

COUNTDOWN

Issue 2

Welcome to this second and final edition of COUNTDOWN which we hope includes all the information you will need to prepare for your stay at the Jamboree. If you have any further questions you can always look at other Frequently Asked Questions on the website (www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree) or email us at jamboree@essexscouts.org.uk where we'll be pleased to answer your questions. Don't forget to read issue one for an introduction to the activities programme and shopping experience.

Registrations Summary

All Groups should by now have:

1. Paid their final fees
2. Entered their Groups personal details on the online system
3. Completed their Emergency contact details on the online system
4. Sent the Registrar 4 photos for each member of the Group
5. Received the Website link to
 - a) The Clothing Order Information
 - b) The Food Warehouse order Information
 - c) Countdown, Issue One
6. Had contact from their Sub Camp
7. Received information about Outings

Final Registration Requirements

The last few documents you need before the Jamboree are now available to download at www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboreedownloads

Latest downloads include;

- a) Health Forms
- b) Activity Permission Forms
- c) Car Park Passes

Look out for your Jamboree uniform badge that will be sent by your Sub Camp team. A Leaders Handbook will be downloadable from the website before the event and a paper copy will be provided to you at the event.



Online Booking System

Please ensure that you complete all the information before 30th June 2008, as the system will be locked on 1st July 2008. Incomplete information will lead to delays in registering your Group. Any changes required after this date will need to be emailed to

jamboree.registrar@essexscouts.org.uk

Jamboree Health Forms

Every one is required to complete 3 copies of the Jamboree Health Form. Each copy must have an original signature.

Copy 1 – is to be retained by the Group Leader

Copy 2 - it should be put in an envelope marked with your booking reference and Sub Camp and handed in to the Sub Camp team on arrival.

Copy 3 – is for the Medical Centre. It should be put in an envelope marked with your booking reference and Sub Camp and be handed in to the Sub Camp team on arrival.

Jamboree Health Forms can be downloaded from the Website at

www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboreedownloads

If you require paper copies to be posted to you then please contact

jamboree.registrar@essexscouts.org.uk

Car Park Passes

These should be completed and left on view in the Windscreen of any vehicle that will be remaining on site in the Jamboree Car Park. Please photocopy as necessary. These are downloadable from the website.

Post

The postal Address from 6th July to 2nd August 2008 ONLY is:

“Participants Name”

“Group”

“Sub Camp”

Essex International Jamboree 2008

Devereaux Farm

Kirby Le Soken

Frinton on Sea

Essex

CO13 0DA



Emergency Phone Number

The Jamboree phone number is 01255 675387. This number will only be available from 26th July to 2nd August 2008. It is for emergencies only.

On Arrival

Please go straight to your Sub Camp and register with your Sub Camp Team. You will need to exchange your Group's Health Forms for their Jamboree passes. If there is any missing information or money owing then your Sub Camp team will direct you to the help desk.

Scout & Guide Forms Reminder

Girguiding UK - A/A Form

Please complete your A/A form within the recommended time frame. The host Camp Advisor is Mrs Mavis Burton, Moel Siabod, 12 Elm Avenue, Heybridge, Essex. CM9 4NT. Please put your booking reference on the top right hand corner of your form and ensure that you enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your permission slip.

The Scout Association - Nights Away

Please send your Nights Away Notification to your home DC at least 7 days before the start of the Jamboree.

Jamboree uniform badge

UK Scouts Groups may wear the badge above the left hand pocket for the next 12 months.

UK Guide Groups may wear the badge on the Gilet or uniform top.

International Contingents may wear the badge in accordance with the rules of their Association.

Search For Specialists

We are keen to hear from any adults attending the Jamboree on participant Sub Camps that might be able to contribute specialist skills during the event. We are especially looking for tradesmen of all types or activity instructors within water or challenge based activities. Please contact jamboree@essexscouts.org.uk if you or someone you know are able to assist.

recycle for Jamboree

Have you made plans to recycle in your camping area? To assist people to prepare, we have set a four step action to ensure that the Jamboree contributes to the ecology of the planet by helping to reduce landfill dumping by recycling. Take some time before the event to work out how you and your members can contribute to this action.

Step One - Wash & Squash

Food packaging like tins, cans and plastic containers require cleaning before recycling so use your old washing up water and give them a quick rinse.

Step Two - Sort & Store

At your Group campsite, find a place to store your recycling in your camping area. A number of bins or bags could be used to keep items separate.

Step Three - Deposit

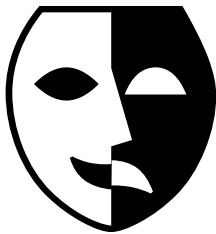
Take your recycled items to the recycle points located around the Jamboree site.

