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## Eat. Sleep. Swap. Repeat.



By Rosa Amptmeijer, photo by Victor Ortega

There are many kinds of official and unofficial activities taking place at the Jamboree. Whether you have finished your activity early or are unsure of what to do with your spare time, make sure to check out subcamp life in each of the participant Hubs.

A free day at a Sri Lankan unit is slightly different than the norm. They're raring to go at 8:30am and every day they start the day together. Normally, they have a programmed activity but this morning they're off. This evening they have planned a Sri Lankan day, a small event about sharing their culture. Deomal, 16, Sri Lanka, says that they'll have a procession from one troop to another, serving traditional food and maybe showing off some dances. Many have spent their days off preparing for the spectacle, so it's bound to be something worth seeing!

Other units might be cleaning their site and washing their clothes - at least that's what their Unit Leaders hope they're doing! But Ann-Sofie, 16, Belgium, says that they are struggling a bit with the heat so they are just taking it easy, playing cards and listening to some music. Later on, she will visit other Belgian units to see her nephew and contact her mother.

Claudia, 17, from Germany had already finished cleaning for the day, and was updating her diary. The small book is full of signatures and kind words from her new friends whom she has met during her time at the Jamboree. "This is the most treasured present. I can bring it home and keep it forever." Along the same lines, a popular evening activity is to get your flag signed by people from as many different countries as possible. So if you have a spare flag with you, why not give it a try for a unique and memorable keepsake.

Laughter was erupting from inside another Belgian subcamp. A group of Belgian and Polish Scouts were playing a game during their free time and having lots of fun. Gabriela, 16, from Belgium, said "After fixing the failing construction of our campsite, we were allowed to go out and play games with other Scouts." The Polish Scouts were going to several Belgian units to play a game. When they have finished the game, they will earn a stamp and at the end will get a badge.

Many units will be organising evening activities for their own and foreign Scouts, so if you're looking for something to do, be sure to check out the camps near to your own. Even if there are no games, there are sure to be badges to swap along the way!



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# Young Correspondents



## Faith and Beliefs

By Marzia Versiglia, Italy

Religions are something we have always had in our lives since we were born. We are also surrounded by the religions of others because as our world becomes a smaller place, we get to know the cultures of other people. People believe in something for many reasons, maybe because it helps them feel part of a community, because they need a guide or even because they just need someone with whom they can share their worries.

Here at the Jamboree site, religion and faith is seen as something to learn and carry with you for the rest of your life, something different but interesting. I visited the Faith and Beliefs tents and after praying with my group I went to have a look around.

I made my own fan with Japanese patterns, learned how to sit down and just listen to yourself and the nature around you. I meditated to the wonderful melody of a drum in the Buddhist tent.



Just when I thought it was all over I took a quick and typically furtive look at the Muslim tent, and remained amazed by its culture, colours and people. The tent was filled with the aroma of Henna, which is a sort of coloring cream and has been used and is used now by young women as part of social and holiday celebrations.



I had a lot of fun and I hope that this helps not only to learn about new religions but also to make people understand that we want to speak, not shout, that we want to hug and not run, that we want to sing and dance together not fight. This is the message that we want to send to the world.

## ¡Espíritu de Unidad!

Por Antonia Goldschlager, Argentina

El día siguiente a la excursión tuvimos el módulo GDV, dentro del campamento. En las carpas había distintas charlas y actividades. Fuimos a una de ellas que trataba sobre "diversidad de género", nos dieron una charla, luego tuvimos que hacer una actuación representando frases sobre el tema y los demás opinaban al respecto.

A la mañana del otro día despertamos cantando y gritando a la cumpleañera Micky, quién estaba muy feliz y agradecida de despertar así. Ese día fuimos a recorrer los stands e hicimos varias cosas, una de ellas fue ponernos tatuajes de henna, del stand de India. Esa noche hicimos una fiesta de cumpleaños la cual todos disfrutamos, aprendimos muchos bailes e hicimos nuevas amistades. Al siguiente día se venía una gran actividad...

Preparamos nuestra parcela con banderas de Argentina y cotillón, hicimos pan con dulce de leche y mate para que vengan a probar nuestras comidas típicas, ¡todo un éxito! También nosotros probamos algunas de las comidas de los países vecinos.

Ayer a la mañana, uniformados, partimos a la arena, era el día interreligioso, de muchos países y distintas religiones pasaron al escenario para rezar o cantar a su Dios. Fue muy emocionante. Para terminar una ceremonia nunca falta la canción "A spirit of Unity" la cual bailamos y cantamos arriba del escenario. Ese mismo día el hijo del Emperador nos dio una bienvenida y chicos de muchos países tuvieron la oportunidad de conocerlo.

