



ACT CONTINGENT TO AJ2019 NEWSLETTER 3 – NOVEMBER 2018

Dear ACT Contingent Members

It is 60 days until we depart and I am now updating you on our final preparations to attend AJ2019.

Your Application and Payments

By now all Jamboree participant payments should have been finalised. Unfortunately this is not the case and this puts pressure on our ability to run the Contingent. We are in regular contact with some individuals to resolve this and I will be contacting some by phone.

Those who have been allocated funding from the Lord Baden Powell Society will have their account credited with their allocation once the balance in addition to the allocation is paid.

Information on how to pay was included in Newsletter 2.

Once we have received your payment and your signed application is scanned onto the system we will update your application to Branch Headquarters (BHQ) Approved as soon as we are able to.

For your application to be marked as BHQ Approved, it must be signed with relevant signatures, scanned and uploaded to your electronic application.

Pre-Jamboree Camp Friday 23 to Sunday 25 November 2018 at Camp Cottermouth

I am aware of the impact of the date change for Pre-Jamboree Camp.

If, as a result of the date change you are unavailable to attend the Pre-Jamboree Camp, for Scouts and leaders within troops, please inform your Troop Leader as soon as possible. A new indemnity form (*TLs please note*) for the camp will need to be completed and signed for all youth members. Activity/Service Leaders, Venturers, Rovers and Other Adults not with a troop should let me know by Friday 16 November if you are unable to attend.

The program for the Pre-Jamboree Camp is unchanged and it is in everyone's best interest to attend if possible.

The purpose of the Pre-Jamboree Camp is to:

- Solve equipment issues;
- Have patrols conducting a camp together, confirming that patrol members and leadership are a good fit;
- Practice good camp procedures including hygiene & sleep;
- Practice camp set up, to confirm site layout and speed up set up on arrival at the Jamboree;
- Practice Celebration Day activity;
- Practice cooking for 40 people;
- Ensure that all necessary troop gear has been identified for packing on 8 December;
- Ensure that all necessary personal gear has been identified, purchased and labelled;
- Practice Troop Council under more stressful conditions (time poor, sleep deprived, limited privacy, etc); and
- Highlight troop vulnerabilities and weaknesses for troop leadership, allowing time to address before Jamboree or seek further Contingent support

Merchandise

All ACT Contingent Merchandise has been received and will be sorted for distribution at the Pre-Jamboree Camp.

ACT Contingent Shirt and optional back pack - For those that had ordered additional Contingent shirts and an optional backpack prior to 31 August 2018, these were in our initial order and will be included in the distribution at Pre-Jamboree Camp. For those who ordered since that date, these will be included in a second order to be made shortly. If you still wish to order these items

you must do so by Friday 9 November 2018. Orders are placed by going to the “Merchandise” tab on the top of the online participant application. Unpaid orders will not be distributed until payment is made. If the second order is not received from our suppliers by 23 November in time for Pre-Jamboree Camp a later collection date will be advertised.

Contingent Badge orders will be distributed and we will be selling badges at the Pre-Jamboree Camp. Badges will again be available at the Jamboree from ACT Contingent Headquarters.

Travel Arrangements – By Coach

Coach - All Contingent members travelling by Coach with Priest’s Coaches are to meet at 1830 on Thursday 3 January 2019 at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Bruce. The exact meeting point will be notified during December. The planned itinerary below may vary due to road, traffic, queuing at toilet stops and weather conditions. Each coach is fitted with a toilet for more urgent situations.

The ACT Coaches will depart the AIS on Thursday 3 January 2019 and travel overnight to Tailem Bend arriving on Friday 4 January at 1000 as per the itinerary below.

COACH ITINERARY CANBERRA TO TAILEM BEND

DATE	DEPART LOCATION	DEPART TIME	ARRIVE LOCATION	ARRIVE TIME
Thu 3/1/19	AIS Canberra	1900	Jubilee Park Wagga Wagga (toilet stop and driver change)	2200
	Wagga Wagga	2230		
Fri 4/1/19			Hay (toilet stop)	0130
	Hay	0200	Pinnaroo (breakfast provided)	0630
	Pinnaroo	0830	Tailem Bend (AJ2019)	1000

The ACT Coaches will depart the Jamboree at 2300 on Sunday 13 January 2019 and travel overnight to Canberra arriving at the AIS at 1245 as per the itinerary below.