Step Four - Entourage

Try and encourage everyone in your camping area to think whether items can be reused or recycled before they're thrown away

The following items can be recycled at Jamboree...





Young People's Entertainments

An action packed week of entertainments is planned to occupy all tastes during Jamboree week.

Open Ceremony

On the first day the Sub Camps will be led to the Market Square from 19.30 for an evening of celebration and the start of the Jamboree week. The Jamboree house band and orange coats will entertain us all until the main ceremony starts at 20.30. Please ensure that your Group is in uniform. The entertainment venues will open once the ceremony has finished so the party continues until bedtime.

Daily Entertainments

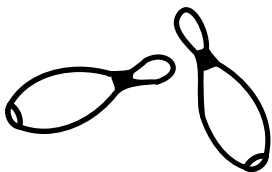
The early evening entertainment kicks off daily from Sunday at 19.30 on the main outdoor stage in the Market Square with live entertainment. Meanwhile the live tent opens at 20.30 with three or more bands performing there nightly. The dance tent will also open at 20.30 each night with a disco theme. After a fun packed evening, entertainments in the Market Square will close between 22.30 and 22.45.



Cinema

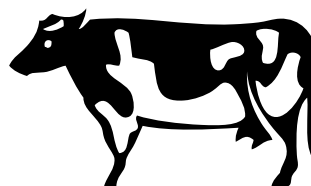
The Jamboree full size cinema provides the chance to chill out and watch a film. You can also send your nominations for

what U or PG films you would like to view by emailing us at entertainments@essexscouts.org.uk. Popcorn, sweets, soft drinks and other snacks will also be available to buy.



Street Entertainers

Our team of street entertainers will perform nightly in the arena in the middle of the Market Square where you can join in and try your skills at juggling, poi, Diablo and devil sticks. Come and watch the nightly show that will sometimes include fire juggling and fire breathing.



Dairy Room

You may be surprised to hear about a cow grazing during Jamboree in the

Market Square! Don't be alarmed this is just Daisy the Dairy room, a Big Brother inspired diary room. Daisy will be open throughout the day and evening.

Themed Nights

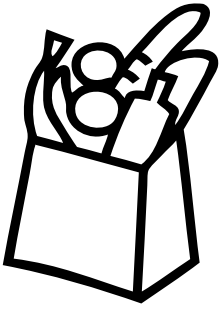
In the expectation that some people like to dress up, we are pleased to announce a series of themed nights during Jamboree week. Push your creativity and imagination to the limits. Themes will include Beach Party, Polar Night (wear something white), Recycled (costumes of clean recycled materials) and on the Wednesday evening, National Costume.

Talent Show

During the week, each Sub Camp will host a talent show audition where the best acts will be put forward for a main competition later in the week. Talent show finalists will need to be available for rehearsal on the Thursday afternoon from 17.30 to 19.00

Closing Ceremony

Sub Camps will depart their area for the Market Square at 19.30 and will join the resident house band and orange coats until everyone has arrived and the carnival begins. Please come in your Sub Camp colour to fit in with the carnival theme. The party will continue in the Market Square until the final part of the closing ceremony and the Jamboree will formally close at 23.00.



Food Warehouse

Following the success of the food warehouse operation at the 2004 event we are now working with Sainsbury's to provide an improved service. The shopping list has been carefully prepared following extensive market research to ensure that we are providing everything that you would need for a camp with Guides or Scouts. Remember that prices given on the shopping list are equivalent to those in any Sainsbury's supermarket or online.

How Will It Work?

Download your food warehouse order form from the website – www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree and place your order in advance and indicate the day(s) that suit you for collection. Your order can include meat, vegetables, bakery, groceries and cleaning products. We also have freezer facilities to enable you to benefit from the purchase of chilled and frozen foods. You can collect what you want on the day you want it from the Food Warehouse based in the Market Square.

For International Groups Only

For international Groups who may not be familiar with English products and systems, we are offering specially prepared packs for units of 10 persons based on the products listed. These will contain everything you need for 24 hours at a time and is an ideal way to get started. If you wish to take up this service then we ask that you send an email to jamboree.food@essexscouts.org.uk with your request and we will give you a quote

How Do I Place An Order?

Complete the order form electronically and send it to jamboree.food@essexscouts.org.uk. We would prefer electronic orders, but realise this is not always easy, therefore, if you need to send in your order on paper by post, please send it to the address on the shopping list

When Can I Collect Items?