En el día de hoy hicimos el módulo intercultural en el cual fuimos a los stands de algunos países y conocimos mucho de distintas culturas, me encantó este módulo. Ahora con ansias esperamos a que sea mañana porque tenemos el día de juegos de agua. ¿!Quién no quiere un módulo de agua con este calor?!

## Inter- and Intra-religious Dialogue: Paving the way for Unity.

By Mark Hornyak, United States

From every corner of the Jamboree camp at Kirarahama, participants converged at many locations to express their individual beliefs on 2nd August at 11 AM.

The sheer volume of participants in these services was impressive enough, but beyond that, the diversity of those attending provides a testament to the amazing unitive force that religion can have.

At the Catholic mass held inside the Dome, handheld fans waved in constant motion as participants stayed cool while listening to the trilingual service,

delivered in English, Japanese, and French.

The ceremony certainly emphasised the message of the Jamboree, the Spirit of Unity. Japanese Catholics were sitting next to members from a South African contingent, and the floor was covered with Hungarian and Italian participants.

In our world, it is sometimes easy to see differences in faith as a cause of conflict. However, the 23rd World Scout Jamboree acts as a symbol that all is not lost.

Not only was there Unity in the

single-faith services held, but during the Interfaith Service held at 9:00 the same morning. One focus of the ceremony was on the similarities between different religions.

Ultimately, the Scouting Movement provides an incredible environment to meet and create interreligious dialogue. The young people who participated in both ceremonies are a testament to that.

Scouts are the world's future, and if these ceremonies are any indication at all, the future of the world is certainly a little bit brighter.

## World Scout Jamboree 2015: Religions of the World

By Camerin Kith, United States

On July 8th, 2015 at 9:00 am, I had the opportunity to take part in a ceremony that included religions from all corners of the globe. During this religious service, differences and similarities were highly celebrated. The ceremony started off by introducing the various faiths and beliefs embraced in Scouting which was followed by religious remarks, and ended with a closing prayer.

Interestingly, included in the ceremony was an explanation of why the Scout neckerchiefs are triangularly shaped. The three sides of the scarf represent the three different principles in scouting: Duty to Self, to Others, and to God. Duty to God is about the advancement of the spiritual values of life.

There are two realms of human

understanding: the material world and the spiritual world. The material world is pragmatic and centers around science, evidence, objectivity, and conclusions. Most statements and facts in this subject are testable and can be proven. On the opposite end of the spectrum lies the spiritual world and includes matters science cannot explain: emotion, ethics, beauty, and the meaning of life. Statements in this subject cannot be tested. One may find beauty in something while someone else does not. Neither person is wrong because the beauty of something cannot be scientifically measured. However, this allows us to add meaning behind scientific facts.

In Scouting, the development of a person comes from both the spiritual and material world. This is expressed in

the three Principles of Scouting: Duty to Self, Duty to Others, and Duty to God. Duty to Self and Others represent the material world while Duty to God represents the spiritual world. Duty to Others brings rise to social development; Duty to Self progresses physical and mental development; and Duty to God progresses spiritual development.

Overall, the religious ceremony conveyed a powerful message to me. Our innumerable mindsets, faiths, and beliefs may be the things that most separate one person from another, but the religious service showed that such differences can be commended and accepted between the people of the world. The ceremony revealed a true Spirit of Unity.

# Camp Architecture

By Daniel Brock, photos by Peiyun Cheng



At night, shimmering moonlight reflects the outline of flags flying high above the tents of 33,000 sleeping Scouts. But when the sun rises it reveals the array of magnificent constructions beneath these colourful banners.

One Italian unit on the Eastern Hub has taken this one step further by using sheets of coloured cloth to create a 5m wide Italian flag! With castles, giant Rubik's cubes, and even a cow-themed gateway, it's fair to say that the Jamboree is home to some fairly wacky architecture.

If you're not familiar with German Scouting you may be in awe of their tents. Fredrick, 15, from Germany described them. "We call them Kohte. As you can see,

they are black and made from poles and sheets which means that you can change their shape and make them as tall or as wide as you like." Martha, 16, from Germany expanded on this: "They are designed so that each member can carry a part of the tent with them and the weight is shared between each member of the patrol or unit. They're surprisingly cool in summer as they are well ventilated and hot air rises through the hole in the roof of the tent. However, they are also warm in winter because the canvas is thick and there is plenty of space to light a fire in the middle of the tent."