COACH ITINERARY TAILEM BEND TO CANBERRA

DATE	DEPART LOCATION	DEPART TIME	ARRIVE LOCATION	ARRIVE TIME
Sun 13/1/19	Tailem Bend (AJ2019)	2300		
Mon 14/1/19			Balranald (toilet stop)	0330
	Balranald	0400	Narrandera (breakfast provided)	0700
	Narrandera	0900	Wagga Wagga (toilet stop and driver change)	1000
	Wagga Wagga	1030	AIS Canberra	1245

Travel Arrangements - Independent Travel

Several ACT Contingent members are travelling independently to and from the Jamboree. This intention or any changes need to be notified on your Jamboree application and an email sent to notify me by 30 November 2018.

Arrival at the Jamboree Friday 4 January 2019

All independent travellers are to meet a member/s of the ACT Contingent Team at the main gate of the Jamboree at 8am. ID Tags will be issued. Scouts will be escorted to the ACT Contingent Headquarters until the coaches arrive at 10am. Line leaders/Troop Leaders (and related Scouts) in this group will move to their troop site. Activity/Service Leaders will move to the Caravan Park via ACT Contingent Headquarters to collect their camping gear.

The Jamboree address is 543 Dukes Highway Tailem Bend. Entry is next to the On the Run (OTR) Service Station and then follow the signs to the main gate.

Departure from the Jamboree Monday 14 January 2019

Please note that independent travellers will not be permitted to leave the Jamboree on the evening of Sunday 13 January 2019 following the closing ceremony.

Breakfast for Scouts and line leaders on 14 January will be provided at the ACT Contingent Headquarters. Breakfast for activity/service leaders will be provided in the leader kitchen.

All independent travellers will be escorted by member/s of the ACT Contingent Team to the main gate of the Jamboree and met by parents or other responsible adult. A pre-signed release form will be required for youth members. The proposed meeting time at the main gate is 9am.

Celebration Day

Previously known as visitors/future scout day, Celebration Day is on Saturday 12 January 2019 and is the only day where visitors are permitted onsite.

The entry cost for Celebration Day is \$5 for visitors and \$15 for those who wish to purchase the Celebration Day Souvenir Pack. The Celebration Day visiting hours are 9.00am and 5.00pm. No visitors will be permitted onsite outside those times. All visitors must be pre-registered via the online application system, which has a link to it from the AJ2019 website.

The system should be open soon for registrations. If you have any questions about this day, please forward them to celebrationday@aj2019.com.au

Please note that if you are intending to visit your Scout you will not be permitted to leave with them from the Jamboree site.

Optional Activities

Several Scouts have indicated their interest in participating in 1 of the 2 optional activities on offer. Your place in the queue for this limited opportunity is not possible until you have completed the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) Membership Form (power gliding) or the Confederation of Australian Motorsport (CAMS) Form (motorsport). These forms can be downloaded from the "Activities" tab on your application, need to be completed and signed by a parent and scanned back onto your application. Your place in the queue for these activities is calculated on the time that your completed form is uploaded to your online application.

Please also make the payment for these activities through the "Status" tab on your application. Applicants whose application is not marked as BHQ Approved on the application system will not be able to choose one of these activities.

10 nights camping including 3 nights consecutive requirement

Troop Leaders have been asked to assess this within each Jamboree Troop. It is to be achieved as much as possible. The question remains for those who are unable to complete this requirement, can they make it through a long camp and that may require further assessment.

Questions

Please forward all questions to your Jamboree Troop Leader. They will approach the Contingent Team if unable to provide an answer.

I will be unavailable and out of contact from Saturday 10 to Saturday 17 November 2018. During this time ACT Deputy Contingent Leader James Derlacki will be on email at james.derlacki@gmail.com

See you at Pre-Jamboree Camp.

Yours in Scouting

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25th Australian Jamboree (AJ2019)

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