You will see from the form that you can have supplies ready for collection on the day that you require them. We strongly urge you to collect supplies for your breakfast on the day prior. The warehouse will be open from 07.30 till 10.00 and again from 16.00 to 18.00

When Do I Need To Place The Order?

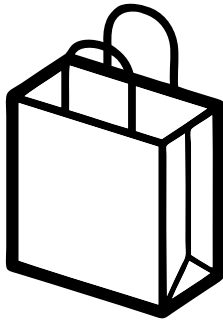
Orders must be sent to us preferably 1 month prior to the Jamboree to enable us to process all the orders, but there is a deadline of Saturday 5th July. A cheque to the value of 90% of the order value must be sent to the address on the shopping list. The remaining 10% is payable at the jamboree, where your final bill will be made up. This will include any price variations that occur (remember prices can go down as well as up!)

What If I Forget To Order Something Or Need Extra?

We will also operate a small shop on site for those small items that you forgot or want extra, such as milk and bread.

More Information

If you require additional information about the range of products to help those who are not familiar with the items on offer, please visit www.sainsburys.co.uk. If you have any queries about the food warehouse system, please email us on jamboree.food@essexscouts.org.uk



Gas

We are pleased to offer a way to order and collect gas during the Jamboree. As we are unable to keep stocks of gas on site for health and safety reasons a daily delivery

will be available between 15.00 and 17.00. We are happy to offer both a gas bottle ordering system to those that place an order in advance or bottle exchanges if they are ordered. For further comprehensive details on how to order and collect your gas please visit the website at

www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree2008/site/gas.php
or email jamboree.gas@essexscouts.org.uk



Jamboree Bank

Please note that the opening hours for the Jamboree Bank will be 08.30 - 13.30 in the morning and 16.00 - 18.00 in the afternoon

Jamboree Open Day Wednesday 30th July

The Jamboree site will welcome Guide and Scout Groups and families to experience the international adventure of a Jamboree.

There will be a wide range of events and activities to keep you busy including the chance to experience the Jamboree programme, discover the hype in the Market Square, wander round the endangered animal themed Sub Camps, go shopping for souvenirs in the Jamart, grab a bite to eat at Dino's, relax in the Jungle Café, take part in special open day events and watch an entertaining show at the end of the day

In 2004, thousands of people came to visit and this year we are making it even easier for you to get into the site and ready for a great day.

The price is £5 per person. Under 5s are free. By ordering in advance, participants will be issued with a wristband, which will entitle them to come through a special entrance in no time at all, missing all the queues and no messing about with money. The official closing date for ordering in advance is Monday 30th June but tickets will also be available on the day.

The Jamboree Open Day will be open between 10am and 5.30pm. Height restrictions will apply on activities and are they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Parking will be available but help us save the environment and not creating queues we are recommending car sharing or coming by coach. Unfortunately public transport is not linked to the site but visitors might be able to find out if other parents and families from the Group/Unit are going and could share a ride.

For further information, including details on how to order wristbands please visit www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboreeopenday or email jamboree.openday@essexscouts.org.uk

Permission Form For Activities

Every young person taking part in activities at the Jamboree will need to have a permission form signed by their parent/guardian. The form can be downloaded from the website –

www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboreedownloads

Please ensure you print enough copies so that you have enough forms so that every young person in your Group or Unit completes it with the appropriate signatures from their parent/guardian. Please collect the forms back in before the Jamboree and bring them with you. We advise that you take a copy of each form before you leave so you have a spare if a young person loses theirs whilst at the Jamboree.

This form will have to be shown to activity leaders before a young person can take part in some activities. This relates specifically to water activities and for challenge activities. Participants only need to have their form with them when taking part in these activities. Therefore we recommend that you keep hold of the forms when they are not needed.

If a young person does not have their form with them for certain activities they will not be allowed to participate. Please make sure that your participants know how important it is to have their form with them before queuing for activities, and to keep it safe.

Adults that have paid to take part in activities do not need to complete one of these forms, but will be required to sign an appropriate declaration in accordance of Section 21 or the Firearms Act if they wish to take part in the air rifle shooting activity.

If you have any questions about this form, please contact Matt from the Activities Team by email on matt@essexscouts.org.uk.

Outing Activity Form

Please ensure that your outing activity form has been returned to the activities department to ensure that they can plan logistics.

Training Opportunities

Want to catch up on some training?

Want to learn some new skills and knowledge?

Want to refresh your knowledge on a subject that will help you work with young people, but struggle to find the time?

We want to help you and felt it was an opportunity to offer training sessions at the Essex International Jamboree for Leaders or staff who may have some free time and wish to learn something new, brush up or refresh their skills and knowledge.