On the subject of interesting tents, the Czech Republic campsites are also well worth a visit. The Czech Scouts

are sleeping in a traditional canvas-cabin hybrid. Dana, 17, explained. "The square base and side of the tents are made from wood and include two beds on the inside, whilst the roof on top is canvas. We don't have zips on them so instead we use rope and a small door to close them."

Finally, those of you who attended the previous World Scout Jamboree in Sweden, cast your mind back four years. Remember those iconic cone shaped dining shelters? If you look hard enough, you might be able to find a few scattered around the site, carrying the spirit of the previous Jamboree to this one.

## Five minutes with Bruna and Tobias

Words and photos by Sara Bonetti

Tobias (T) and Bruna (B) are 14 and 16 years old. Tobias is from Denmark, over 8,700km away, and Bruna is from Brazil 17,461,63km away.

### Why did you decide to come to the Jamboree?

T: "Well, I want to meet a lot of new people from everywhere around the world and also get in touch with the Scouts from my Contingent."

B: "When I was a kid I fell deeply in love with Japan. When I became a Scout two years ago, they told me about a camp in Japan and if I wanted to go there. It didn't take me a second to decide to come here."

### What are you most looking forward to while you are here?

T: "I hope that the next days will also be as exciting as the ones I've spent here already. I like the activities, I love to walk around and to have a chat with people from all over the World."

B: "To meeting more people and to get in contact with more foreign countries."

### Do you like the Jamboree so far?

T: "I love it and I am totally not regretting that I came here. It is a once in a lifetime experience, which I really enjoy."



B: "I'm definitely so excited to be here. I can't describe how it is, because I just have no words for it."

### What is Scouting like at home?

B: "Scouting is not so known in Brazil but it's fun. We do a lot of projects to help others."

T: "In Denmark, Scouting is very active. We spend lots of time outside, learn the basics like building campsites or how to live and survive with nature and the environment."

### Is there something you miss from home?

B: "I miss Fetjoada, it's a dish with black beans and pork.



And Brazilian sweets."

T: "I miss the original aspects of Scouting like campfires, building big gates and things like that, and I miss the cold weather."

### Has Scouting changed your life?

B: "Scouting changed my life a lot. I've got so many experiences and it opens up my heart and mind."

T: "It has changed the way I see things. On the Jamboree, I have learned how to communicate more openly as well as how to go around and just talk with anyone without fear. It has definitely strengthened my self confidence."

# Jamboree in pictures



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# Life in the subcamps

by Nils Rood, photos by Kevin A. Shaw, Jean Pierre Pouteau, Toby Gardner



Unit 56 in the Daisetsu subcamp of the Northern Hub consists of a happy blend of Scouts from Iceland, Lithuania and the Faroe Islands. They work just as well as any other unit, even though they do not speak the same mother tongue. Orri, 17, from Iceland, said that even though the Icelanders and the Faroese could communicate in Danish, everyone speaks really good English so they use that as their working language to include the Lithuanians as well. “We were really lucky to be grouped together with such nice people,” said Birta, 16, also from Iceland, and the rest of the group chimed in affirmatively.

The Programme Modules are an important part of the Jamboree, but a considerable amount of time is spent in and around the unit camps. Food needs to be prepared, flags need to be raised, leisure time needs to take place. Each day, one patrol is in charge of the entire Unit’s meals for the whole day. They fetch food from the Hub HQ, prepare it when they get back to camp, and clean up afterwards. “We go to the distribution place and carry food twice a day, once early in the morning and once in the afternoon” said Birta. Even though it can be difficult for some people to get up early in the morning, it is important to eat breakfast to have enough energy to tackle the day.

Before eating breakfast, the participants in Unit 56 sing songs from their respective home countries. Kara, 17, explains that they sing to show appreciation for the food they are about to eat. After breakfast they raise the three flags, go through the lost and found box, and then look at the day’s schedule. During spare time, they hang out in their Unit or go to other camps. “I mainly sleep,” said Rikey, 14. Gudny, 17, adds “We also spend a lot of time in the queue for the supermarket, but that is a great opportunity to meet new people, talk to the people in front of you and behind you, and ask the most random question you can think of!”

