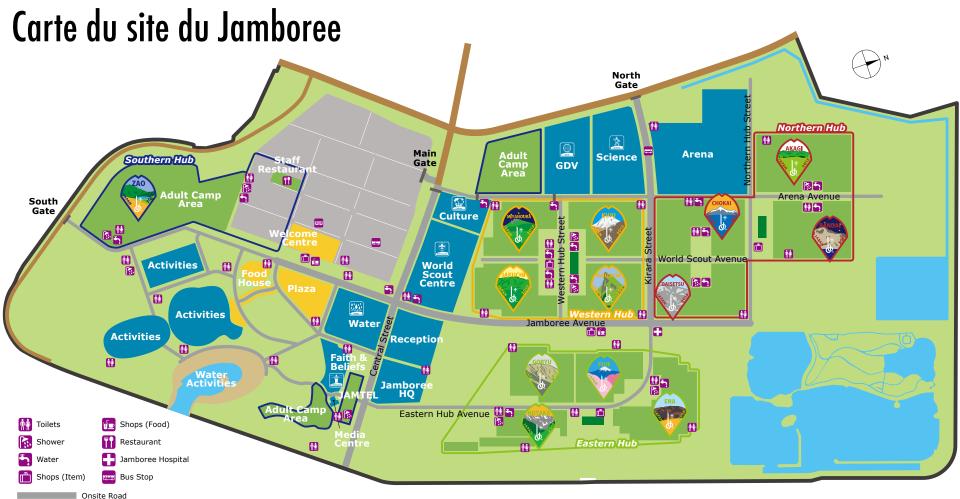


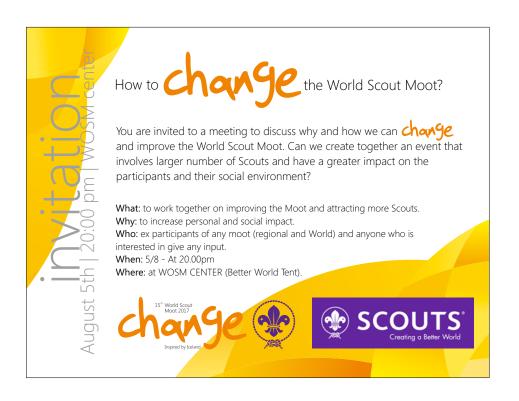




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