Both Scouting and Guiding work with young people so it seems obvious to offer some joint training at times when Leaders from both organisations are together in the same place. Each session will provide opportunities for ongoing learning and support the formal training processes of both organisations. We also aim to offer validation sessions for Scout volunteers that require them. We aim to run sessions on Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday and Friday and maybe one evening. The training sessions will be based in and around the Market Square and the times/venues will be confirmed nearer the time. All sessions are open to any Leader, Young Leader or adult on site, whether they are there as staff or with a Group. Below are details of the trainings we hope to offer and what will be covered in the session.

Young People in a Diverse Society

To help leaders to promote the policies of their organisations that encourage us to consider how we can make Scouting and Guiding available for all. It will cover areas such as equal opportunities including minority groups and special needs and looking at social, cultural and religious diversity.

Leading Young People

To look at effective ideas and techniques that enable adults to be effective leaders of young people. Covering systematic planning, functions of leadership, leadership roles in a group and leadership styles.

Media Training

Come along to a fun media session, run by "Fozzy", The Scout Association's media officer. Together, we will seek out and identify local good local news stories happening in Guiding and Scouting and learn how to promote these stories to local media outlets. We will also work out how we can use our own young people to help to get our messages across.

Safe Activities

To look at specific roles, responsibilities and systems for ensuring that young people are safe in our care. We aim to cover the causes and types of accidents, requirements and guidelines governing activities and how to run meetings and visits outside of the normal meeting place, taking the mystique out of risk assessments, insurance and what to do if an accident happens.

Finance

How to keep the books straight and what the auditor wants to see.

Administration

The records and procedures necessary for the effective administration of the section including personal records, insurance issues and how the Data Protection Act affects us.

Young People Today

To help leaders identify the needs of young people. Covering the characteristics and needs of young people of varying ages, influences on young people, the role of leaders in working with young people.

International Activities

To provide an international focus appropriate to their section and appreciate the global nature of our movements. Looking at the nature of World Scouting and Guiding and how to become involved in international events and taking young people abroad.

Assessing Learning (Scouting Specific)

This session covers the requirements for the Scout Adult Training Module 25 This is for Adults who are Training Advisers, Nights Away Advisers, Group Scout Leaders or in another management role.

Challenging Behaviour in Young People

To help adults to prevent and manage challenging behaviour in their sections. Covering identifying types and causes of challenging and disruptive behaviour, how to develop an action plan to deal with unacceptable behaviour, defining and agreeing acceptable standards for young people and adults and identifying where additional help and support is available.

1st Response (Full Course)

To cover the skills and knowledge necessary to enable adults to manage an incident and provide basic First Aid.

1st Response (Refresher)

To refresh the skills and knowledge necessary to enable adults to manage an incident and provide basic First Aid for those who already hold a valid qualification.

Bullying

Run by the In4mers (a peer education group within GirlguidingUK). You will be given ideas and practical help to enable you to spot where this is happening and to deal with the issues.

An Air and Share Session

Get some ideas, give some ideas, get something off your chest, tell us what you want and how we can best help you in the future.

We also hope to offer Safeguarding sessions covering "Safe From Harm" and "Young People First" (Yellow Card) and a Drugs Awareness session.

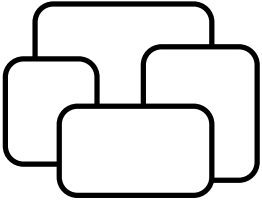
If there are any other subjects that you would like us to cover, please let us know and we will do our best to provide.

It is our intention to keep these trainings fun and as fairly lighthearted as possible, as we realise that you are at the Jamboree to enjoy yourselves. Sessions will usually be a maximum of two hours with the exception of the First Response training and the Assessing Learning training.

Please could you register your interest in any of the above training sessions by emailing the Training team at jamboree.training@essexscouts.org.uk . Please let us know the sessions you would like to attend

and, if you know, your availability during the week. We will try our best to offer sessions at times to suit everyone, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Closing date to register your interest is 10th July. Places may be available after this date, but will not be guaranteed.



Youth Media

Don't forget to submit your nominations for the Youth Media programme which is a chance for enthusiastic Scouts and Guides to tell the story of the Jamboree by writing stories to be published in the Jamboree newspaper and on the website. Those taking part will have access to facilities and support for story writing, as well as having the opportunity to learn about and try out other areas of media such as television, radio and photography.