Further down in the Northern Hub lives a unit that is equally diverse. The sound of flutes can be heard from outside the camp being shared by Scouts from the UK and Botswana. The UK Contingent supports Scouts from

across the world to attend the Jamboree, where the cost would usually prevent them from joining this once in a lifetime experience. They do this through their solidarity patrols who join a unit from the United Kingdom. The solidarity patrols are from Bhutan, Botswana and Eurasia. In this particular unit, there are 10 Scouts from Botswana, 10 Girl Guides from Merseyside in England and 20 Scouts from Cumbria in England. English is one of the two official languages in Botswana, so there are no real language barriers, apart from maybe slang words and dialectal variations. They do have slightly different sleeping schedules though. Sadie, 14, said that it is hard to sleep late in the morning, because of the tents becoming too warm. “If you wake up at 7:00 am it’s a lie in,” she said, laughing. “Most people wake up between 5:00 and 6:00 am, and if we don’t have any programs we often take a nap outside during the day.” However, the Botswana Scouts get up even earlier. Gaone, 17, Botswana said “We get up at 4:00 am every morning to do physical exercise.” The young people from Britain seemed surprised by this information. “We never noticed that!” exclaimed Sadie. The Unit Leader from the patrol from Botswana explains that it is mandatory for all Scouts to do physical exercise every morning at camp.

Apart from this, the unit does not have many set habits or rituals. They only have Unit meetings once or twice a day, to go through the schedule and to catch up with how every Scout is feeling. Anna, 14, United Kingdom and Gaone’s favourite time of the day is the evening. “It gets cooler, so everyone gets more energy,” Anna said. Gaone added “It is a quieter time, and everyone gets to extend their thoughts. People get more creative at night.”

Daily life in the subcamps seems almost idyllic. All the Scouts have embraced the idea that every stranger is a friend that you haven’t met yet. It is not hard to find a good time and some new friends, whether you do it through swapping or asking questions about people’s toothbrushes! It is also a place where you can relax, contemplate the many experiences of the Jamboree, or take a nap if you need it. No matter how you choose to spend your free time, remember to do the things that make you feel the best. Most important of all, have fun.



# A birthday message for...

By Kay Baxter and Cat Talbot, photos by Iepe Bouw, Jagz Bharth



## Bon Jam-iversaire!

Fêter son anniversaire chez soi, c'est déjà excitant. Alors imaginez ça avec plus de 32.000 Scouts au Japon... Dément, non ? Chaque pays célèbre les anniversaires à sa manière. Voici quelques exemples de célébration observées durant ce Jamboree.

Dans la tente de l'OMMS, Benoit Giampiccolo, venu de France, fête ses 20 ans aujourd'hui. Il porte un écriteau sur lequel est écrit "C'est mon anniversaire, chantez pour moi." et offre des bonbons aux passants. Il ajoute: "J'adore ça. Les gens me souhaitent un 'Joyeux anniversaire' dans toutes les langues." Au verso de l'écriteau, on peut voir le message dans toutes les langues qu'il a déjà rencontrées, du catalan au mandarin (chinois).

Le père Eric G. Tossi, des États-Unis, partage son excitement en vue de son anniversaire, qu'il fêtera le 6 août. "Ma famille me manquera, mais ce n'est pas le premier anniversaire que je passe loin de chez moi. Cela fait un endroit de plus que je peux enlever de ma liste." Son anniversaire tombe le même jour que la célébration de la catastrophe d'Hiroshima. "Avoir son anniversaire au Jamboree est quelque chose de spécial, et célébrer Hiroshima le même jour le sera encore plus."

À tous ceux que cela concerne: Un très joyeux anniversaire, et amusez-vous!

Let's face it, celebrating a birthday at the Jamboree is truly magical. Many countries have their own traditions where birthdays are concerned, and there are a range of celebrations going on across the site throughout the Jamboree.

In the Better World Tent today, Benoit Giampiccolo, turning 20, from France, wore a sign which read "It's my birthday, sing to me." "I'm loving it here," he said, "I get to have a happy birthday in every language." Written on

the reverse of the sign were all the languages he had learned "Happy Birthday" in, ranging from Catalan to Mandarin.

Father Eric G. Tosi, USA, shared his excitement about his upcoming birthday on 6th August. "I'm going to miss my wife and children, but this isn't my first birthday away from home. It's another cool place to tick off the list." Father Eric's birthday is the same day as the Hiroshima memorial. "It's definitely special having it here on site, and it's going to be amazing having both on the same day. That really is a unique experience."

Tom, 16, Malta, had something different planned for his friend's birthday, also today. "We do things a little bit differently back home. Here, we have left our spare milk outside, and we'll throw it over my friend just before he goes to the shower. It's going to be really funny."

So to anyone celebrating a birthday here in Japan: Happy Birthday from all your friends at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.



# Un peu d'histoire

Par Nicolas De Leeuw



Nous sommes tous ici présents pour participer à ce 23e Jamboree Scout, mais savez-vous ce que c'est? Comment le Jamboree est-il né? Comment a-t-il évolué depuis sa première édition en 1920? Voici l'histoire du Jamboree.