The Youth Media programme is open to any nominated Scout or Guide. Groups may nominate up to one Guide or Scout for every 15 participating in the event (Groups made up of fewer than 15 Scouts and Guides may nominate one representative). This is a voluntary activity, and Leaders should be careful to choose Scouts and Guides with a genuine interest and enthusiasm for writing

stories. Nominations should be emailed to jamboree.youthmedia@essexscouts.org.uk and include the name and age of the Guide or Scout along with a short description of why they would like to be a part of the Youth Media team and what they hope to get out of the programme. Unfortunately should nominations exceed capacity a selection process may have to be used.

For further information visit the youth media area of the website at www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboreeyouthmedia



A Jamboree is all about the people that travel from all over the World to make it a great experience. Each individual is different, each country is different. At the Jamboree we are aiming to make the most of the differences that we all have, and experience them with each other our the Share the World Programme.

Share the World is made up of a number of elements:



World Showcase

This element will be made up of acts from different countries and regions. These acts will demonstrate culture

and traditions from your local or national communities. It could be a song, dance or a piece of music – perhaps even a poem (but not a campfire song). Our aim is to programme these acts in across the week to be performed on the Main Stage where possible. To help us do this we would like you to come prepared with what you want to do, and let us know so we can generate a fixed programme that we can then advertise – so you can get the best audience!!



World Food Festival

On Wednesday – middle of camp – you are all invited to take part in the Food Festival.

This will take place on your Sub Camp and will be the chance to show all of your new friends and neighbours food typical to your region or country. If you are from the UK think wider than fish and chips and cream teas (although these are always interesting to the International Groups) and look to local items like cheeses and cakes if you can). NOTE: It is not appropriate to include alcohol in this activity.

At around 17.00 you will be expected to be ready to serve up small portions of food (just tastes, not a whole meal) to the Sub Camp as people wander by to see what you have made. Usually there is enough tasters of food for everyone to have their fill and not need to have a large dinner.

This element is great fun and if you dress up your table, and if you wear traditional costume or dress it is even better. Everyone will be involved in this activity so get planning now. We will be in contact nearer the time to see if we need to help you with any specific ingredients that you may not e able to bring with you (refer to <http://importdetails.defra.gov.uk/> for guidelines on what you can bring into the Country).



World Fayre

On Wednesday – middle of camp – after the Food Festival there will be a whole host of entertainments taking place in

the main arena. One of these will be World Fayre. This is a chance for you to get involved again – this time it will be about running a small stand where other Scouts and Guides can come up to you and take part in a mini activity, game or traditional craft. It may be that you wish to teach a group how to do a special dance, or how to make a woggle.



Campfire

For many, the chance to attend a real campfire is a camp highlight, and we aim to have at least two across the week

whilst on the Jamboree. Of course, to make it work we need people to sing and perhaps deliver short sketches. Do you have a song that you always sing as a group when on camp, do you have a song that is traditionally sung at campfires in your country? If so we need to hear from you so that we can start planning our Jamboree Campfires.



World Radio

For Internationals only: We would like to make sure that we have a mix of music styles on the Jamboree

Radio. What we would like you to do is tell us about your favourite music – whether it be contemporary or cultural – and bring some samples with you that we can play across the week. As Leaders we must ask that you vet any music that your young people would like to play for language and decency, particularly if it is sung in your own language!



Jamboree Tapestry

We would like to create a lasting reminder of the Essex International Jamboree 2008, and one of the best ways of

doing this will be to get a badge (patch) from each of the Groups that is attending (several hundred of you) and sew them all together on one big blanket (or similar) as a lasting souvenir of the event. If you want to send us a badge / patch / nametape / event badge that shows who you are then you can do so before the event, if you wish, so we can get started with the sewing, or hand one in to the Rainforest Retreat when you arrive and we shall sew as we go (of course you could sew it on yourself!)

So, decide what you are going to do for the World Showcase, Food Festival, World Fayre, Campfire, Jamboree Tapestry, music for the Jamboree Radio and email it with your contact name and details, Group Name, Registration number and Sub Camp name to

jamboree.international@essexscouts.org.uk with what you are planning to do so we can start organising Share the World.

Do you have a spare Jumper?

Following experience from previous Jamborees, a number of our participants will be coming from warmer countries than the UK, and may not have the clothing to cope with the cooler climate in Essex. Being close to the sea, the evenings can be quite cool on the Jamboree, so this is where some of you may be able to help.

If you / your Scouts and Guides have old jumpers / sweatshirts that are not longer worn, but are still in good condition, then please bring them along to the Jamboree to pass onto to our friends from overseas if required.

The garments should be clean and ready to wear. There will be a deposit point in the International Plaza for these garments. Any not distributed by the end of the event will be either passed onto charity or taken to a textile recycling bank.