Le Jamboree est un rassemblement de Scouts venus du monde entier afin "de

se faire le plus d'amis possible, venant de pays différents" (Baden Powell, 5e Jamboree). Après avoir organisé le premier camp de Scouts à Brownsea en 1907, Baden Powell a créé et organisé le premier Jamboree en 1920, à Londres. Il a rassemblé 8.000 Scouts venus de 34 pays et territoires, et s'est déroulé en partie à l'intérieur du Hall, et en partie à

l'extérieur. C'est très peu en comparaison des 33.125 Scouts qui participe à ce 23e Jamboree.

Les Scouts désirant participer au Jamboree sont divisés en trois catégories: participants, animateurs et membres de l'EIS. Les participants sont âgés entre 14 et 17 ans, et à partir de 18 ans, les Scouts

peuvent choisir d'être animateur ou membre de l'EIS. Certains pays disposent de critères plus stricts concernant le rôle tenu par chacun lors du Jamboree.

Le Jamboree, c'est aussi l'occasion d'apercevoir des invités de marque. Lors de la Cérémonie Inter-culturelle qui s'est tenue le 2 août, l'héritier du trône du Japon, Son Altesse impériale le prince Naruhito et le Premier ministre japonais Shinzo Abe, ont fait une apparition sur scène.

Le Jamboree, ce n'est pas uniquement un rassemblement de Scouts sur un terrain. Il en existe diverse variantes: JOTI (Jamboree On The Air - Jamboree sur internet), JOTA (Jamboree On The Air - Jamboree sur les ondes), les Jamborees nationaux ou régionaux, les Jamborees par tranches d'âge (Roverway, Moot).

Vous en connaissez à présent un peu plus sur le Jamboree et ses variantes. Que ces informations vous donnent envie de participer aux éditions suivantes et aux autres événements scouts organisés dans le monde.

Scouts Toujours... Prêts!

# World Scout Centre

By Mike Dent, photo by Jean Pierre Pouteau



can play games and do some activities.” Thomas, 16, Australia, agreed. “It is really interactive, and good fun. We get to meet different cultures and learn how Scouting works in different countries.”

Meanwhile, the Better World Tent invites people to think about the world around them, with activities from Messengers of Peace and Jamboree On The Air. There are also displays from Kandersteg International Scout Centre and the World Scout Moot where you can plan your next adventure.

World Scout Jamborees have a focus on learning about the world in order to understand the globe and each other better. The World Scout Centre demonstrates and tries to move this message along.

Each contingent has a designated space and each Contingent Pavilion will welcome you into their country, displaying their Scouting and culture. In each tent, you can find a wide variety of activities to have a go at, ranging from Malaysian board games, to a run-through from Lithuania on how to cook a chicken in a backpack. Sarah, 17, Switzerland, said “It is really interesting, I like that we

And are you already looking forward to the next Jamboree? The kayak and frisbees draw visitors towards the North American Jamboree stand. Grecia Barcena from Asociación de Scouts de México said “This will be the first World Scout Jamboree to be hosted by three countries - Mexico, Canada and the USA. We have a real focus on adventure, with activities including zip-lining, cycling and kayaking.”

The World Scout Jamboree is made up of hundreds of different cultures. The World Scout Centre is the perfect place to learn more about these. What’s your next adventure?

## Joining Hands for Road Safety

Road Safety Institute (RSI), in partnership with the World Organisation of the Scouting Movement

**Wednesday 5th August, 12noon, at the Better World Tent**

All welcome to come and receive a free hi-viz vest to keep.

This event follows on from RSI’s successful GDV workshops and their research on youth attitudes to road safety.

will join hands to strengthen global forces against the number one cause of death for young people - road traffic accidents.

Wearing reflective vests over their uniforms, they will sing a song, composed especially for the event, with the message “Peace on the Roads of the World.”



Scouts from around the world

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You are invited to a meeting to discuss why and how we can **change** and improve the World Scout Moot. Can we create together an event that involves larger number of Scouts and have a greater impact on the participants and their social environment?

**What:** to work together on improving the Moot and attracting more Scouts.  
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**Where:** at WOSM CENTER (Better World Tent).

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**When:** 6:30pm on the 4th of August  
**Where:** the Better World Tent at the World Scout Centre (WOSM Tent)  
**Why:** to inspire and develop the Better World network  
**Who:** Ambassadors, Awardees and future Awardees of the three world programs.

Have you received the **World Scout Environment Badge**, the **Scouts of the World Award** or are you a **Messenger of Peace**?  
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